

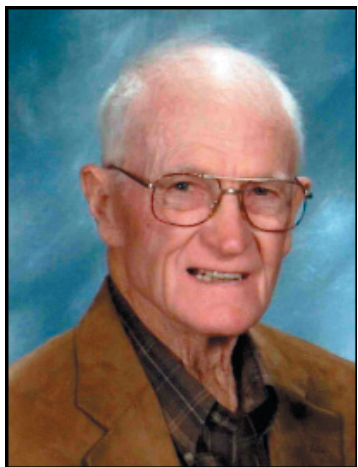
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Obituaries



Gibbs

William Dixon "Bill" Gibbs, Jr., passed away early July 12, 2012, at Robert Lee Care Center. He was 86 years old. Services were held at 2 pm Sunday, July 15, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, with the Rev. Cyndi Weidner officiating. Interment followed at the Robert Lee Cemetery. The family received visitors from 5 pm to 7 pm Saturday at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee.

Gibbs was born December 27, 1925, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Gertrude Creel and William D. Gibbs, Sr. He was a 1942 graduate of Iraan High School, and served as a Fireman IC in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 during the end of World War II. Upon leaving the navy, Gibbs spent 15 years working in the oil field and as a drilling contractor.

Gibbs graduated in 1962 from Sul Ross University with a Bachelor of Science in math. From there, he went on to New Mexico Highlands University, where in 1966, he received a Master's of Science in composite science. He received his superintendent certification in 1972 from Abilene Christian University.

Gibbs found his calling as an excellent math and science teacher in the public school system, beginning with his first teaching job at Hereford Public School. He went on to teach math, chemistry, and physics at Paint Creek Public School before becoming superintendent of schools there and meeting his wife, Judith Moritz Gibbs.

They married December 26, 1971, in Stamford, Texas, and recently celebrated their 40th

wedding anniversary with friends and family.

Gibbs was superintendent of schools for Bryson Independent School District before returning to the classroom to finish his education career and retire from Floydada Independent School District in 1986.

Following retirement, Gibbs and his family moved to Robert Lee, Texas, where he lived for 25 years. Gibbs loved God and his family unflinchingly, and was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Gibbs loved to fish with his brothers and his cousins, and especially loved float trips on the Rio Grande River. Gibbs enjoyed working and spending time at the "Rock Ranch," a cabin on the San Saba River where he could fish and enjoy the wildlife there with his wife. Gibbs was the ultimate "Mr. Fix It," and prided himself on tackling any minor or major household emergency himself. Gibbs loved sing-alongs with his family, and knew the words to most old hymns by heart.

Following a broken hip, Gibbs lived the remaining year and a half of his life at the Robert Lee Care Center, where he made many good friends and had a smile and a kind word for everyone he met. The family is grateful to each of the individuals who provided Gibbs with such excellent care.

Gibbs is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Tommy Gibbs; a sister, Helen Dodson; and a grandson, Kaleb Crawley.

Gibbs was the proud father of seven grown children: W.D. (Dick) Gibbs III of Irving, Texas; Shirley Sargent and husband, Dick, of Butler, Missouri; Kerry Webb and husband, Russell, also of Butler, Missouri; Dan Gibbs and wife, Cathy, of Angleton, Texas; Danise Anthony and husband, Aaron, of Butler, Missouri; Brent Gibbs and wife, Amanda, of Dripping Springs, Texas; and Elaine Crawley and husband, Austin, of Robert Lee. Gibbs is also survived by his wife, Judy; a brother, Mervin Gibbs and wife, Ida, of Odessa, Texas; an aunt, Lillie Holland of Iraan, Texas; thirteen grandchildren, and many special great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren,

cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee, the Robert Lee EMS, the Robert Lee Care Center, or a charity of choice.

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Account Set Up for Wendell Lee

Wendell Lee had a successful liver transplant in Dallas on Monday, July 9, 2012. He and his wife Jeanna, will have to stay in Dallas for approximately 2 months.

In order to help them with the costs during their stay, a special account has been set up for them at The First National Bank in Bronte.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please either stop by or call the bank at 473-2911 for more information. Please keep them both in your prayers!

Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Chief's Notes

Mark Sides, Chief
 Robert Lee VFD

Thankfully, this year has been a bit quieter than last year.

By this time last year Bronte and Robert Lee fire departments had fought Wildcat, Dos Amigos, and Whitehat. We were about to fight the Malone fire on Meadow Mountain.

In 2011, our department was involved in fighting 16 wildland fires that burned over 254,000 acres; over 164,000 acres were in Coke County alone.

The county is currently under a burn ban, but not yet under a total ban on all outdoor burning. Contact the county judge's office, the sheriff's office, or log onto the Robert Lee VFD webpage for a list of restrictions and permissions.

High temps and windy conditions later in the week will rapidly dry out what little moisture we received from recent rains. That, coupled with large amounts of now dormant, cool season grasses and other vegetation produced during the winter and spring, means we are back into a high to extreme fire danger situation.

Here's a few tips to help prevent wildfires.

- 1) Be aware of where you drive and park in the pastures and on the roadsides.
- 2) Take the time to prep the area where you will be using a torch or welder.
- 3) Have a spotter and a pressurized source of water on hand any time you are involved with fire or open flame outdoors (cooking, welding, burning trash, etc). A second set of eyes and a way to fight fire can make the difference between a few square feet of black and several thousand acres.
- 4) Inspect spark arresters, trailer wheel bearings and tires, exhaust systems, shrouds and guards and any other items on farm and



Ugandan Childrens Choir! *The Ugandan Childrens Choir performed at Robert Lee Baptist Church Sunday evening, July 15, 2012. During the performance, the children brought spectators from the audience to dance with them. Among these were Trey Sawyer (above).*

ranch equipment that might generate sparks or heat.

5) Keep areas around mower and tractor engines free of trash and debris. Periodically remove trash and debris from mower decks while in use.

6) Always take the time to fully extinguish all cigars, cigarettes, etc. before you dispose of them.

I'd also like to remind folks

that local firefighters are selling chances to win a John Deere Gator again this year. All the proceeds from our sales will come back to the department. Tickets can be purchased from Robert Lee VFD firefighters, Best Connection, Cindy's, or from city hall.

We appreciate your support in the past, and hope you will continue to support us in the future.

"Do you know that you are loved?"
 - Jesus

Sunday Mornings • 10 am
Bible Study • Tuesday 7 pm
Romans • Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

FORGIVEN MINISTRIES
 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
 Russ Frasier, Preacher

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte (325) 473-3281 Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p>Forgiven Ministries 117 W. Main, Bronte Russ Frasier, Pastor Sun. 10 am</p> <p>St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sun. 5 pm</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417 Steve Peyton, Pastor Sun. 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 5:00 pm Choir Practice</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista Bethel 101 Houston • Robert Lee Sun. 10 am • Worship 11 am & 6 pm • Service Wed. 7 pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>Northside Church of Christ PO Box 508 9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm; Wed. 6 pm</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee (325) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sat. 6 pm</p> <p>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</p> <p>Victory Assembly of God PO Box 638 6th & Houston, Robert Lee (325) 453-2208 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study</p> <p>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</p>
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Coke County
Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
 (325) 453-2482
 www.pecanbaptist.org
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee
Emmanuel Pentecostal
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
 Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2360
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm