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Obituaries



Kinsey

Nettie Geraldine "Dean" Kinsey, 90, of Robert Lee passed away on July 14, 2014, at the Robert Lee Care Center.

Visitation was all day Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at the funeral home in Robert Lee with the family present from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Funeral service was held at 11 am Thursday, July 17, 2014, at the Northside Church of Christ, officiated by Portis Ripple. Burial followed in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Robert Lee.

Dean was born on December 2, 1923, in Robert Lee to Grandville Ellis Davis and Martha Ellen Lewis Davis. She lived most of her life in Robert Lee, attended and graduated from Robert Lee High School and served as their first drum major. She was the last of ten children.

She met John Wesley Kinsey and they married on June 6, 1940, in Fort Stockton, they were married for 62 years after knowing each other for only two weeks. She worked at the Robert Lee Care Center as an LVN for 21 years.

Dean loved her family and loved playing games with family and friends and she usually won! Her latest interest for the past two years was playing Bingo at Royal Estates. Dean loved the Texas Rangers, she never missed a game and could quote stats at a moments notice.

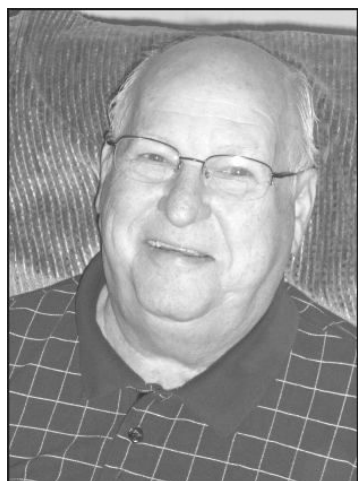
She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, John Wesley Kinsey and a daughter, Sonia Joydell "JoJo" Kinsey Dean.

Dean is survived by her son, John Kinsey of Las Cruces,

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New Mexico; two daughters, Martha Selzer of San Angelo and Terri Blair of Robert Lee; twelve grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

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Davis

Garland Davis was born on September 25, 1935, in Robert Lee to Emory C. "DooDad" and Corena "Tena" Davis. He graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1953 and attended San Angelo College, where he ran track. During his high school and college years, he, along with help from his family, began a drive-in restaurant, which later became a West Texas legend known as "Froggy's Café", renowned for its steak fingers. He graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas before entering the field of public education.

While a teacher in the Robert Lee ISD, he taught English, speech, debate and directed the one-act play, while also coaching football, basketball and track. He later became an administrator, serving as the elementary school principal and

the high school principal.

In 1972, he was named the Superintendent of Schools of the Medina Independent School District, where he remained until 1981. He was instrumental in creating the Texas Association of Community Schools in Austin and spent many hours actively involved in developing legislation for the betterment of Texas public education. In 1981, he was appointed by Commissioner of Education, Dr. Raymond Bynum as one of two assistant Commissioners with the Texas Education Agency in Austin. Following, he became the Superintendent of Schools for the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District in Ozona. He served in that capacity until 1991, when he returned to Austin as the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Community Schools. When he retired from that position and from Texas public education, he moved to Lovington, New Mexico where he was the principal of Lea Elementary, which housed only first grade students. He claimed that it was the best job of his career, as he got to be "grandpa" all day long.

Mr. Davis was also the mayor of Robert Lee for many years as well as a board member for the Region 15 Educational Service Center in San Angelo and a member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. In addition, he was a member of the Hayrick Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, The Rotary Club and served in several capacities within the First United Methodist Churches within the communities in which he lived.

He was preceded in death by his parents, all of his aunts/uncles; his brother Vaughn Stanley "Sti" Davis; his devoted wife of 54 years, Rose Marie "Rosie" Davis; and an infant grand-daughter, Heather Michelle Davis.

He is survived by his brothers, Edwin Gene "Butch" Davis of San Angelo, Waymond Copeland "Copie" Davis of Dime Box; his sons, Glenn and wife Colleen Davis of McQueeney, Gary and wife Carmela of Oklahoma City and Copie and Alicia Davis of

Pflugerville; his grandchildren, Courtney Davis of Lubbock, Curtis Davis of Oklahoma City, Cami Davis of Lake McQueeney, Marlow, Sawyer, and Emery Davis of Denver City. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and many cherished friends.

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Butler

Elroy Butler, age 81, of Rotan, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014, at Nolan Nursing and Rehab Center in Sweetwater.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at the Bronte Church of Christ in Bronte, Texas, with John Driggers officiating. Interment followed at the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater. Visitation was from 5 pm until 7 pm Monday, July 21, 2014, at the funeral home.

He was born September 5, 1932, in Junction, Texas. Elroy graduated from high school and joined the United States Air Force, serving in the Korean Conflict. He married Margie

Lindy in February of 1956 in Haughton, Louisiana. He lived in the area since 1956, including Sterling City and Bronte, recently moving from College Station. He was a consignee for Gulf Oil Company, operating Butler Oil Company from 1961 until 1991. He is a member of the Church of Christ and past member of the Elk's Lodge, Lions Club and Jaycees.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margie Butler of Rotan; son, Donald Butler and Fran of Bronte; daughters, Lindy Robinson and husband Robbie of Rotan, and Donna Bredemeyer and husband Rodrick of Winters, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Maxine Butler of Conroe, Sue Butler of Cleburne, Mary Weaver of Haughton, Louisiana and a brother-in-law Freddy Lindy and wife Barbara of Glenwood, Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Bertha (Hibdon) Butler, twin brother LeRoy Butler, brothers Norman, Delmon and Jim Butler, JR and a sister Ella Mae Gamble.

Pallbearers were his grandsons Brandon Roach, Lorne Roach, Jon Roach, Lyndon Butler, Mitchell Butler, Jantzen Robinson and Jaxson Robinson. Honorary pallbearers were his granddaughters Lindsey Kemper and husband Kelby and Valene Powell and husband Daniel and Kristi Butler.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mccoeyfh.com.

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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
 (325) 453-2621 Robert Lee, Dennis Clark, Pastor
 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

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Sunday Mornings • 10 am
 Table Time • Tuesday evening
 Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm

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 Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store
 Russ Frasier, Preacher