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Obituaries



Davis

Charlie D. Davis (86), passed from this earthly life on the morning of April 13, 2020.

He came into this world on July 11, 1933, as the sixth of nine children of Josh and Willie Irene (Frazier) Davis. He was born in McLennan County before his family moved to Abilene, where he started school. His mom and dad later moved to Sterling City, where his older brothers, George and Red, were already living and working. He attended elementary school and graduated from Sterling High School in 1953. He was an All-Star football player and played on the football team that Jack Pardee stated in Sports Illustrated as the team that hit "as hard as the Green Bay Packers". He was known for his toughness, speed, smart mouth, good looks and pranks.

Charlie began his working career at a young age. He leased and operated a service station before he graduated from high school. He worked many jobs and had several careers in his life. His first job was 'throwing' newspapers in Abilene, Texas, and his last paying job was 'throwing' the paper in Sterling City. In between, he was a cowboy, shepherd, gas plant operator, pumper, equipment operator, feedstore/trucking owner, landowner and oilman (usually more than one at a time).

In 1953 he married his high school sweetheart, Charlene Joy Drennan, and went to work for the Claude Collins Estate and his father in law, Charlie Drennan. He and Joy (as he always called her) were living on the Bryant Ranch, southwest of

Sterling City, when one night, a military plane crashed very near their house. Charlie had many stories about his work and play which were always mixed together. As his friend Larry Glass recently said, "He was more fun to be around than anyone". He would terrorize his co-workers at the Union Texas Petroleum gas plant near Silver, where he worked from 1957 through 1967. During that time, he was in partnership with Olin Blanks on his ranch in Coke County. Charlie worked shift work at the gas plant, helped out on the adjoining ranch of Drennan and Sons and operated the ranch for Olin Blanks, who was CEO for the Shannon Estate. It was during this time that Charlie was one of the youngest to be elected to the School Board at Silver Peak School. Mr. Blanks was so impressed with Charlie that he offered him the Ranch Manager's job for the Shannon Estate. Instead, Charlie chose to lease and operate his own place. Charlie and Joy moved from the Blanks Ranch back to The Canyons of Sterling County to raise cattle, sheep and Angora goats. Over the next two decades Charlie and Charlene (while raising four boys) owned and operated Stockman's Supply and Trucking, formed D & H Enterprises with Robert F. Hicks, began 4D Dirt Construction, owned Hoolihan Ranch in Nolan County and began Hoolihan Production, an oil and gas company. Hoolihan Production owned and operated leases in Texas from Pecos to Albany and in the state of Kentucky. He suffered many losses along with his successes and he would say, "I've been broke but I have never been poor."

Besides his business ventures,

Charlie served as a Director for Wool Growers Central Storage and as a school board member at Sterling City ISD. While Charlie was on the SCISD he pushed to begin the first band program and as board president, cast the deciding vote to build the O.T. Jones Auditorium, which some said would never be filled. Charlie was an eternal optimist. He never lived anywhere that he didn't plant trees. During one of his tough financial times his attorney told him, "Charlie, you are just waiting for them to throw you out the window because you believe you are going to land on your feet". He never read a contract in his life and never believed anyone would cheat him. He knew a lot of people and hardly ever had a disagreement with anyone. He never threatened to do harm to anyone except a couple of teacher/coaches. He loved all of his family and left a good example of how to treat them, especially his mother in law, Ruby Drennan (who he dearly loved) and his nieces and nephews who all affectionately called him Uncle Charlie. He had the BEST friends through out his life.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife of almost 67 years, Charlene Joy; and his four sons, Dwayne (Travisanne) and his daughters Kellye Howard and Meagan Word and children Brandy Wooten and Josh Murrell; Russell (Kim), their children Betsy Tanner, Blake and Taylor Davis; Scott (Suzanne), their children Breanne Hale and Slade Davis; Greg (Carla) and their son Sam along with 15 great-grandkids. He is also survived by his brother Joe Davis of Abilene, Texas.

There are memories of him going places with his four young boys in-tow and men asking him, "Charlie are all these boys yours?" to which he would almost always reply, "Yessir, four 'jacks' make a FULL house"! Let it be known that he was a Godly man who loved and trusted Jesus, set a good example, and had a good time.

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Death Notices

Montez

Maria G. Montez left her earthly home to go to her heavenly home on April 20, 2020.

Preceding her are her parents, Albino and Theodora Gutierrez; husband, Justino Montez; daughter-in-law, Margarita G. Montez; sons, Antonio Montez, Freddy Montez; daughter, Rachael Stafford; granddaughters, Terry Montez, Angie Saldana; grandson, Justin Dela Cerda; sisters, Torivia Minjares, Amelia Trevino, and Leocodia Gutierrez; and

brothers, Daniel and Modesto Gutierrez.

She is survived by her brother, Cruz Gutierrez; sons, Reymundo (Rosa) Montez, Raul (Mary) Montez; daughter-in-law, Frances Ann Montez; grandchildren, Ernie (Cathy) Montez, Larry (Irene) Montez, Tina Montez, Sherry Gilbert, Toni Singleton, Greg Gilbert, Rita Montez, Amanda Tobias, Tony Montez, Corey Montez, Debbie Montez, Mario Montez, Jose (Michelle) Martinez, Betty (Ernest) Galvan, Daniel Dela Cerda; 33 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren, plus nephews, nieces and friends.

Private graveside services were held on Saturday, April 25, 2020, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

UPCOMINGS!

Call today to be tested for virus tomorrow in Robert Lee

Mobile Covid-19 testing has been set for Saturday, May 2, in Robert Lee. Testing will be conducted from 9 am until 5 pm at the West Coke County EMS Barn, 801 Hwy. 208, Robert Lee, Texas (across from the post office).

The mobile testing is a

collaborative effort between Texas Health & Human Services, Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Military Department, and the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force. These organizations are providing these tests at no cost to participants.

The test is free to anyone who would like to be tested. Participants will be tested in their vehicles as they drive through the

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte

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

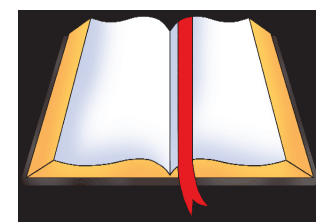
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor

www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com

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

Wed. 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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church

Hwy 277 • Tennyson

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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