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## Obituaries



### Mahanay

On July 16, 2022, Melva Don Mahanay peacefully left the confines of earth at her home, surrounded by friends and family.

Melva was born on July 5, 1937, in Mexia, Texas, as the second child of her mother Vonnah Tipping, nee Ezellse. Her father was Gerald Tipping. She attended several schools throughout Texas and Colorado as her family often moved as her father followed oil field work, ultimately graduating from Sundown High School in 1955. Melva met the love of her life, Benjamin Curtiss Mahanay, while she was in her junior year, they married June 24, 1955, and celebrated 66 years of a long and devoted marriage. After Melva and Curtiss celebrated their nuptial's, they settled in Lubbock, Texas, where Curtiss completed a Petroleum Engineering degree. Melva worked tirelessly as a secretary during this time, supporting his educational endeavors. She continued to be the backbone of support that Curtiss' career required in order for him to flourish and was active in hosting numerous Great Western functions as hostess.

Melva and Curtis moved back and forth between Lovington, New Mexico, and Midland, Texas, as Curtiss climbed the company ladder, permanently setting in Midland in 1978 where they remained until 2017 when they relocated in Robert Lee, Texas, joining their son.

Melva was active with numerous organizations and charities. She was active with the Eastern Star until 1978, Petroleum Engineers Wives (PE wives); numerous bridge groups,

Hospice of Midland volunteer for 25 years. Christian devotion was always important to Melva. She was active at First Baptist Church in Lovington, Forgiven Ministries in Bronte, Texas, and Bible Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

Melva will always be remembered for her fantastic Southern cooking. She could throw together a meal for 10 without warning in record time. She will also be remembered for her devotion to bridge playing. She remained active in three bridge groups until Alzheimer's robbed her of the ability to follow the cards. Melva and Curtiss both adored their dogs and cats, who received better treatment than most children. Their passion for helping the helpless has been passed on to their children and grandchildren.

Melva is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mary Morris; and her beloved husband, Curtiss by a mere 77 days.

She is survived by her son, Curtiss Lee Mahanay of Robert Lee; Donna Kay Paul (Greg) of Robert Lee; grandson, Nathaniel Curtiss Paul (Alys) of Midland; granddaughter, Sarah

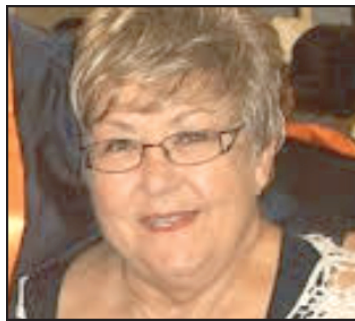
R'Chelle Paul (Seddrick) of Gaylord, Michigan; great-grandson, Nigel Eon Paul of Midland, Texas; as well as several cherished nephews, Robert and Dean Vinyard, Michael Coffman; niece, Debra Hutchins, extended family, and beloved friends.

The family would like to extend their greatest appreciation to St. Joseph's Hospice, Texas Home Health Care Each of these organizations were invaluable providing caring for Melva as she made the great egress. The tireless love and care provided by her caregivers will never be forgotten and always revered.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider donation to your favorite charity in her name. More importantly, remember Melva and the family in your thoughts and prayers. The family is planning a memorial service August 13 with details pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home - Robert Lee, Texas. Online condolences can be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

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### Drennan

Mary Beth Walker Drennan went home to Heaven on July 21, 2022.

She was born November 20, 1945, to Roy and Louise Walker. She grew up an only child but had a special cousin, Ronnie Walker, whom she considered her brother.

Mary Beth attended school in

Silver until she was a freshman when she started school in Robert Lee. She graduated in 1964.

Mary Beth met the love of her life, Wayland, in 1961 and they married on April 9, 1966, shortly after his return from Vietnam. After they married they lived on a ranch south of San Angelo. In 1968 they welcomed their first child, Rick. In 1972 they moved back to Red Cloud Ranch in Coke County. In 1974, their daughter Debra was born. The family moved in to Robert Lee in 1982.

Mary Beth was always willing to help with the family ranching business whether it be driving the feed truck or cooking a meal. She made many birthday and wedding cakes through the years for the public and was famous for her cinnamon rolls especially at the county stock show. She worked at Heart of Texas Savings and Loan and also as an activities director at the Robert Lee Care Center and the Bronte Health and Rehab. Mary Beth was an active member of Robert

Lee Baptist Church and a member of Order of the Eastern Star #187. Mary Beth enjoyed following her children and grandchildren through all their activities whether it be sports or stock shows.

Mary Beth was preceded in death by her parents and her in-laws.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Wayland; her son, Rick and wife Katie; and her daughter, Debra and husband Skeeter, all of Robert Lee. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kodi Daniel and husband Ethan of Lake Charles, Louisiana, James Wayland Wyatt of Stephenville, Corbin Drennan, Skyler Horne, and Chelsea Fuller and husband Marvin all of Robert Lee. She was excited about her first great-grandchild due in January 2023 to Marvin and Chelsea.

The family would like to thank Kindred Hospice and the staff of Robert Lee Care Center and especially Dr. Forlano for the care they provided for her.

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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

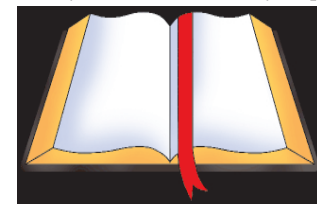
##### 4C Cowboy Church

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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