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Obituaries



McGuire

Mary Mildred Stinebaugh McGuire passed from this world to her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at her home in Bronte, Texas, with family holding her hands.

Mildred was born to Olvia and Tyra (Doc) Stinebaugh in Coke County on April 13, 1922. She met the love of her life, Charles Eldred McGuire on the Colorado River at a 4th of July picnic, and two years later they were married on May 11, 1940. Mildred was a lifetime resident of Coke County.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Eldred; brother, Sam Stinebaugh; grandsons, David and Dale Fountain; and great-grandchild, Devin Paul Morrison.

Mildred is survived by her children, Modene Yocham and husband Jim of Rankin, Laura Fountain and husband Jerry of Bronte, Charles McGuire and wife Carolyn of Junction, and Mary Brazeal and husband Kerry of Wimberly; sister-in-law, Jo Stinebaugh of San Angelo; and brother-in-law, Edwin McGuire and wife Jean of Santa Fe, Texas.

"Granny" has 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was truly a "Special Granny" to other family members, including her nieces and nephews.

She was such a loveable peacemaker. To have known her was to love her.

Visitation was held Friday, August 3, 2012, at the funeral home. A graveside service was held at 10 am Saturday, August 4, 2012, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

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How many times in the course of a career will a deputy walk up to a home or to a car window? Depending on the length of the career, it could be hundreds of thousands. Usually, nothing

violent will happen. But every time, there is the possibility that what happened to Deputy Mitchell could happen to that officer.

I've talked to several other law enforcement wives since this happened. One said "I will no longer take it for granted that when my husband leaves, he'll come home. This was a reality check."

My heart breaks for Deputy Mitchell's wife and family. Not just for them, but I hurt for the whole department. Since Wayne was elected, we've become friends with Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner and his wife, Molly, Chief Deputy Jeff Weatherby and his wife, Cindy, and their son, Reagan County Deputy Rusty Weatherby. Our own Coke County Deputy Billy Williams served in Reagan County with Deputy Mitchell before he came home. This loss is causing tremendous pain for many people.

Wayne, like many other officers, is gone to Deputy Mitchell's funeral this Wednesday morning. Because this will be printed before he ever reads it, I'm able to speak a little more freely. I know some of what he's been thinking the last week. "How can I better protect my deputies?" He's always been concerned for their safety and his own. He deals with logistics – I deal with prayer.

My concern grew following an incident at an annual county event last year where people from other areas who follow one of the bands began a massive



Welcome Baskets! Robert Lee Vision with a Purpose welcomes Mary and John Baxter with a Welcome Basket, presented by VP representative Nancy Wilson. Also welcomed with baskets were Lisa and Archie Crossland and Brian and Cindy King. Included with the goodies in the baskets are coupons donated by local businesses and a directory for all businesses and local civic information for Robert Lee as well as many promotional items given by local businesses. If your business would like to be included, please contact a VP member.

fight. As Wayne, his deputies, and the constable attempted to break it up and make arrests, they were impeded in their attempt (I would say assaulted) by people trying to get to the ones they were taking into custody. It would have been a great deal worse if members of the Volunteer Fire Department hadn't stepped in to hold back the crowd. This revealed to me that we are not immune to violence here in Coke County.

More recently, burglaries have been more prevalent throughout the county as the economy worsens. I personally believe these burglaries are being

committed by those who either have recently moved here or those who have had their operations shut down in larger areas due to increased patrols. I don't want to believe it could be someone I may have known all my life. Thankfully, the majority of these crimes have not been violent.

But what about the drug traffic on our highways. Highway 277 is a known route for the cartels moving money and drugs. Remember the Texas Seven from a few years back? Fortunately, they didn't come through our county. However, for a week or so, deputies were on high alert and

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"I am in control." - God



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Wed. 6 pm

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10:55 am Worship,
5 pm Worship

6 pm Youth Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting First United Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte

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Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;

Wed. 6 pm
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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

PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (325) 453-2724 Danny White, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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