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# **Obituaries**



#### Harper

Dorothy Inez Harper, 93, of Robert Lee passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

Inez was born September 23, 1929, to Coke County pioneers, Thomas R. and Amanda Sparks Harmon. She was the youngest child, along with a twin brother, Cortez "Bud" Harmon, in a family with eight other brothers and a sister. Inez grew up on a farm west of Robert Lee in the Paint Creek community picking cotton by hand and playing on Paint Creek. She attended the rural Paint Creek School, literally walking to school through rain and snow, grades one through three. She then transferred to the Robert Lee School, graduating in 1947.

Inez is survived by her brother, Randle Harmon, and wife, Mary Ann; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Harmon and Olean Strickland; children, Suzann Burns Johnson and husband Richard, Bill Burns and wife Linda, Doug Burns and wife Marlane, Sid Burns and wife Harper.

She was "Mammaw" to 24 wonderful grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and was "Aunt Sissie" to many nieces and nephews.

Inez served as Coke County Treasure from January 1963 to March of 1966 before moving to Linden, Texas. There she served as a worker volunteer in the Linden Municipal Hospital Auxiliary. Her hobbies were ceramic painting and assisting the elderly with transportation and other needs. Inez was an amazing homemaker who loved cooking and was known for her "world famous" fried chicken, "Sunday roast" dinners, and "fought over" cream pies. Inez loved flowers of all kind, enjoyed birds, and welcomed all visitors.

Inez was a remarkable woman of faith. Her faith life began in the 125-year old Pecan Baptist Church in west Coke County. Her long life was lived with a deep and abiding faith enabling her to "carry her cross" through many difficult times. She had a servant's heart, "preaching" the Gospel, not so much in words, but most effectively through her self-giving and selfless service to others. She was loved and loved all unconditionally. Her children are thankful for her faith example.

"Her children rise up and call her blessed". (Proverbs 31:28)



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The children wish to thank the wonderful staff of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center and Concho Hearts Hospice for their most loving, compassionate and dedicated care of our precious mother.

Visitation was from 9 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, June 6, at Shaffer Funeral Home in Robert Lee, Texas, with family present from 5 pm to 7 pm. Funeral services by Reverend John Rogers at Robert Lee Baptist Church was on Wednesday, June 7 at 2 pm. Burial followed at Paint Creek Cemetery at Edith, Texas, eight miles west of Robert Lee.

Online condolences can be made at www.shafferpioneer.com. <u>49-1tc</u>

# Death **Notices**

#### Basquez

Beatrice M. Basquez passed away into Eternal Rest on June 3, 2023.

Beatrice is survived by one sister, Frances (Pascual) Rios; three daughters, Mary (Coleman) Wilcox, Pauline (John) Balderas, and Virginia Basquez; and son, Joe (Anna) Basquez. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Melissa (Louis) Salazar, Sarah (Brian) Williamson, Lauren (Josh) Rastetter, and Jonathan and her great-Basquez; grandchildren, Brandon Salazar, Aiden Salazar, Layla Rastetter, Jade Rastetter; and Riley the cat.

Visitation was held at St. James Catholic Church from 5 to 7 pm, followed by the rosary at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

The funeral Mass was held at St. James Catholic Church at 10 am, Wednesday, June 7, 2023, followed by burial at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.



## WCCHD board meeting minutes told

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session May 30, 2023, in the Board Conference Room.

President Beverly Burdett called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, declared a quorum was present, and Roger Alexander gave the invocation. Board members present were Betty Lewis, Roma McCarley, Pat Stephens and Noel Tinkler. Houston McGuire, Administrator, Chris Martin Consultant, Lyza Frasco, Account Manager for QIPP program, Roger Alexander, Consultant, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. There were no visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and absentee Pat Stephens was excused from that meeting. The administrator gave the staffing report, stating the facility is still needing a speech therapist.

The census stands at 36 as of the meeting date.

Accounts receivable were discussed in depth and the DSO stands at 34. The financial statements were also discussed and accepted.

The Administrator gave his report.

The process has begun for RLCC to become VA certified. There has been one bid from

By Pat Stephens ASG on the air condition/ heating changeover.

> The Admin reported on OIPP/OUAI and the OUIPP transfer of funds.Chris Martin discussed in depth the logistics of future OUIPP transactions.

> Cross HealthCare continues to be very beneficial for the facility, Danco Electrical is still waiting until a new generator can be acquired in order to complete the electrical repairs and renovations to the facility. The waiting list is long for the type generator needed for this project.

Work continues by Crosscut Landscaping on the area around the facility.

The need for better outdoor lighting was discussed and ideas exchanged.

Demolition work on the property across the street from the Care Center has been completed and the Board authorized Houston to facilitate the purchase of an adjoining lot. Grace Media is working on the new website for RLCC.

Board members retaining their status were sworn into office by Janie Munoz, Notary Public, and the officers of the Board remain the same by acclamation.

The Board voted to continue using Robert Lee State Bank as the depository of record and the Observer/ Enterprise as the newspaper of record.

Future agenda items were

### Area Churches Invite You to Worship

<u>Bronte</u> 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<sup>2</sup> - 8 pm Children and Youth Bronte Methodist Church Corner of Washington & Holmes Bronte • (325) 650-4836 Pastor Keith Fletcher 10:00 am Sunday School Sun. 11:00 am Worship St. James Catholic Church 215 N. Washington, Bronte (325) 365-2687 Rev. Timothy Hayter, Pastor Sunday Bilingual Mass 8 am

**<u>Robert Lee</u>** 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 Študy 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

PO Box 508

Northside Church of Christ

Cookie (deceased), and Ernest Burns and wife Linda, all of Robert Lee. Inez is also survived by Linda Davis Jones and husband Horace of Hughes Susan Davis Springs, Vloedman and husband Wally of Linden, Steve Hamm and wife Karen of Kildare, Ronnie Hamm and wife Jena, of Lake of the Pines, Joe Harper and wife Pam of Midland, and daughter-in-law, Jerita Harper of Midland.

Preceding Inez in death were daughters-in-law, Cookie Hinnard Burns and Debra Davis Rhinehart, and husband Dennis; and son, Johnny



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9th & Chadbourne • Robert Lee (325) 453-2685, (325) 763-2118 or (325) 473-1053 Services: Sun. 10 am **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic** 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 & 7 pm, Worship 7 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