



Bobby Gene Baldwin

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A celebration of the life of Bob Baldwin, 74, of Longview, will be held at 1 PM, Thursday, February 26, 2009, in the Sanctuary of Oakland Heights Baptist Church, 1600 Judson Road, Longview, Texas, with Pastor Tom Roberson and Bro. Jack Fritts officiating. Burial will follow at 3:30 PM in Hill Crest Memorial Park, 501 Highway 80 East, Bossier City, Louisiana, There will be a visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 PM Wednesday, February 25, at Rader Funeral Home, 1617 Judson Road, Longview, Texas

Bobby Gene Baldwin was born in Bastrop, Louisiana on July 5, 1934 to Louis and Norma Baldwin, but after her remarriage, Roy Walsworth became his father. Bob passed away in a Hospice center on Monday, February 23, 2009, with his wife at his bedside. He had suffered from complications of heart disease and Parkinson's. Bob has been a resident of Longview since 1975 after coming from Springhill, Louisiana, He was a graduate of Springhill High School as president of the Class of 1953. He then attended Southern State College in Magnolia, Arkansas, Mr. Baldwin had been very involved throughout the years in a great number of safety issues and levels having been certified in Rescue, Arson Investigation, Red Cross Multi Media Instructor, Tennessee Eastman Contractor Safety, Coastal Bend Safety Council, Houston Safety Council and the ABC Safety Council. Bob was a Certified Professional Trainer in Asbestos and Lead Abatement from 1984-1995 and held a state license in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Illinois. He also was federal government Asbestos Contractor/Supervisor.

Mr. Baldwin proudly served his country in the U. S. Army from 1957-1962 and received an honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant. He was employed by International Paper Company and then Arizona Chemical Company. From 1975-1981, he worked for Crystal Oil Company, Longview Refining Company Division holding the titles of Process and Maintenance Forman, Maintenance



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Superintendent, Project Engineer and Assist Refinery Manager. He helped Merico Abatement, Inc. and Gregg Industrial Insulators in the development of its asbestos abatement program. From 1988-1995, Bob was employed by Brock Enterprises, Inc./Service Environmental Company holding many positions. He then became a Training Instructor part-time for Enviro-Con, Inc. in Houston.

Bob loved his church and his men's Sunday School Class where he was a member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church. He had served as Chairman, Buildings and Grounds committee and also served on the Kitchen Committee for several years. He loved working with the children in Vacation Bible School. Some may remember his warm smile and handshake as he served as Greeter for those who entered to attend Sunday School. Bob was also a volunteer for Longview Community Ministries and was a sub for Meal on Wheels in the past years.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He was particularly an A golfer and received many trophies throughout the years. So many his wife began to store some of them in the attic. Among his prized trophies are the ones in which he won while playing with his grandsons. He enjoyed deer hunting for many years, especially with his step-father and other family members. He enjoyed working in his shop, building blue bird houses, bird feeders and planters, just to name a few.

Bob was a member of the Civil Air Patrol where he helped coordinate many search and rescue missions as well as participate with the actual rescue mission itself and was credited for locating the downed plane.

Those left to treasure his memory are his beloved and devoted wife of nearly 31 years, Janiece Nichols Baldwin of Longview; daughters, Barbara McLawchlin of Monroe, Louisiana, Vanessa Scott and husband Bruce, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Angela King and husband, Jody of LaPlace, Louisiana; and one son, James of Longview. His grandchildren whom he loved very much; grandsons, Brian McLawchlin of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1st Lt. Aaron McKenzie, who proudly serves our country, stationed in Iraq and his wife, Lesli of Longview, Joey Dawes of Corpus Christi, Texas; Granddaughters, Kristi and her husband, Michael of Monroe, Louisiana, and Briana Baldwin of Longview; Great-Grandsons, Hunter Hudgens and his "Big Boy" Kade McKenzie, 22 months old and the light of his life, who gave him



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purpose these last months. Also left to treasure his memory is his dear brother, Terry Baldwin of Rogers, Arkansas; favorite uncle, Ray Whittington of Springhill, Louisiana; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Gay and husband, Charles and Marie Keith of Longview; a step-sister-in-law, Darlyn Jones, also of Longview. He also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

Those who preceded his in death are: his parents, a brother, Larry Baldwin and a sister, Eleanor Boots Butler.

