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# Death Notices

## McLaughlin

Martha "Sue" McLaughlin, 69, of Odessa, passed away on Monday, September 18, 2023 surrounded by her loved ones.

Those left to cherish her love and memory are her loving husband, Philip McLaughlin; her children, Lisa (Gary) Vieth, Chris (Jennifer) Stout, Kristi (Shay) Cowen; grandchildren, Lauren Vieth, Caleb Vieth, Jacob (Kristen) Vieth, Brooklyn (Tyce) Talbott, Emily Cowen and Aubrey Cowen; siblings, Margaret Steinmetz, Alice (Larry) Harkins, Ron (Sarah) McVay; and many nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, evening from 5 pm - 9 pm. Funeral services were at 10 am, Thursday, September 21, 2023, at First Baptist Church Odessa, officiated by Pastors James McCrary and Chris Hager. Interment was at 3 pm at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas.

# Obituaries

## Yocham

Modene "Dene" Yocham, 83, of Houston, Texas, passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 17, 2023.

Born on May 31, 1941, in Bronte, Texas, Modene was a beloved mother, grandmother, and sister. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Modene had a deep appreciation for beauty and art, which she expressed through her many paintings that will serve as a lasting testament to her talent. She was also a gifted pianist and artist, and her musical abilities extended to playing the violin as well. Modene's love for music and her devotion to her faith led her to serve as the pianist for various congregations throughout her life.

A 5th generation resident of Coke County, Modene attended Bronte ISD High School Class of 1959. She was deeply rooted in her community.

Modene was preceded in

and 11 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Laura Fountain, Charles McGuire (Carolyn), and Mary Ellen Brazeal (Kerry). Modene was preceded in death by her former spouses, Will Hail and Jim Yocham.

A graveside service will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas. The date and time of the service will be announced at a later date.

In the presence of Modene "Dene" Yocham, we witnessed the embodiment of strength, love, and faith. Her memory will forever be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing her. As we bid farewell to Modene, let us find solace in the knowledge that she is now at peace, rejoicing in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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# UPCOMINGS!

## Youth Ministry to be held every Wednesday

The Coke County Youth Ministry is holding gatherings each Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm at the Rec Hall in Robert Lee. The event will include great food, amazing testimonies, uplifting praise and worship, transformational bible studies, and fun activities.

For more information, call/text Amber Bosworth at (325) 450-3005 or Inga Elliott at (325) 453-1137.

## Kid Fish set for October 21

The 2nd annual Kid Fish event is slated for Saturday, October 21, from 7 am until 12 noon at Lake Knierim (Bronte

Lake). Tackle, bait, and lunch will be provided. The free event is open to all kids 17 years of age or younger.

## Fall Family Crusade set for October 27 - 29

Victory Assembly of God will host a Fall Family Crusade Friday, October 27 through Sunday, October 29. Services will be held at the City Park Pavilion in Robert Lee at 7 pm each evening.

## RLVFD fundraiser to be held October 28

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 12 noon. Plates including brisket/Mikulik sausage, red beans, and potato salad will be sold.

## Coke County Retired Teachers meeting held

The Coke County Retired Teachers (CCRTA) met on Monday, September 19, at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for their regular noon business meeting and potluck lunch.

A discussion was held concerning the 14 Amendments to the Texas Constitution. Of critical importance to retired teachers of Texas is Amendment 9, which will release funds already set aside from the

surplus funds for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). A COLA has not occurred for retired teachers since 2004 despite the rates of inflation since then.

Amendment 9 will not create a tax increase. The Texas Legislature needs voter approval to release the funds to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) to provide a COLA to retired teachers.

Most Texas teachers do not receive Social Security benefits. Retired teacher pensions come only from the Teacher Retirement System.

Texas retired teachers spend their pensions locally and continue to serve their communities well after retirement; especially in rural areas where they serve on local committees, support the churches and businesses, care for their families and friends.

A YES vote on Amendment 9 will allow the release of funds already in hand for a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and so will create no new taxes. The YES vote will be appreciated by retired teachers who have not received an adjustment in almost 20 years in spite of the rates of inflation.

The next meeting of the CCRTA will be Monday, October 16 at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend for a good meal, information, and fellowship.

## Robert Lee Cemetery Memorials

**Fred Lane and Alice Beaty**

George Ann Crowder

**Dale Brown**

Marsha Porter

**John Brown**

Marsha Porter

**Lillian Caraway**

Jimmy Caraway

**Mike H. Havins**

Stewart and Michaela Nelson

**JG "Huff" Hufstedler**

Jo An. Hufstedler

**Howard and Barbic Lawrence**

Judy Lusby

**Kreg Lusby**

Judy Lusby

**Larry Lusby**

Judy Lusby

**McDonald Family**

Jo A. Hufstedler

**Jerild and Lena Roe Family**

Sheila and David Hooper

**Stephen Doughty Scott**

Jo A. Hufstedler

**WT and Gertrude Scott**

Donald Scott

**US Veterans**

Shree and BC Hardin

**Ronda and Victor Wojtek**

Monty and Vicki Trimble

Rinda Wojtek



## The Society of the Microwave

By James M. Decker

If you're of a certain age (my age or older) and spent much time watching 1990s cable television, you probably remember the television ads for

# 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

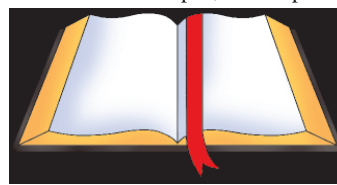
Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy

(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. 10 am Sunday School

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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