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Obituaries



Lee

Martin Needham Lee, a lifelong resident of Bronte, Texas, passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

He was 85 years old. Martin was born on June 22, 1938, in Ballinger, Texas, to Hurlin Dewitt Lee and Eula Verne Nixon.

Martin was raised on his family's ranch in Coke and Runnels counties and continued to ranch for the entirety of his life. Growing up, Martin raised and showed Rambouillet sheep, winning Grand Champion at the San Angelo Stock Show. Also, during this time, he played football and track. In 1956 he graduated from Bronte High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Ann McCutchen Lee, in Bronte on April 21, 1957. Martin and Patricia had three children: Lisa Gayle Lee, Sheila Ann Lee, and Stephen Martin Lee.

Martin was a true entrepreneur. He was involved in real estate sales and investments, oil and gas operations, general building construction and in land development. He built many residential and commercial properties in Bronte and surrounding communities. Through his oil and gas work he received "Boss of the Year" on two different occasions from the San Angelo Desk and Derrick Club.

In 1962 he established his San Angelo-based ranch real estate firm that has grown into Lee, Lee & Puckitt Associates, Inc. He made a name for handling large ranch transactions with integrity and attention to detail, primarily in West Texas and New Mexico.

Each real estate deal was the most important to him, and he had many clients who became lifelong friends. Martin treasured each of these friendships.

Martin was known for his servant's heart, dedicating countless hours to helping those in need. He was a longtime member and supporter of the Bronte Methodist Church, serving in many capacities. He was a member of the Masons, the Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite and the Shriner organizations. He was a multi-faceted individual with numerous accomplishments. One of his greatest privileges was serving on the Board of the Howard College Foundation for twenty-six years where he received a well-deserved Honorary Degree for his invaluable work. He was also appointed to a number of State Committees by several Governors. Martin served on the Upper Colorado River Authority Board of Directors, Concho Valley Regional Review Committee, and the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, all for several terms.

Martin's dedication to the community for the betterment of Bronte included serving as Mayor of the city for eighteen years, the city council for eight years and the Bronte Economic Development Board. He served as past President of all of the following: Bronte ISD School Board, Coke County Appraisal Board, Coke County Jaycees, Bronte Lions Club and Bronte Chamber of Commerce, wherein he was also named "Citizen of the Year".

Spending time with family and friends in Ruidoso, New Mexico, where he had a vacation home for over thirty

years, was another one of Martin's favorite activities. He enjoyed going to the mountains and cooling off during the hot Texas summers! He spent most of his time in Ruidoso sitting on the deck watching wildlife, attending the horse races, playing golf and eating out at local restaurants.

His greatest love was reserved for his family. He shared a deep and enduring love with his wife of more than sixty-six years, Patricia Lee. They loved attending sporting events or any other activity of their grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren! His favorite pastime was going to "the country". He found joy in hunting and fishing with the grandsons and feeding the cattle and sheep. His boundless energy and constant activity served as an inspiration to all who knew him, a testament to his unwavering commitment to putting one foot in front of the other.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, Hurlin Dewitt Lee and Eula Verne Nixon.

Martin leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Patricia Lee; three children Lisa Lee Curnutt of Fort Worth, Sheila Lee Graf and husband Mike of Salado, Stephen Lee and wife Molly of Cisco; nine grandchildren Alexander Curnutt of Grapevine, Sterling Curnutt of Houston, Tiffany Coulter Lange and husband Chris of Blackwell, Chase Coulter and wife Corinne of Magnolia, Kelsey Boshears Swearingen and husband Steven of Flagler Beach, Florida, Jarrett Lee of Spicewood, Jordan Lee Gorell and husband Mike of Austin, Jacy Lee Wyers and husband Jake of Magnolia, and Katie Lee of Austin; six great-grandchildren Cambrey Lange Hardy and husband Doug of Bronte, Caitlin Lange of Lubbock, Cameron Coulter of Magnolia, Archer Swearingen of Flagler Beach, Florida, Jenna Wyers of Magnolia; two great-great-grandchildren Bauer Hardy of Bronte and Brecklyn Hardy of Bronte; and brother Tom Lee and wife Elaine of San Angelo; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation in remembrance of Martin Lee was held from 5 pm to 7 pm on Sunday, October 15,

2023, at the Bronte Methodist Church fellowship hall in Bronte. A funeral service celebrating his life followed the next day, Monday, October 16, 2023, at 2 pm, at the Bronte Methodist Church. Following the service, Martin was laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Martin Lee's memory will forever shine as a beacon of love, dedication, and humble service to all those who had the privilege of knowing him. He leaves behind a legacy of love,

faith, and unwavering commitment that will continue to inspire generations to come. Martin Needham Lee will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The family requests donations be made to Bronte Methodist Church, PO Drawer D, Bronte, Texas 76933, brontemethodistchurch.org or Hospice of San Angelo, 1933 University Avenue, San Angelo, TX 76904.

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Death Notices

Byrne

Mary Grace Collins Byrne went to be with her Lord and Savior October 8, 2023.

Mary is survived by her four children, Jerry Byrne Jr and wife Robin of Bronte, Texas, Suzette Byrne Wingo and her husband, Tony of Pecos, Texas, Jennifer Byrne Conger and husband Jarret also of Pecos, Texas, and Robin Byrne Teters of Midlothian, Texas; ten grandchildren, Will Kington, Tyler Kington, Chase Wingo, Rachel Wadsworth,

Rebecca Byrne, Quinten Conger, Dana Conger, Lauren Conger, Baleigh Teters and K.C. Teters; and ten great-grandchildren with one on the way. She is also survived by two brothers, Charles Collins and friend Anita Wiliford-Loggins of Gilmer, Texas, and Donnie Collins and wife Daniella of Athens, Texas.

Visitation with the family was held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Services for Mary were held Thursday, October 12, 2023, at First Christian Church at 11 am. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Ft. Davis, Texas, at 3 pm.

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
firstbronte@gmail.com
Pastor George Cooper
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:30 am Worship
Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm
Children and Youth

Bronte Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte • (325) 650-4836
Pastor Keith Fletcher
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

St. James Catholic Church

215 N. Washington, Bronte
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor
Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

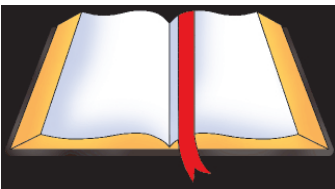
4C Cowboy Church

Drawer R • Bronte • (325) 895-4080
Robert Lemmond, Pastor
Sunday, 10:30 am - Texas Theater
Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm -
4C Feedlot Youth Building

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 Methodist Church

PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee • (325) 453-2417
Sun. 11 am Worship,

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
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am 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. Timothy Hayter, Pastor

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 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 Worship

Wed. 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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