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always called Coke County home. Idamae worked for a number of years at the bank in Bronte. Always active in church, Idamae served at a teacher for the ladies and for the children, as well as in other capacities. Always wanting to help and benefit others, Idamae donated her body to science, as did her husband.

Idamae was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Pete; brother, Charles; sisters, Alice and Lucille, great-grandson, Eli; and daughter-in-law, Carrie Ann.

She is survived by sons, Stephen, Dale and wife, Martha, and Philip; six grandchildren, Paige and husband Jeremy, Jami and husband Wes, Cortney and husband Andrew, Jodi and husband Jason, Hagan and wife Holly, Chris and wife Danielle; and nine great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held July 27, 2024, at 9:30 am at Friendship Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas. The service will be led by her three sons.

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## Death Notices

### Oleksiuk

Steve Oleksiuk III unexpectedly passed away on July 16, 2024, in Anchorage, Alaska, while on vacation.

He is survived by his son, Steve (Stevie) Oleksiuk IV and his wife Dallas; daughters Stacy Kelton and her husband Shane; and youngest son, Starsky Oleksiuk and his wife, Erin. Steve's grandchildren include Chelsey Oleksiuk, Kyle Kelton, Kourtney Kelton, Trace Oleksiuk, Steve (Tiggs) Oleksiuk V, Presley Oleksiuk, Avary Oleksiuk, Brooklyn Oleksiuk, and Lane Oleksiuk. He is also survived by his two great-grandchildren, Holden and Collins Oleksiuk. Bonus children include Lee and his wife Paula, Lynn Sonnenberg, Jerry Willeford and Silas, Sadie,

Jeff Gladden and grandchildren Samantha, Jackson, and Graham Gladden; her mother, Jane Luby Cumbie, sisters, Susan Cumbie Williams (Paul), Dawn Cumbie Burwick, and Shelley Cumbie; along with many Cumbie and Luby cousins, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services were on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 10 am at Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo. Burial followed at noon at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

### Gladden

Linda Cumbie Gladden gained her Angel wings on July 14, 2024.

She is survived by her loving husband, Pat; son, Jerrod Gladden and grandchildren, Taylor and Alexis Gladden and Lauren and Ava Saucedo; son,

# UPCOMINGS!

## Tom Sawyer Jr. Memorial set for September 21

The 3rd Annual Tom Sawyer Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 21, at Mountain Creek Golf Course in Robert Lee. The tournament will begin at 8 am and lunch will be provided. If you have your own cart, please bring it as the golf course has limited carts available.

To register, fill out the form online at <https://forms.gle/eWPgrLa4zMkb7Fw69>.

## Kid Fish Event slated for October 19

The third annual Bronte Kid Fish event is set for Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 8 am to 12 noon at Lake Knierim (Old City Lake) in Bronte. Bait, tackle, and lunch/snacks/drinks will be provided. This event is provided for children up to age sixteen (16) in Coke and surrounding counties. No fishing license is required for children under the age of seventeen. Parents are highly encouraged to attend with children. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with rigging tackle,

## 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

#### Robert Lee

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

## Obituaries



### Tounget

Charlotte Tounget, 84, of Bronte, Texas, passed away at home with family by her side on July 16, 2024.

She was born April 20, 1940, in Slaton, Texas, to Thurlow Ferguson and Norma (Robertson) Ferguson and was the middle of two sisters.

Charlotte grew up in Slaton and moved to San Angelo for her senior year of high school. On her final day of high school, she went on a blind date where she ended up meeting the love of her life, Billy Tounget. Billy and Charlotte married on January 1, 1959, and were happily married for 57 years. They lived in San Angelo, where their two children, Doug and Jann, were born. In 1973, Billy bought a house and farm in Bronte, and they lived there for the rest of their lives. She didn't know she was a country girl, but Charlotte treasured her farm life with Billy and the cows. She worked at Bronte Elementary School, where she loved her job as librarian, having a passion for reading since she was a little girl. She enjoyed being surrounded by books and listening to children read until her retirement.

Charlotte was lovingly called "Mimi" and loved to talk about her faith in Jesus Christ, spend time with her family, make and eat chocolate desserts, and work in her yard, especially pulling weeds. Always humble, she happily served others behind the scenes.

As a young girl, Charlotte professed her faith in Jesus Christ and lived her life loving Him. She was a member of

First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Survivors include son, Doug Tounget and wife Dawn of Bronte, Texas; daughter, Jann Countess and husband Chad of San Angelo, Texas; nine grandchildren, Chelsea and Clay Taylor, Cambri and Bryce Short, Carson Kelso, Ali Ellis, Madelyn and Zach Sandefur, Logan and Davis Matschek, Audrey, Elise, and Abigail Countess; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Lynora and Al Bowers of Canyon Lake; brother-in-law Ricky Tounget of San Angelo; many nieces and nephews; and her sweet dog, Dolly.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Tounget; mother and father, Thurlow and Norma Ferguson; and sister and brother-in-law LaRue and Cecil Hart.

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### Patterson

Idamae Patterson was born to Rupert and Ida Harlan on December 18, 1932, in Selma California. She passed from this life on April 20, 2024, in Tyler, Texas.

Idamae spent most of her growing up years around the community of Blue Ridge, Falls County, Texas. Idamae married M.E. (Pete) Patterson on August 15, 1952. To this union were born three sons, Stephen, Dale, and Philip. With Pete being in pastoral ministry, the family lived in a number of places, but

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