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## Obituaries



**Fikes**

Virginia Shaw Black Fikes, a thoughtful, persevering, and adventurous soul with a wide range of interests has left us after making the world a happier place for those around her for 97 years. Virginia died at her home in Robert Lee, Texas, on August 16, 2013.

While mourning her loss, family and friends give thanks for the joy that her wit, intelligence, goodness, generosity, and grace brought to their own lives. She remained independent and active until her last week and left this life in the same manner in which she lived it.

A memorial service was held at Robert Lee Baptist Church Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Burial was in Vernon, Texas. Arrangements were with Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Born October 25, 1915, Ginny was the second daughter of Ollie and Dixie Blankenship Shaw. Her early childhood was spent in Kaufman, Texas. The family later moved to Palestine, Texas, where she was a 1933 PHS graduate. Virginia attended Howard Payne, and then San Angelo became her home.

Virginia and Ed Black married March 18, 1939. Ginny worked for San Angelo National Bank until moving to Big Spring. She served as Howard County Auditor for thirteen years. Later Ed and she moved to Austin where she worked for Bob Bullock in the State Comptroller office. After Ed's death, Virginia retired and moved back to San Angelo where she was active in volunteer work for Immanuel Baptist Church and various agencies in San Angelo and Concho Valley.

Virginia was elected and served four years as one of the first Silver Haired Legislators from San Angelo. She then served on the Silver Haired Legislature Foundation Board for the next twelve years. Baptist Memorial also benefited from her service on their Board of Directors.

Virginia and Weldon Fikes married April 4, 1996, and thus she acquired three 'chosen' daughters. After living in Robert Lee several years, Weldon and Ginny moved to San Angelo. They enjoyed their Baptist Memorial neighbors on West St. and Immanuel Baptist Church family before health issues necessitated a move back to Robert Lee.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Ed Black and Weldon Fikes, parents, sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Watson, and her nephew, Ben Watson.

Survivors include her three chosen daughters and sons-in-law; Elaine and Davis Miller of Abilene, Marion and Jimmy Stewart of Midland, Farrell Jean and Wes Washam of Robert Lee and their children. Ginny was blessed with a plethora

of special friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Robert Lee Baptist Church.

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**Meador**

Katherine Rawlings Meador, 88, a longtime resident of Abilene passed away August 19, 2013, at a medical center in Abilene. Memorial services were held Sunday, August 25, at 1:30 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Rev. Bill Libby and Rev. Felicia Hopkins officiating under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Hwy 277 South. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Graveside services were Monday, August 26, 2013.

The daughter of Albert and Fay Rawlings, Katherine was a native of West Texas born in Bronte, Texas, on August 12, 1925. Upon graduation from Bronte High School, she attended Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. She taught homemaking at Ballinger and Abilene High Schools. Katherine married her high school sweetheart Randal G. Meador on August 31, 1948, in Bronte, Texas.

Katherine was a member of Retired Teachers, Abilene

Woman's Club, and Abilene Mother's Study Club. She was an active member of St. Paul Methodist Church serving on boards and committees and was active in United Methodist Women as well as a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class. Katherine worked as a volunteer for various civic organizations.

Her husband, Randal preceded her in death in March of 1996, and her grandson, Troy Williams also preceded her in death in January 1996.

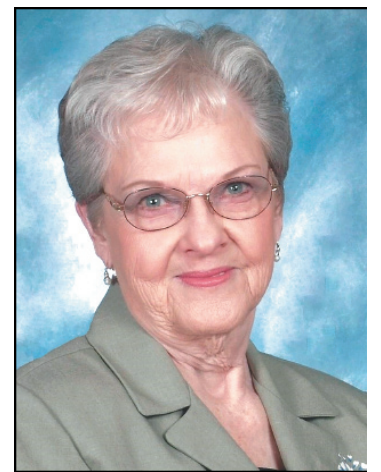
Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Clark of Killeen, and Linda Williams of Lubbock; grandson, Stoney Williams and wife, Heather and their children, Ross, Madison, and Ethan Williams, all of Lubbock; grandson, Randal Clark and wife, Jenni and their children, Elizabeth, Victoria, and Jackson Clark, all of Hutto; James and Nancy Poe; Brian and Elizabeth Poe and children, David and Brandi Poe; a very special friend, Becky Cox; cousins; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 3396, Abilene, Texas 79604; West

Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605; Habitat for Humanity, 101 Fulwiler Rd., Abilene, Texas 79603; or to your favorite charity.

You may view and sign guestbook at [www.elliott-hamil.com](http://www.elliott-hamil.com).

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**Ross**

Billie Dove Allen Ross, 78, of San Angelo, went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 20, 2013.

She was born January 23, 1935, in Navarro, Texas, the daughter of John Allen and Dove Duncan Allen. Billie graduated from Midland High in 1952. On March 17, 1955, she was united in marriage to Wallace David Ross at Park

**Come As You Are**

**Sunday Mornings • 10 am**  
**Table Time • Tuesday 7 pm**  
*Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm*

**Recovery Meetings • Friday 7 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. 10:00 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) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Minister  
[www.pecanbaptist.org](http://www.pecanbaptist.org)  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**United Christians Fellowship**  
 PO Box 938 • Robert Lee Rec Hall  
 (325) 453-2468  
 Ed Zimmerman, Minister  
 Sunday 10 am Sunday School,  
 11 am 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  
 Cyndi Weidner, 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) 453-2685, (806) 543-2118 or  
 (325) 473-1053  
 Services: Sun. 10 am

**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

**HOLIDAY CLOSING NOTICE**

*All facilities of this bank will  
 will be closed  
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**Robert Lee State Bank**

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