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## Obituaries



**Taylor**

Stover Wayne Taylor, 74, of Bronte, Texas, went to be with the Lord Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Shannon Medical Center. Stover was born November 21, 1940, in Roscoe, Texas, the son of Horace Columbus and Bonnie Beatrice (Johnson) Taylor. Stover was so proud of his family.

He is survived by his precious sweetheart of forty-nine years, Jerita Bess Michaels Taylor, two daughters, Misti LaSean Bedford, her husband David Ray Bedford of Bronte, daughter, Eboni Taylor Johnson, her husband Richard Carroll Johnson of South Carolina; one son, Brent Dayne Michaels Taylor, his wife Jamie Nicole of Carrollton. He had nine grandchildren, Brooke Taylor Bedford, Brittney Ray Bedford, Tanner David Bedford, Anna Grace Johnson, Lacy Taylor Johnson, Leah Nicole Johnson, Jessica Abigail Johnson, Ezekiel Stover Taylor, Zane Wilson Taylor. Surviving siblings include sister, Lynda Kay Thornton of Abilene; brother, Bobby Joyce Taylor of Commerce. Also surviving are his Uncle, Lucian Mac (Chub) Johnson of Odessa, a dear cousin and friend Russell Johnson of Bronte and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by sister, Betty Jean Stancill of Grand Prairie.

Stover graduated from Abilene Christian University with degrees in Psychology and Bible and married Jerita Bess June 4, 1966. He worked as the Coke County Auditor in the courthouse at Robert Lee for twenty-eight years. Stover loved his family and community and served ten years on the Bronte Ambulance Service and also served on the Nursing Home Council and School Board.

Stover was an elder and faithful member of the Bronte Church of Christ and was cherished by all for his humor and gentle kindness. His mission was to help spread the gospel throughout the world, his desire was to receive his eternal reward. Stover has now received the desire of his heart.

Visitation was held Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 4 pm to 6 pm at Bronte Church of Christ. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm, Sunday, September 27, 2015, at Bronte Church of Christ, 118 S. Jefferson St. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Arms of Hope Children's Home (Medina Campus) 21300 State Highway 16 N. Medina, TX 78055, Eastern European Missions 12700 Preston Rd. Suite 275 Dallas, TX 75230, East Coke County EMS 113 S. Washington St. Bronte, TX 76933, West Coke County EMS 801 TX Highway 208 Robert Lee, TX 76945.

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**Corley**

Nina Effie (Murphy) Corley passed away on September 21, 2015. Visitation was held all day

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at the funeral home with family present from 6 pm to 8 pm. Funeral services were held at 10 am, Thursday, September 24, 2015, at First Baptist Church of Bronte with burial following in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under Shaffer Funeral Home.

Effie was born August 17, 1919, to Ben and Debbie Murphy in Sanco, Texas. She married Marvin Corley January 11, 1941, in Tennyson, Texas, where they lived until 1957 when they moved to Bronte. They were members of First Baptist Church. Marvin preceded her in death in 1975. She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Eula Kinney, Geneva Clark and Francis Johnson.

Effie, or Grandma as she was known to her family, was known for her beautiful smile and her vibrant personality. She never met a stranger and had a way about her that made everyone feel special. She loved to play games, especially dominos and taught all the grandkids how to play any number of games, usually letting the grandkids win! They all loved to spend time with her. After age ninety-five, she was still living alone and driving herself to the Senior Center to play dominos with her special friends. She retired from the Bronte Post Office in 1985.

She is survived by one son, Benny Corley and his wife Jackie of Bronte; one daughter, Peggy Belew and her husband Scotty of Wingate; she is also survived by grandchildren, Barry Corley and wife Tracie of Robert Lee, Rusty Corley and wife Missy of Bronte, Tami Richards and husband Conda of Wingate, Bill Belew and wife Megan of Wingate, John Paul Belew and wife Paige of Lubbock. She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Keith Corley and wife Sissy, Tyler and wife Mandy, Caylor and wife Megan, Coby Corley and fiancé April Harkin, Dusty and wife Cassie, Jaci Corley and fiancé Layton Schniers, Kyler Richards, Ashlyn Richards, Charles Childress, Corley Belew, Minnie Belew, Blair Belew, Walker Belew, Wilson Belew, Josh Tennyson and Ashlie Tennyson and eight great-great grandchildren. She is also



**LOOK WHO'S NEW!** Marcus Wayne Baker made his appearance on September 5, 2015, at 9:51 pm. He weighed 6 pounds, 14.8 ounces and is 18 inches long. Marcus's parents are Sarah Kay and Travis Baker. His grandparents are Eddie and the late Pam (Brice) Gandy of San Angelo and Tommy and Belinda Baker of Grape Creek. His great grandmother is the late Bessie Brice of Robert Lee.

survived by her two sisters, Muriel Smily of McKinney and Dorothy Turner of Big Spring, a number of special nieces and nephews and Felma Evans who she claimed as her adopted daughter, and many friends.

Online condolences may be made to [www.shafferpioneer.com](http://www.shafferpioneer.com)

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### Grass, wildfire threat on the rise

Long, hot days are drying out soil and grasses across much of the Lone Star State, prompting a gentle reminder from the Coke County Farm Bureau office to be fire-wise.

"We were blessed with timely spring and summer rains," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "Unfortunately, the heat has burned much of that off. We now have plenty of dry grasses

that could catch fire in an instant if people aren't careful."

John Ross encourages drivers to refrain from tossing lit cigarettes and other flammable materials onto the side of the road or in areas with dense vegetation.

People using grills are asked to keep hot materials off dry grass and away from homes and barns.

"It's important that we all work together to prevent as many fires as we can to save lives, homes and property," John Ross Copeland said.

To lessen the likelihood of a fire, keep tall grass, dry leaves and anything flammable at least 30 feet away from structures. Avoid parking in tall grass as your vehicle's exhaust could spark a fire.

Observe local burn bans. Coke County IS currently under a ban prohibiting outdoor burning unless special provisions are met.

## 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  
**Coke County Cowboy Church**

Texas Theater, Downtown Bronte  
Preacher - Robert Lemonds

Sunday, 10:30 am

**First Baptist Church**

424 S. Washington • Bronte  
(325) 473-2331

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

Tuesday 6 pm Table Time

**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

**Tennyson**

**Tennyson Baptist Church**

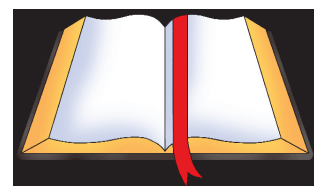
Hwy 277 • Tennyson

(325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



**Are you called by God to use God given talent for God's Ministry for 4C Band at Coke County Cowboy Church? For more information, call Hook Miller (325) 282-2253**

## Come As You Are

Sunday Mornings • 10 am  
Table Time • Tuesday evening  
Pot Luck 6 pm • Study 7 pm

**FORGIVEN MINISTRIES**  
Downtown Bronte • Across from Grocery Store  
Russ Frasier, Preacher

