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He was raised in Robert Lee.

Texas. He earned a Bachelor's

in Public Speaking from Stephen

Nacaogdoches, Texas, where he

was also a member of the Track

and Field Team. He married

Laura Ann Young in 2000. He

spent 12 years coaching track

and field at SFA, Wake Forest

devoted his life to Jesus and the

ministry God called him to. He

served in various youth and

college ministries in his early life,

as well as the Minister of

Discipleship at River Oaks

Clemmons, North Carolina. He

earned a Master's in Divinity

and Master's in Biblical Studies

followed God's call on his life to

plant Riverview Church in

Surprise, Arizona, as the Lead

John had a love for people,

sports/coaching, good Mexican

food, and Jesus. He devoted

many hours to coaching teams at

School in Peoria, Arizona, or his

children's sports teams, building

watching college sports, sharing

worshipping God in his actions.

John was a committed father to

Amelia, Marikava, Caleb, and

Jerrod. He loved nothing more

but to watch them on the field, at

school, in their home or on

He is survived by his parents,

wife, children, and grandmother

with

friends

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# **Obituaries**



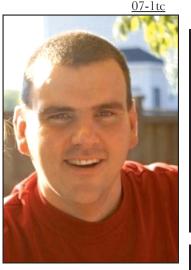
#### Skinner

James "Jim" Harley Skinner, 83, died Saturday, August 18, 2018. Memorial services were held at 10 am, Wednesday, August 22, 2018, in the Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

James "Jim" was born on August 14, 1935, in Eldorado, Texas, to Harley and Minnie Skinner.

He is survived by his wife, Geanette Skinner of Robert Lee; daughter, Wyndell Lee Brosh of Robert Lee; son, James Hinton Skinner of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Hospice and the Robert Lee Care Center for the amazing care they provided. Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.



Bonita Copeland of Robert Lee; uncle and aunts Darryl and Myna Kay Copeland of Robert Lee, Judy Williams of Robert Lee; cousin Jerrod Copeland of Amarillo, Texas, Holly Crutcher of Loveland, Texas, and Tiffany Thomas of Robert Lee; niece Bailee Young of Flagstaff, Arizona, and in-laws Alan, Sandy, and Alison Young of Riverside, California.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Les Copeland, grandparents Ruth and Sam Williams, and uncle Sherman Williams.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate John's life on Saturday, September 1, at 10 am at Christ's Church of the Valley in Peoria, Arizona. A live feed of the service will be streamed online. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Williams' family.

He left this world too soon but taught us so much.

"One day we're all going to die but until that day, live your life 100 miles an hour. You'll never regret it." - John Williams

"As hard as it is...do not forget to appreciate the simple things in life. They are like precious jewels in the misdst of life and are often missed until they are absent." - John Williams

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#### **Football pages** beginning August 31

Football season in Coke County officially begins August 31 when the Bronte Longhorns travel to Rising Star to face the Wildcats at 7:30 pm. The Robert Lee Steers will host the Water Valley Wildcats at 7:30 pm. The Blackwell Hornets are beginning their season with their homecoming game against Eden at 7:30 pm.

With the beginning of football season, the annual "Football Sponsor" pages will begin in the August 31 issue of The Observer/Enterprise. All 2017 sponsors will be included on the 2018 pages at the same price as last year. If you have a change or wish to discontinue your sponsorship, please call (325) 453-2433 by 12 noon Monday, August 27.

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Bronte (325) 473-3281

Rev. Everette Boyce, Pastor 10:00 am Sunday School Sun. 11:00 am Worship

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#### Williams

John Caleb Williams went to be with His Savior on August 14, 2018, after a valiant battle with cancer. He defied the odds by outliving his prognosis as a gift to his family and friends. John was born in San Angelo, Texas, on June 15, 1976, to Gary and Nita Gaye Williams.

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