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Walker

Jackie Sparks Walker went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 31, 2023.

She was born on February 13, 1938, to Calvin and Cova Sparks in San Angelo, Texas. On September 1, 1956, she married Ralph Walker in Robert Lee, Texas.

Jackie's early years of marriage were spent as a housewife and mother caring for her and Ralph's four girls in various communities, eventually residing in Junction, Texas, for approximately 15 years before returning to Robert Lee, Texas, where they owned and operated the Mountain Creek Lodge. She was an active member of the the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Jackie later followed her passion for service and leadership as she served as Robert Lee Municipal Judge, Mayor of Robert Lee, Coke County Judge, Coke County Justice of the Peace, as well as service on numerous civic and community boards and committees. Jackie loved and adored her children and grandchildren and could usually be found in the crowd watching their activities and could talk football, basketball, golf, tennis, dance, music, and swimming with the best. She also enjoyed her group of friends and was always up for a fun road trip or game of cards, dominoes, or pegs and jokers on a regular basis.

Jackie was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph.

Jackie is survived by her children, Loretta and Glenn Bridges, Carla and Tommy Moore, Pam and Paul Talley, and Frankie and Kerry Gartman. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Marshall and Jessica Bridges, Cody and McKenzie Bridges, Emily and Cole Pace, Julie and Roland

Rodriguez, Justin and Cassi Gartman, Jordan and Jacob Brink, and Sam and Katelynn Moore; as well as her great-grandchildren, Brennan and Marcus Bridges, Tyce and Jett Bridges, Eleanor Pace, Emersyn, Charlee and Brody Gartman, and James, Jett, and Jagger Brink. Jackie is also survived by her siblings, Doris Fox, Jerry and Wallace Colburn, C.L. and Nada Sparks, and Bucky and Barbara Sparks, and many special nieces and nephews. Jackie also had so many wonderful friends, too many to

mention here, but they know who they are.

A memorial service was held at Robert Lee Baptist Church on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 1 pm.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Robert Lee Care Center where she spent her final months.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Robert Lee Baptist Church, Robert Lee Ambulance Service, Robert Lee Fire Department, or a charity of your choice.

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# Obituaries



Carver

John Thomas Carver, Jr., aged 73, of Robert Lee, Texas, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

John was born in Union, South Carolina, on December 9, 1949, the beloved child of John Thomas Carver, Sr., and Mildred Mable Carver.

After graduating from high school, John was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam era. While in Vietnam, Johnny earned several medals, including The National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Combat Infantryman Badge; and Sharpshooter. After being honorably discharged, John went on to work in the oil and gas industry as a Lease Operator.

John was a dedicated deacon at Robert Lee Baptist Church, where he was a member for a total of forty years. He was also a deacon and member of Sonora Baptist Church for twelve years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kermit Lodge number 1258, in Mitchell Lodge number 653, and in Hayrick Lodge number 696. He served on the San Angelo Saddle Club and was a volunteer EMT for ten years.

John lived a life of service and dedicated himself to his country, community, and God. He cherished his family and adored his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy. He had a deep passion for hunting and fishing and found great joy in watching his daughters ride and perform on horses. He was a true outdoorsman, and his love for nature was evident in all he did. John will forever be missed

by all who knew and loved him.

John was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Judith Ophelia Carver McDaniel.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of fifty years, Shelia Carver; daughter, Kim Cassidy and husband Kevin; daughter, Krystal Murphy and husband Randy; grandchildren, McKenzie Hooper and husband Tanner, Kayden Cassidy, Allison Murphy, and Kyndall Cassidy; great-granddaughter, Tenzleigh Hooper; siblings, Butch Carver and wife Donna, Harold Carver and wife Diane, Jimmy Carver, Kathy Davis and husband John, Eddie Carver and wife Beverly, and Melinda Queen and husband Terry. In addition, he leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

Friends were invited to visit with the family on Sunday, November 5, 2023, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at Shaffer Funeral Home, located at 901 Austin, Robert Lee, Texas 76945. A funeral service was held the following day, Monday, November 6, 2023, at 10 am, at Robert Lee Baptist Church, 22 W 11th St., Robert Lee, Texas 76945, with Pastor Chris Walls and Pistol Hood officiating. Burial immediately followed at Robert Lee Cemetery.

Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers are Joe David Key, Darrell Pitcock, David McKelroy, Tony Renfro, Randy Murphy, Kevin Cassidy, Clifton Wooton, and Matthew Millican. Honorary pallbearers are Kayden and Kyndall Cassidy, Tanner Hooper, Tim and Scot Millican, Danny McBride, Mike Bagwell, Thurman Morrow, Harry Mitchell, Larry Thompson, and Corey Haass.

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# Death Notices

## Roberts

Norman Dean Roberts, 87, of Coahoma, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Visitation was from 5 pm to 6:30 pm, Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at Myers & Smith Chapel, Friday at 10 am with interment in

Fairview Cemetery, Bronte, Texas.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheri Whitten (Danny Dishman); son, Gary Roberts and his wife Kim; daughter-in-law, Shanna Roberts; four grandchildren, Stephen, Lance, Kali, and Corey; ten great-grandchildren, Tres, Justin, Payton, Andrew, Laney, Lane, Hayden, Boone, Huxton, and Terryn Jo; two great-great-grandchildren, Judge and McKinsley; extended family members and numerous friends.

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### 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

#### 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

#### Bronte Methodist Church

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

#### 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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