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Obituaries



Lee

Wendell Monroe Lee, 74, went to be with the Lord on May 18, 2017. He was a long time resident of Bronte, Texas, a member and Deacon in the First Baptist Church, a founding member of the Bronte Roping Club, President of the Big Country Cutting Horse Association, and a longtime member of the Bronte ISD School Board.

He was born February 24, 1943, to Lester Claude and Bertie Rue Lee in Maverick, Texas. He grew up on his family farm and went to school in Norton, Texas. After graduating from high school, he married his wife of 52 years, Jeanna Denman Lee. They moved to Ballinger, Texas, and he went to work in different cotton gins throughout the Plains as a machinist.

His real love was farming and ranching so in 1965, he and Jeanna moved to the family farm in Norton where he took over the family operations. They later moved to Bronte where he went to work for WTU at Oak Creek Power Plant until 1977 when he and Jeanna purchased the Hardware Store in Bronte. Several years later, he went to work for Higginbotham Lumber yard, and Alderman-Cave in Winters, Texas. He retired in 2008 and was elected Coke County Commissioner in 2011 where he served 4 years.

Throughout his life, his most enjoyable moments were being involved with his children and grandchildren and all of their activities. He also shared a strong love for raising horses, roping and various horse related events.

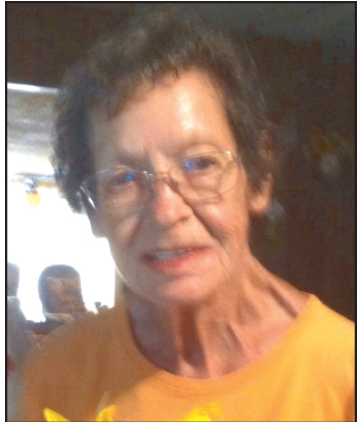
He is survived by his wife, Jeanna Lee; his son Kerry Lee and wife Heather Lee of Bronte, Texas; grandchildren

Kimber Lee of Lubbock, Texas, Ty Lee of San Angelo, Texas, and Bailey Lee and Skyler Lee of Georgetown, Texas. He is also survived by a brother and his wife, Joe and Dorothy Lee of Killeen, Texas; a sister and her husband, Carol and Bobby Baugus of Tucson, Arizona, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Wendell was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Bertie Lee, a son Troy Lee, and a brother Louis Lee.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 25, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte, Texas at 2 pm.

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Eldred

Gayna Dean Eldred, of Blackwell, passed into the arms of her Savior and joined her daughters in heaven on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Visitation was held all day Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at the funeral home with family present to receive visitors from 4 pm to 6 pm. Graveside services were held at 3 pm Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Blackwell Cemetery with Reverend Jeff White officiating. The Blackwell Baptist Church provided a meal at noon, the day of the service for family and friends. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Gayna was born in Colorado City, Texas, on July 14, 1934, to Raymond Browne and Catherine Lucille McFarland Browne. She

met and married the love offer life, Buddy Eldred. Gayna was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who took great pride as a homemaker. She loved caring for and tending to her family. Gayna spent a lot of her time putting together a cook book of her mother’s, mother-in-law’s and her own recipes so that her children and grandchildren could pass this down for generations to come. Gayna was also a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two daughters, Diane Cantrell and Gaylene Daniels.

Gayna is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Buddy Eldred; son, Steve Eldred and wife Syndi; brother, Randy Browne and wife Cheryl; sister, Judy Rhodes; ten grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Online Condolences may be made at shafferpioneer.com.

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Moore

Elton Clyde Moore, 86, passed away May 27, 2017, at his daughter’s residence in Merkel, Texas. Family visitation was from 6 pm to 8 pm Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte, Texas. Services were held at 10 am Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at First Baptist Church of Bronte with Emmanuel Jimenez officiating. Interment followed in Blackwell Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Elton was born September 3, 1930, in Lamesa, Texas, to Adrian Clyde Moore and Eva Lee (McClendon) Moore. Elton was the oldest of six children and his father died just before Elton turned twelve years old, so he had to step up into the role of a man in order to help his mother make ends meet. He was no stranger to hard work and he learned many family values by

helping his mother. He milked the family’s cows and picked cotton at a young age. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1949 and immediately enlisted in the Navy.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, Elton went to work in the oil field. He worked for Magnolia Oil Company on the seismograph crew and he worked his way up into a drafting position. Mobil Oil Company bought Magnolia and Elton continued his career, until his retirement as the head-draftsman in 1989 from Exxon-Mobil, at which time he bought a section of land in Blackwell and began ranching. He expanded his ranch to two sections and continued ranching until he retired, once again in 2014 at the age of 84.

Elton married the love of his life and his very best friend, Fredna (Marrs) Moore on July 4, 1953. The day before their wedding they had gone to visit one of Fredna’s sisters and her husband. On the way back to Fredna’s home in McCamey, Texas, he asked her if she thought she might like to get married and she said, “yes.” So he asked when and she said, “Tomorrow would be good.” Which they did and they were married 61 years before Fredna passed into God’s Kingdom.

They had three children, Kent, Rhonda, and Ray. Elton loved being a Boy Scout Leader for his sons. He was a great dad—the BEST! He spent countless weeks and weekends with all of his family camping, boating, skiing, fishing, and

hunting. As his family expanded, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and later with his great-grandchildren. He loved all of his family and was greatly loved back. He will truly be missed!

Elton and Fredna moved to Bronte in 1992 and became active in the First Baptist Church and the community. Elton served on a number ofcommunity boards, made numerous friends, and loved his life in Bronte.

Elton was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his grandson, Emmitt Ray Moore; his granddaughter Lisa Nacole Moore; two sisters, Blanche Wells and Sherry Day and Sherry’s husband Foy Day; a brother, Troy Moore; and a nephew, Dwight Moore.

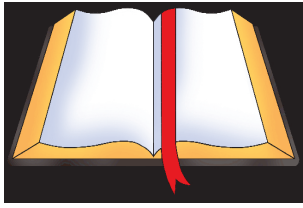
He is survived by his son Kent Moore and wife Melissa of Snyder, Texas; daughter Rhonda Greenwood and husband Keith of Merkel, Texas; son Ray Moore and wife Sara of Midland, Texas; six grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Delmar Moore and Orval Moore and wife Ernestine; and a host of extended family.

The family would like to offer our gratitude to Hospice of the Big Country and to Visiting Angels of Abilene, Texas, for all the great care they provided Elton his last few months. In lieu of flowers, please make Memorial donations to First Baptist Church of Bronte or First United Methodist Church of Merkel. Online condolences may be made to shafferpioneer.com.

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Bronte
Bronte Church of Christ
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(325) 473-3291
Preacher David Lewis
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
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship,
5 pm Worship
6 pm Youth
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Everette Boyce, 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. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sun. 5 pm
4C Cowboy Church
Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Pastor James Brunson
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
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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



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Bible Baptist Church
PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Robert Lee, John Fiore, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School,
11 am & 6 pm Worship,
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Pastor Tim Wood (325) 453-2360
Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays 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, (806) 543-2118 or
(325) 473-1053
Services: Sun. 10 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Danny White, 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
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11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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