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Obituaries



Cartrite

Bonita Copeland Cartrite was born on January 4, 1932, to Melvin and Essie Childress and was born at her Aunt Edna's Askins house in Sanco, Texas.

She was raised on the Cortez Russell Ranch in the Friendship area of Coke County. Mom started her schooling at Sanco and graduated from Robert Lee High School in 1949. The senior class called themselves the 49's.

Mom loved music and wanted to have a piano and take lessons. She worked picking cotton and raising dogie lambs to save money for her first piano.

Mom met Les Copeland at church in Robert Lee and married him August 27, 1950. She worked for West Texas Utilities until Les and Bonita moved to Silver, Texas with their new baby daughter, Nita Gaye to work for Perkin and Prothro Oil Company. Their son Daryl was born in May 1956.

Mom taught music lessons at her home in Silver and also Robert Lee and Colorado City. Mom played the piano at Silver Baptist Church and the organ at Robert Lee Baptist Church for many years.

As the oil camps closed in Silver the family moved to Robert Lee in 1970. After Daryl and Gaye graduated from High School she attended Angelo State University. She loved college!

In June of 1976 she first became a Nana when John Caleb Williams was born. Jerrod, Holly and Tiffany were born soon after. She loved her grandkids and loved going to sporting events that they participated in.

Mom was active in the community. She was on the board that published the Coke County History books. Along

with Wanda Smith they surveyed and notated all the cemeteries in Coke County and published this as a book in 1990. Later she published the book A History of the Old Coke County Jail and Sheriffs.

Mom enjoyed participating in the Old Coke County Pageants for many years. She enjoyed participating in it with her husband and family.

Mom went on several mission trips with churches. She went to Brazil, Australia and the Fiji Islands. She loved the Fiji Islands and would have lived there if she could have.

Mom and Dad enjoyed their retirement years living across from Robert Lee High School. They enjoyed feeding the grandkids lunch every day and playing a game of ping pong with them before they went back to school. She cooked frito pie for her family before many home football games.

Mom was never bored or without activity. She loved to read, study the Bible and playing dominoes with the Blairs and the Prentices.

Mom was preceded in death by her husband; her beloved grandson, John; her parents; and two sisters.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends.

Graveside services were held at 10 am, Monday, August 3, 2020, at Robert Lee Cemetery. Services were under the

direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that memorials be sent to the Robert Lee Baptist Church or the Coke County Historical Committee.

Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.
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Death Notices

Robb

Roy Kent Robb finished his work on earth and went to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, July 24, 2020, in his home surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy E. Robb and Virginia Jeanette Robb.

Roy is survived by the love of his life and wife of 52 years, Kay Robb. He is also survived by his sons, James Robb and wife, Brandy, of Austin, Texas, and their children Lillian and Matthew; and Joel Robb and wife, Gillian, of Austin, Texas. He is survived by his brother, Ron Robb and wife, Sylvia, of Georgetown, Texas; his sister-in-law, Sandra Hall, of San Angelo, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A public visitation was held from 5 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at Harper's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

A public graveside memorial service was held at 10 am on Thursday, July 30, 2020, at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood.

Higgins

Alma Gene "Kayo" Higgins passed away Thursday morning, July 30, 2020, in Big Lake, Texas, at the Reagan County Care Center.

Kayo was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry Escue and Iber Lee Modgling Escue; her husband, Floyd; her

daughter, Cindy Jetton; her two sons-in-law, Ronnie Jetton and Bill Rees; her two brothers, John Escue and Irvin Escue; and one sister, Winnie Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Rees of Big Lake, Texas; her two grandsons and their wives, Justin Jetton and Kelsey of San Angelo, Texas, and Eric Rees and Teresa of Lubbock, Texas; four great-grandchildren, Garrett Jetton, Riley Jetton, Hudson Jetton and

Cecilia Rees. She is also survived by one sister, Anna Kosel and husband, Alden of Norwalk, Ohio. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Sunday, August 2, 2020, from 4 pm to 6 pm at Johnson's Funeral Home San Angelo, Texas. Graveside services were Monday, August 3, 2020, at 1 pm at the Robert Lee Cemetery in Robert Lee under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.



Institutional Trust

by James M. Decker

In a number of recent essays, I've focused less on rural-specific topics and more on the general concepts of what constitutes a good leader or a good citizen in our society. I appreciate you indulging the variety of directions that my mind travels on any given week. As my wife

can attest, my mind often moves like a squirrel attracted to a shiny object - you never really know where it might go next.

Right now, I cannot shake my thoughts of our country's pressing need for better leadership. This is why I have written so frequently about America's historically great leaders. This is why I have recently plowed through biographies of Lincoln and Grant. It is part of my continuing obsession with Theodore Roosevelt (although the reasons for that are numerous). I want to understand what makes a good leader in a republic and how we find more of them. As I've written repeatedly, 2020 is not the "worst it has ever been," despite what you might hear elsewhere. Social media and

Area Churches

Invite You to Worship

Bronte

Bronte Church of Christ

PO Box 346
118 S. Jefferson • Bronte
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 & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331 • Pastor George Cooper
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
Study & Worship
Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Forgiven Ministries

117 W. Main, Bronte
Russ Frasier, Pastor
Sun. 10 am
Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

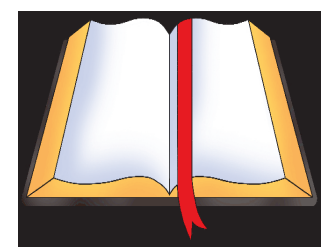
4C Cowboy Church

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte
Interim Pastor Robert Lemmond
Sunday, 10:30 am

Coke County

Pecan Baptist

PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy
(325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship



Robert Lee

Bible Baptist Church

PO Box 938 • 9th & Austin
Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and
5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study

Emmanuel Pentecostal

PO Box 794 • 1004 Hillcrest
Pastor Brantly Robertson
(972) 841-2009
Sundays 10 am, Wednesdays 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 pm Choir Practice

Iglesia Bautista Betel

101 Houston • Robert Lee
Sun. 9:45 am • Sunday School
11 am Service • Bible Study Wed. 6 pm

Southside Church of Christ

PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee (325) 453-2176
Recardo Reyes, 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, (325) 763-2118 or
(325) 473-1053

Services: Sun. 10 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

Robert Lee Baptist Church

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

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
6th & Houston, Robert Lee
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

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