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## Obituaries



### Ragsdale

Robert Turney Ragsdale was born on November 10, 1932, to Charles and Drexel Lee Ragsdale. He attended all twelve years of his schooling in Blackwell and graduated in 1951. In 1953, he joined the United States Army, serving mostly in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1955.

In 1956 he went to work for Exxon-Mobile Oil Company, where he worked all over Texas. Ten years of that time working on rigs in the derrick.

Bob married his wife Beverly on December 2, 1957. They had two children, Joe Bob and Jana. Joe Bob and his wife, Paige reside in Eldorado and they have two girls; Ashby, who lives in San Angelo and Lacy Foust, who also lives in Eldorado. Jana lives in Robert Lee and also has two children; Briana, who lives in San Antonio and Dawson, who lives in Graham. Beverly preceded Bob in death on October 30, 2016.

He was a Mason for over 60 years and served as Past Master. Robert also served on the Board of the Kickapoo Water District and was a member of the Bronte Lions Club for many years.

In his free time Bob enjoyed going fishing and he and his son Joe Bob caught lots of big fish at Lake Amistad, the Devils River, and the Pecos River. He also loved dancing. In his later years as his eyesight began to fail, he so appreciated his daughter Jana and friend David Morgan for carrying him everywhere he wanted to go. He also wanted to thank Donald, Fran, and Patsy for taking him dancing. They all had many good times together.

Bob passed away on March 29, 2020. As Royce Fancher

used to say, "He had a Hellava Run"! Visitation will be held at the funeral home. Private graveside services will be held at Blackwell Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).  
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### McCarty

Bernie Lee Howell McCarty passed from this mortal life on Friday, March 27 at 1:30 am at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas. She is now with her Savior, singing in perfect harmony with the angels.

Bernie was born June 1, 1932, near Tennyson, Texas, to Isaac Nicholson Howell and Anna Mae Brown Howell. As a girl, she picked cotton and tended livestock on the family farm, attended Tennyson School where lunchtime included climbing Mt. Margaret. Bernie attended Bronte High School,

then Beauty College in Lubbock. She met Autry Duane "A.D." McCarty, a friend of her brother's, in Tennyson and they married in the Baptist Church there on December 19, 1954. A beautician by training and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Bernie held many jobs through the years: hairdresser, photo re-toucher, cook, accountant's assistant, Pastor's wife, Meals On Wheels Coordinator at Tennyson Community Center and jewelry-maker among others, but throughout her life, she was a caregiver. As a young girl, she performed caregiver duties for her grandmother. As a young wife, as relatives required it, she welcomed them into her home to live. As her mother entered Bronte Nursing Home, she worked there as a nurse's aide.

As her husband's eyesight left him, she became his chauffeur and assistant. When he became ill, she nursed him until his passing in 1990, from cancer, in the house they built together near Mt. Margaret. She loved needlework, crochet, beading, and quilting. She loved playing card games and dominoes and visiting. She had an infectious laugh. Even as her body continued to fail her, her mind was quick and she loved a good laugh. She also loved singing the old hymns and reading scripture. Bernie was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church and served as Pastor's wife in churches in San Angelo and Eldorado, Texas.

Bernie was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac N. and Anna Mae Howell; her husband, Elder A.D. McCarty; and her brothers, Joseph Asa "J.A." Howell and Woody Howell.

She is survived by her four children, Zena (Gary) Paice, Perry Joseph "Joe" McCarty,

Ollie (David) Whitaker, and Sallie (Rodney) Neely; grandchildren, Jennifer (Chancey) Crozier, Michael McCarty, Chelsea (John Ferrick) Paice, Justin (Ashley Adler) Paice, Larissa Neely, and Matthew Neely; great-grandchildren, Kylie and Zander Beavers, Abigail and Lillian McCarty, and Zella, Fletcher, and Quinn Ferrick; sister-in-law, Lydia (Charles) Horton; brother-in-law, Bill (Clara) McCarty; aunt, Lora Belle Brown; cousin, Grace Ditmore; loving companion, Monica Barrera; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who she loved deeply.

Honorary Pall Bearers are beloved nephews and nieces, Robert Howell, Johnny Howell, Terri Howell Bausted, Woody Howell, Robin Howell Wooten, Valerie Howell Fox, Rodney Howell, Heidi Howell Killough,

and Austin Howell, Nolan McCarty, Nathan McCarty and Anson McCarty.

Special thanks to the excellent staff at Robert Lee Care Center who became part of our family.

Visitation will be held at Shaffer Funeral Home, in Robert Lee, Texas, Friday, April 3 from 9 am. to 5 pm. A private family burial will be held in Clairette, Texas, by the Primitive Baptist Church. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please contribute to the following: Harmony Plains Singing School, c/o Ronnie Fowler, 4304 45th, Lubbock, Texas 79413-3312;

Robert Lee Care Center Activity Fund - P.O. Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-1209  
 Tennyson Baptist Church, PO Box 1108, Tennyson, Texas 76933.

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## Area Churches

### Invite You to Worship

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#### Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346  
 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm

#### Central Baptist Church

324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

#### First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor George Cooper  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible  
 Study & Worship  
 Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,  
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

#### First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship

#### Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte  
 Russ Frasier, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am  
 Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

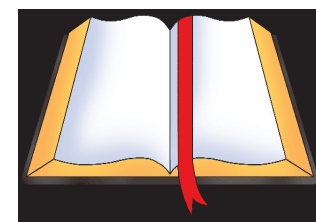
#### St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am  
**4C Cowboy Church**  
 Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
 Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond  
 Sunday, 10:30 am

#### Coke County

#### Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor  
[www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com](http://www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com)  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



#### Robert Lee

#### Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin  
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and  
 5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study

#### Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest  
 Pastor Brantly Robertson  
 (972) 841-2009  
 Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 7 pm

#### First United Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417  
 Cyndi Weidner, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am Worship, 5 pm Choir Practice

#### Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School  
 11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

#### Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee (325) 453-2176  
 Recardo Reyes, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

#### Northside Church of Christ

PO Box 508  
 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053  
 Services: Sun. 10 am

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor  
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

#### Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Chris Walls, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

#### Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638  
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee  
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

#### Tennyson

**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

#### Tennyson Baptist Church

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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