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SUBSCRIPTION RATES**Per Year in Coke & Sterling Counties.....\$30.00****Per Year Elsewhere in Texas.....\$35.00****Per Year Outside of Texas.....\$37.00****Obituaries****Deere**

Dad was born Bruce Frederick Deere on March 9, 1939, in Brownwood, Texas, to B.F. and Mary Deere. He graduated from Brownwood High School with the class of 1957. Bruce enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduating to fly fighter jets. Because of a burn spot in his right eye due to looking through a hole in a cup at a sun eclipse during his earlier years at school, the Air Force would not let him fly their jets. Bruce became an expert in the Russian language and traveled all over the world with the Air Force listening to the Russians over radio waves and interpreting their actions to the U.S. Air Force. Bruce taught the Russian language at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo to new recruits until his retirement after 20 years of service as Master Sergeant in 1978.

Bruce married Linda-Carole Clark on February 6, 1960. They were married for 54 years before his wife's death on March 24, 2014. They lived in San Antonio, Texas, where their first two kids were born, Biloxi, Mississippi, Hoff Germany, where their last son was born, San Angelo, Texas, Misawa Japan and finally back to San Angelo. Bruce served in several places overseas where his family was not allowed to travel with him.

After his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Bruce went back to school at Angelo State University and graduated Summa Cum Laude with his master's degree in Agriculture and Range Management in 1982. Bruce researched the bitter weed problem for west Texas and wrote a book on his research for his thesis. This book is in the libraries of all the major universities in Texas for

future students to reference it for their studies. Bruce hired on with the Soil Conservation Service in 1982 which later changed their name to the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Bruce and Linda-Carole moved to Eldorado, Texas, that summer and he worked with most of the ranchers and farmers in Schleicher County until 1987. They then moved to Robert Lee, Texas, where Bruce was the Director of Conservation with the NRCS for Coke County. He worked in Robert Lee until his retirement in 2002 making many friends and lasting relationships with co-workers and land owners.

Dad loved to hunt and fish all over the United States and the world when he was deployed. He taught us kids and grandkids how to hunt and fish at a young age and also the state laws and ethical laws of the land and waters. He was truly an outdoorsman. We will certainly miss that part of you, dad.

Dad was a member of the Church of Christ and served as an Elder at one time. His love for God, Christ and his family were the backbones that kept his family together. He became known as Papa Deere to all his grandkids and family members. He showed his love and concern for his family when life for them was not going as planned. He will be missed greatly by everyone.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents, B.F. and Mary Deere and his loving wife of 54 years, Linda-Carole Deere.

Bruce is survived by his son Ben Deere, wife Kenda and their five kids Hunter Deere, Forest Deere and Chase Harris of Kuna Idaho, Jaime Weisweaver and husband Chuck and Leslie Harris of Seattle, Washington; daughter Dana Cauley and husband Lynn of Bronte, Texas, and their kids Amy Holifield and husband Cameron of San Angelo, Luke Cauley of San Antonio and Cadye McKinnon and husband Quaid of San Angelo; son Todd Deere of San Angelo and his kids, Nicole Deere of Tucson Arizona, Brooke Deere of San Angelo and Trevor Deere of San Diego California. Also sharing our grief is his sister Becky Hayes and husband Mike of Lake Brownwood, brother Doug Deere and wife Ora Mae of Bedford along with all of their sweet daughters that knew dad as Uncle Bruce and numerous great-grandkids, nephews and

nieces.

Our family would like to express our eternal gratitude to Dr. Stanley and the staff of Odyssey Hospice for caring for dad for the last year of his life. A very special Thank You goes to Meagan Vick, Odyssey Hospice nurse, who showed so much love and gave the best care for both Dad and Mom these last two years. Meagan, we cannot express our love for you enough. We are also thankful for Tracie Corley of the Robert Lee Care Center for the comfort she brought dad in his last moments of life. Tracie, you showed dad your love and care that you had for him and we know that was a blessing.

