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Obituaries



Watkins

Johnibeth Watkins, 76, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2011, at an Abilene nursing home. Visitation was held all day Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the funeral home. Graveside service was held at 10 am Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Johnibeth was born at home on November 23, 1934, to J. C. and Winnie Mae Snead in Robert Lee, Texas. She attended school and graduated as valedictorian of Robert Lee High School in 1953. In her spare time, Johnibeth loved to read, enjoyed playing card games with her friends, and working puzzles.

Johnibeth was a wonderful christian woman. She was raised in church as a child and brought her family up in a good Christian home. She was a member of the Broadview Baptist Church where she was very involved. Her church and her church family meant a lot to her. Her christian values were passed along to her grandchildren whom she took to vacation bible school. She was a wonderful, loving mother who was always strict, but fair, and taught her sons the true lessons of life.

Johnibeth is survived by her sons, Johnny Watkins and wife Imogene of Abilene, Clyde Watkins and wife Kerri of Mineral Wells; her brother, Jack Snead of Ft. Washington, Maryland; her sister, Doris McCabe of Robert Lee; and seven grandchildren.

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Robbins

Our Lord called his faithful servant, Portis Stewart Robbins, to his place in Heaven to reunite with his beautiful wife on Monday, August 8, 2011.

He was born to Louis Carroll "Bus" and Jettie Kirkland Robbins on September 20, 1928, at home in Hayrick, Texas. He graduated from Bronte High School in 1947. He then married the most beautiful woman he had ever met and the love of his life, Mary Lee Davis, on January 1, 1949.

After they began their life together, he started his career in the plumbing world. Portis eventually opened Robbins Plumbing shop in San Angelo in 1976 with his sons. Over the span of his plumbing career he had a passion for teaching others the trade. After he retired from plumbing, he found another passion in farming and loved being out on the land that the Lord had provided. He spent hours with his grandchildren on the tractor, in the barn and tending to animals. He truly found peace out on Smokey Valley Ranch and loved that it brought him back to his youth.

In the later years of his life, he enjoyed getting up early and making breakfast for his beautiful bride of almost 60 years. Mary had become his world and with her sudden passing in 2008, Portis was ready to go home then. Our great heavenly father allowed us a few more precious years with him before calling him home. Portis was that gentle soul that hardly said a word but, when he did, it always spoke volumes. He will forever be loved and missed by all who knew him.

Portis is survived by his five children; one daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Davis and husband George of San Antonio, Texas; four sons, Portis Samuel "Sam" Robbins wife Dianne of



Richardson, Texas, Preston Carol Robbins and wife Maureen of San Antonio, Texas, Rupert Ray Robbins and wife Becky of DeSoto, Texas, Clifford Edward Robbins and wife Renee of San Angelo, Texas; eleven grandchildren, George "G.W", Tony, Marianne, Lindsey, Cindy, Charlie, Sarah, Kaity, Drew, Delaney, and Stone; eleven greatgrandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and beloved friends.

Visitation was held all day Thursday, August 11, 2011, with family present from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 12, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Burial will follow in the Hayrick Cemetery in rural Coke County. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way.

The family would like for memorial to be made to the church home of their choice.

<u>05-1tc</u> Wink-Tinkler-Eckert families enjoy reunion

Forty-Seven attended the Wink-Tinkler-Eckert family reunion on Saturday, July 30 in the large rec center at the Robert Lee Park. Those attending were:

Ashland, VA-Leslie Hamby Austin-Dianna and Karel

Sonnenberg

McWright-7th place, and Senior Troy Wade - 2nd place. Congratulations to all members.

Early-Otto and Georganna Sonnenberg, Amanda Sonnenberg

David & Laurie Dumas

Lewis, Cassidy Wink

McDonald, Ryan McDonald, Eckert, Damon West, Pam Karson McDonald

Robert Lee-Milburn Wink,

Roy & Jennie Tinkler, Clark Bronte-Charles & Doris & Noel Tinkler, Polly Large, Harvey & Shari Wink, Robert & Marsha Wink

San Angelo-Regina Dewoolf, Brenda Beggarman, Brady-Ella Mae Dumas, Charles & Alisha Rivers, Makinna Rivers, Faigan Midland-Randy & Jeannia Rivers, Anthony & Misty Lewis, Randy & Samantha Wink, Michael Wink, Alexander Wink, Victor Leander-Matt & Lori Eckert, Vickie Eckert, Becky Whitlock

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Bronte Church of Christ POBox 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

11 am & 6 pm Worship Wed. 6 pm First Baptist Church

Sun. 10 am Sunday School

424 S. Washington • Bronte (325) 473-2331 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School, 10:55 am Worship, and Worship

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

(325) 473-3281 Rev. Matt Pennington, 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

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 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor

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

Come as you are . .



Sunday Mornings • 10 am



Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store Russ Frasier, Preacher