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Obituaries



Mahanay

On April 30, 2022, Benjamin Curtiss Mahanay peacefully left the confines of earth at his home, surrounded by friends and family.

Curtiss was born on February 21, 1933, in Electra, Texas, as the second of three children born to Bert Mahanay and Leona Geraldine Mahanay. He attended Electra public schools, graduating high school in 1950. Following high school graduation he enrolled in Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. After one semester he followed his calling and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During the course of three years of active duty he spent one year on the Korean front, first as an infantry man and second in the tank battalion as a gunner and driver. He was decorated with two Purple Hearts through acts of bravery and valor.

After separation and honorable discharge from the Marines, he located in Sundown, Texas, where he met and married the love of his life, Melva Don Tipping. They shared their vows June 24, 1955, a marriage that endured 66 years until the day of his death. While living in Sundown, he joined the Sundown Masonic Lodge and maintained membership until he passed.

Curtiss and Melva relocated to Lubbock, Texas, where he

Midland, Texas, he was a proud member of the Petroleum Club, Midland Country Club, Ranchland Hills Country Club, Plaza Club, PBPA (Permian Basin Petroleum Association), and the Oil Show Board of Directors.

After retirement Curtiss and Melva remained in Midland where he thoroughly enjoyed working on antique clocks, pocket watches, slot machines, and generally anything that needed repairs, as well as traveling and spending time with friends and family. The den, and often the kitchen table, was often an array of tiny parts and intricate tools of the trade. His skills were often sought out as he demonstrated and attained expertise in these lost arts, although he simply considered them challenging hobbies. Ultimately Curtiss and Melva moved for the final time to Robert Lee, Texas, in 2017, joining their son in his final years. The Mahanay's were welcomed members of Forgiven Ministries in Bronte, Texas, and Bible Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

Anyone who was fortunate to meet Curtiss would not walk away without having formed a strong opinion of him, as he possessed great intelligence, quick wit, honesty, tenacity and larger than life personality. He was beloved by his friends and family who will always remember his belly laugh, love of entertaining, hardworking drive, devotion to his family and steadfast compassion he extended to everyone whose path he crossed.

He also revered all the dogs and cats that were blessed to have he and Melva as their pet parents, a love that his children and grandchildren inherited and carry on to this day.

Curtiss was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, uncles, and aunts.

He is survived by wife, Melva Mahanay of Robert Lee, Texas; son, Curtiss Lee Mahanay of Robert Lee; daughter, Donna Kay Paul (Greg) of Robert Lee, Texas; grandson, Nathaniel Curtiss Paul (Alys) of Midland, Texas; granddaughter, Sarah R'Chelle Paul (Sedrick) of Gaylord, Michigan; great-grandson, Nigel Eon Paul of Midland Texas; as well as several cherished nephews, Robert and Dean Vinyard, Michael Coffman; niece, Debra Hutchins; cousins, extended

family and beloved friends.

The family would like to extend their greatest appreciation to friend of the family, Paula Telford, who tirelessly helped them through the difficult end of life experience with her steadfast loving care and grace. Accolades also belong to High Plains Hospice, Texas Home Health Care, and the Veteran's Administration; each of these organizations were invaluable providing caring for Curtiss as he made the great egress.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider a donation to your favorite charity in his name. More importantly, remember Curtiss and the family in your thoughts and prayers, and have a big belly laugh in his honor.

Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.

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UPCOMINGS!

Ag Law Seminar set for May 23

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host an Ag Law seminar for West Texas counties on May 23. The event will be broadcasted virtually to several in-person sites across the area for attendees to learn more

about legal issues important to Texas landowners.

Carbon credit contracts are being discussed more and more by Texas agriculture producers. Producers and landowners across the state are trying to determine if these contracts are a good move for their operation.

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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

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

4C Cowboy Church

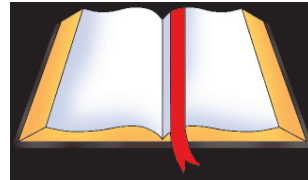
Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
 Robert Lemmond, Pastor
 Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
 Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
 4C Feedlot Youth Building

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

Robert Lee Cowboy Church

James Brunson, Pastor
 (469) 834-3932
 10:30 am Sunday • Robert Lee Rec Hall

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
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God
 (325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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

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