Funeral arrangements were through Johnson's Funeral Home. Services were at 10 am Friday, June 13, 2014, at Southgate Church of Christ. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Cemetery with a Military Service. Pallbearers were the Military Honor Guard. The family received visitors from 6 pm to 8 pm Thursday, June 12, 2014, at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Family and friends can sign the online register book at johnsons-funeralhome.com.

50-1tc**Putman**

On June 12, 2014, Dorothy Elizabeth Putman went on to be with the Lord. Graveside services were held at 10:30 am, Monday, June 16, 2014, in the Snyder County Cemetery in Snyder, Texas, where she will be laid to rest. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born on October 9, 1932, in Cottonwood, Texas, to Viola and John Snyder. She was self-employed for many years owning a café in Robert Lee, Texas. She was known and loved for her "country cooking." Momma was the rock of her family whom she cherished and loved unconditionally. She was a member of Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee, Texas, for many years and dearly loved her pastor and church family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Paul Sanders; daughter, Gala June Sanchez; and three sons, Boogie Sanders, James Edward Sanders and Bobby Joe Sanders.

Momma is survived by her husband, Rex Putman of Robert Lee, Texas; son, Billy Wayne Sanders and wife Yvonne of Albany, Texas; daughters, Paula Burchard of San Angelo, Texas, and Eugenia Moran and husband Jason of Robert Lee, Texas; step-daughter, Melanie

Remy and husband Gene of San Marcos, Texas; step-son, Little Rex Putman and wife Jodie of Phoenix, Arizona, as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family requests memorials be given to Victory Assembly of God in Robert Lee, Texas, or to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com

50-1tc**Reyes**

Our beloved Mother, Mary Elida Minjarez Reyes, went to be with her Savior on Friday, June 13, 2014, in Bronte, Texas. Mass was held at 2 pm, Monday, June 16, 2014, at St James Catholic Church in Bronte, Texas with burial following in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mary was born on August 25, 1936, in Bronte, Texas. She married Robert H. Reyes on July 21, 1951. She had a heart for

caring for people and enjoyed working at the Bronte Nursing Home. She was a private care giver for many years. Hobbies included sewing, cooking and a passion for upholstery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of fifty-three years; grandson, Kevin L. Reyes; brothers, Frank Rivera and Eddie Garcia.

Mary is survived by her seven children, Susie Reyes, Robert Reyes Jr, Kathy Reyes, Veronica Rodriguez and husband Jimmy Carol Reyes-Brieten and husband Richard, Angela Wilson and husband Jason, all of Bronte, and Sally Gloria and husband Ray of Robert Lee. She has eight grandchildren, Marcia Reyes of Washington, Melinda Reyes, Ean Ward, E'lexia Davis and November Wilson, all of Bronte, Kaycee Baker of Shamrock, Jerica Davis of Seminole, Texas, Kimberly Gallegos and husband James of Fate, Texas; three great-grandchildren, Kailan and Kaleb Gallegos of Fate, Texas, and Margaret Martinez of Bronte. Mary is also survived by her brothers, sisters, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

The family would like to give special thanks to the Robert Lee Care Center, Bronte Health & Rehab and Odyssey Hospice of San Angelo.

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50-1tc**Area Churches****Invite You to Worship****Bronte****Bronte Church of Christ**

PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte

(325) 473-3291

Preacher John V. Driggers

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 & 6 pm Worship

Wed. 6 pm

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte

(325) 473-2331

Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor

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

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte

(325) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sun. 5 pm

Coke County**Pecan Baptist**

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of

Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister

www.pecanbaptist.org

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee**Bible Baptist Church**

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin

Robert Lee, Young Houston, Minister

Sun. 10 am Sunday School, 11 am

Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy

Robert Lee (325) 453-2360

Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 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

Jordan Arnold, 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

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