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## Obituaries



Lee

Opal Lou Tyler was born in Hardeman County on August 10, 1930. Her parents, Henry and Opal Tyler, raised their only child on a cotton farm. They filled her with love and the confidence she needed to graduate from Chillicothe High School and pursue a career with Southwestern Bell Telephone. One day after work, she offered a ride to a skinny guy with a broken down car. She and J.W. (James William) Lee married on July 20, 1953. Sixty-seven years later he was still holding her hand when she departed for heaven on June 28, 2020.

Lou had a playful sense of humor. She used to say she could fix anything with a hammer. In reality, she enjoyed the challenge of a new endeavor. She taught herself how to crochet and knit, making everything from holiday gifts to afghans and sweaters. Lou and J.W. square danced for over 20 years and she made all of their matching dance clothes. Lou was an avid reader and an adventurous traveler. She also enjoyed flower gardening, fishing, board games, and collecting hummingbirds.

The Lee home was a gathering place for neighborhood children, family, and friends. She welcomed them all with open arms and a heart full of love.

They raised children Dana Lou and James Mark in Bronte, Texas. Lou was a constant presence at the school. She had a standing position as Room Mother, bake sale hero, "Cinnamon Roll Lady", special event sponsor, and Band Booster President. Under her leadership, the club was able to

subsidize the purchase of new band uniforms. A career move sent Lou and J.W. to Monahans, Texas in 1979. In Monahans, she began a 15+ year journey of delivering Meals on Wheels and work with the Senior Center. After J.W.'s retirement, they returned to the area and have been living in San Angelo since 1994.

They were faithful servants for Christ in the First Baptist Church of Quanah until 1961, First Baptist Church in Bronte, Southside Baptist Church in Monahans and Heartland (formerly Hillcrest) Baptist Church in San Angelo. Lou taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and served on numerous committees. One of her greatest gifts was recognizing a need then quietly sliding under the radar and "getting the job done".

Granddaughter Jessica Kay Lee was born in 1986. Grandson Aaron Tyler Lee arrived in 1987 and Lou and J.W. became "Omi" and "Boo". Lou cherished every minute with Jessica and Tyler. When asked how often she got to keep them she replied, "every time they will let me have them."

Lou Lee is survived by husband, J.W. Lee; daughter,

Dana Lou Lee; son, James Mark Lee and his children, Jessica Kay Lee Ice (Griffin Ice) and children, Jacob Griffin and Caleb Gavin; Aaron Tyler Lee (Alicia) and son, James Tyler Lee.

Visitation was held all day on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, with family present from 6 pm to 8 pm at the funeral home. Visitation was come and go as the family wished to honor all social distancing guidelines. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Thursday, July 2, 2020, at Heartland Baptist Church with graveside services immediately following at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas. Services were officiated by Reverend Bruce Burk and Reverend James Wilkerson Jr. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/ Sherwood Way.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heartland Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be made at [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com).

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## Death Notices

### Holmes

Marilee Holmes passed peacefully on June 22, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and Betty Leuenberger; and son-in-law, Burke Lewis, Sr.

Those who will miss her dearly are her husband, W. L. "Son" Holmes; son, William "Trey" Holmes (wife Kara, children Kate, Justin, and Alisa) of Fort Worth, Texas); daughter, LeeAnne Holmes Lewis

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(children, Marilee and Burke) of Canton, Texas); daughter, Tanya Denton (husband Kermit, children Drew and Nevada) of Washington, Oklahoma); daughter, Sonya Vanderburg (husband Andy, daughter Taylor) of Norman, Oklahoma; daughter, Ronna Mowdy (husband Ken, children Jason, Justin, Lauren and Reid) of Norman, Oklahoma; sisters, Charlene Toulouse (Rand) of Benbrook, Texas, and Joanne Sutton (Dave) of Custer, South Dakota; and other family members.

A memorial for Marilee will be scheduled at a later date.

### King Family Reunion held

The descendants (3rd - 6th generations) of Sam and Anna King met for their 59th annual reunion on Saturday, June 27, 2020, at the Victory Assembly of God Fellowship Hall in Robert Lee. Sam and Anna (Benson) King were long time residents of Coke County. Sam and Anna were married January 1, 1890, in the home of W.C. Benson in Edith. The first documented King Reunion started back in 1961 in the Boy Scout building in Robert Lee. Before that they were held in conjunction with the Edith Homecomings. One of the earliest get together was in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. They have been held at the Victory

Assembly of God buildings starting in 2012.

The day was spent eating brisket and smoked ribs, visiting, sharing pictures and just enjoying being together even if COVID-19 had kept some of the family from attending. Joyce Walker was the oldest attending and Olivia Joy Baker was the youngest attending at the age of 16 months old. William and Brandy Gunter traveled the furthest from Point Blank, Texas. It was mentioned that only 6 of the 41 first cousins are still living. It was also noted that Don King had passed away since last years' reunion. Joyce Walker led the prayer before lunch and had the "hat passed" for donations. Darlene Kelly gave a financial report. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to next year.

Attending the event were:

Thomas King family: None  
 Will King family: None  
 Beulah King Gaines family: Katie and Waymond Dixon, Kylan and Kohen Wilson, all of San Angelo, Texas; Kari, Kali, Kellan, and Kiralee Cates of Lubbock, Texas.

Vela King Davis Plumlee family: Darlene Kelly of Ballinger, Texas; Judy Snowden of Odessa, Texas; Sarah Kay (Gandy), Marcus and Olivia Joy Baker and Shirley Strakos of San Angelo, Texas; and Christa Gower and Gracie McClellan of Frisco, Texas; Emily McClellan

## 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

#### 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. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor  
 Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

#### 4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
 Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond  
 Sunday, 10:30 am

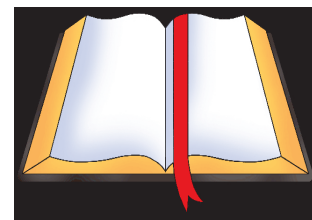
#### Coke County

#### Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor  
[www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com](http://www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com)

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship



#### 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

#### 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, (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  
 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