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Obituaries

Denman

Tommy Joy Denman passed away at her home in Corona Del Mar, California, on June 15, 2012.

Tommy Denman was born in Robert Lee, Texas on October 6, 1929, to Ruth and Rial Denman. She attended Robert Lee Elementary until 5th grade when her family moved to Texas City, Texas.

Tommy was a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. She lived a full and varied life as a recreation director for the U.S. Army, a physical education teacher, and a real estate agent. She was an avid world traveler.

Tommy is survived by her brother, Bill Rial Denman and his wife, Mary, of Tyler, Texas; her sister, Charlotte Prickett and her husband, Bob, of Carrollton, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, including Jamie Boren of Robert Lee.

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Shaffer Honored as Funeral Director of the Year

The Texas Funeral Directors Association (TFDA) presented Gary Shaffer with the distinguished "Funeral Director of Year" award on Thursday, June 14th at their 126th Annual TFDA Convention held at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi.

Gary was given the award initially from the West Texas Funeral Directors Association on May 1, 2012 in Odessa, Texas at their Spring Meeting. This made him eligible to receive the award on the State level at the annual state convention receiving this top state honor on June 14, 2012 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Gary began his funeral service career in Big Spring, Texas while attending Howard College becoming interested in funeral service. He then attended Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. Upon graduation, he began work at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas for about five years before purchasing the Newby Funeral Homes in Bronte and Robert Lee in 1978. He has owned and operated Shaffer Funeral Homes for 34 years. In 1997,

he, wife Della and partner Kelly Nichols opened Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Homes in Crane and McCamey with a chapel in Iraan. Then in 1999, ground was broke for Shaffer Funeral Home, Pioneer Memorial Park and Crematory in Grape Creek and about the same time purchased Belvedere Memorial Park in San Angelo. In 2010, the Shaffer's opened their newest location in the heart of San Angelo at 1939 Sherwood Way.

Gary has been active in the community, he was one of the founding members of the Bronte Chamber of Commerce and also served on the Bronte City Council. He has also served as Justice of the Peace in Coke County. He is a member of the Bronte Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite, the Suez Shrine, and the First Baptist Church of Bronte.

He is a member of the West Texas Funeral Directors Association, going through the chairs and serving as President in 1999-2000. He has been active with the Texas Funeral Directors Association serving on

numerous committees including many years on the Legislative Committee, serving as President in 2004-2005 and Director at Large twice

"All these years my first goal was service to the families of the Concho Valley in a way that would benefit them no matter what type of service they desired. With that thought in mind a number of years ago I decided it was time to give back not only to the community's I served but to the families of Texas and my profession. I became heavily involved with the Texas Funeral Directors Association, first serving on the Board of Directors for the West Texas Region. Then going forward and serving at the State level being elected by my colleagues to serve as State President in 2005. During this time I have served on numerous commit-

tees but what I have enjoyed most is serving on and several times chairing our State Legislative Committee. During the past 20 + years I helped co-author and pass the current State Law for cremation which now serves as a

model for other states. I have been and continue to be very proud of our Association serving thru good times and bad and continue to look forward trying to better the profession to the benefit of the families we serve."



Shaffer Receives Award! Gary Shaffer of Shaffer Funeral Home is shown with family and colleagues following the presentation of the award for 2012 Texas Funeral Director of the Year.

"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

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. 9:30 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) 453-2482
 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

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

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 Sun. 10 am • Worship
 11 am & 6 pm • Service
 Wed. 7 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) 655-9784 or 453-2685
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
 Wed. 6 pm

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

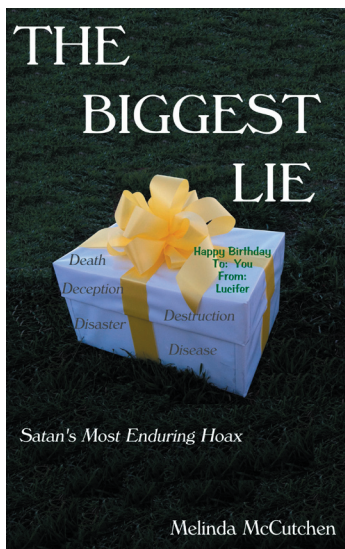
Victory Assembly of God
 PO Box 638
 6th & Houston, Robert Lee
 (325) 453-2208
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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

The Biggest Lie

by Melinda McCutchen



Based on John 10:10.

Mary sits at her kitchen table blankly staring into her cup of coffee that had long since become cold. She's trying hard to make sense of why this is happening to her and to the family she loves. She's tried all of her life to be a good Christian and now ... she's dying.

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Since the beginning of time, people have been deceived by Satan. This book discusses his first lie, the same lie people believe today!

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and on Amazon.com.