Those serving as pallbearers are, Dickie Allen, Buck Fellows, Eddie Gibson, Ralph Greening, Derrell Murphy and Larry Risinger.

The family wishes to thank his doctors who have taken excellent care of him for many years; Dr. Ronald Scott, Dr. William Perkins and Dr. Michael Morris. We also thank Good Shepherd Medical Center and all those involved with his hospice care during his very short stay at Beacon Hospice at Margaret's House.

It was his great desire to close his eyes and then open them to the bright lights surrounding the full Glory of God.

My darling husband, I am confident you have not been disappointed.



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Anonymous posted:

Janiece, It was so good to see you recently. I hate that I was not aware of your loss. I know that you will cherish the wonderful times and the memories you created with your loving Bob. May they comfort you in the coming days. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Arlee Small##imported-end##

October 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##atkinson##imported-end##

March 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Janiece & family, We were so sorry to learn of Bob's death. Jane Tidwell sent me an email. We just got home today after being in S. TX for the last 2 months. Our hearts & prayers go out to you at this time. I know it was so hard to let go & you will miss him terribly, but you know that he is in the presence of our Lord & Savior. You know he will be waiting to welcome you when your time here on earth is done. I am so glad we got to renew our friendship through the class reunions & it has truly been a pleasure to get to know you. Bob was such a sweet friend to everyone. As you know, he was special & will be greatly missed. Love & prayers. Barbara & Marvin##imported-begin##Marvin & Barbara Lee##imported-end##

February 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

One of the great pleasures of the planning for our class reunions was the opportunity of getting to know Bob. I will always be grateful for that experience. May the Lord's loving presence today keep you close to His heart. "Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord." I Tim. 1:2##imported-begin##Carolyn & Don Vardeman##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with you during this time of loss. Carol and I were class mates at SHS. Our memories of Bobby are still the quite wonderful friend he was. May God fill your void and provide for your every need.##imported-begin##John G. Alley and Carol##imported-end##

February 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece, my sincere condolences on your loss. may God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Larry Baxley##imported-end##

February 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

"Aunt" Angela, Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. We are not able to be with you today but know we are thinking about you. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time. With much love, Danny, Elizabeth & Calleigh##imported-begin##Danny, Elizabeth & Calleigh King##imported-end##

February 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

As Springhill graduates also and knowing Bobby our thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Jim and Jackie Barber##imported-end##

February 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece & Family, I'm so sorry to hear about your dear husband. Our prayers & thoughts are with you. Take care.##imported-begin##Mike & Linda Phillips##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Janiece, I was so sorry to hear that Bob lost that battle. But, we know he is in glory and will wait on you to get there. My prayers are with you. This is probably the hardest thing you will ever have to do, let him go. But, God will see you through this - just keep looking up. You won't ever stop missing him - but you just have to remember you will meet again. If you need to talk, anytime - you know where I am! Anita###imported-begin##Anita Smith###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece, Memories will carry you forward but you're in my thoughts and prayers today.###imported-begin##Lyn Fuller###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece, it was wonderful to get to see you again and to meet Bob. I will never forget his sweet smile. God is with you and yours and Bob is whole again. What an awesome blessing!###imported-begin##Marilyn Carrell Martin###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Janiece, Kevin and I send our prayers and trust God will hold your heart in His hand to help you through this painful loss. Our most sincere condolences, Love, Carla and Kevin###imported-begin##Carla Jean Marshall Azzouz###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece, Helen and I have you and your family in our prayers through this time. We know that you trust God in all things and you can trust Him to hold you up now. Bill and Helen Allison###imported-begin##Bill Allison###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Janiece, I was so saddened for you when I heard about Bob. He faught a long hard battle and we know that he is well and strong now. You will have a tough time but God and your friends will help you through. My prayers are with you and know that you can call on me anytime. Love Shirley###imported-begin##Shirley King###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece and family--so sorry to hear of Bob's passing.He was truly a fine man.My houghts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.###imported-begin##Brad Watkins###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece & Family, I'm so sorry to hear about Bob. He may have lost the battle here on earth but what a victory he has won being with Jesus. May our wonderful Lord and Savior comfort you in your time of loss. Uplifting you in our prayers.###imported-begin##Jalena Branch###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you!###imported-begin##mike choate###imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sophie and I would like to express our sympathy for the loss of Bob to not only your family, but to our church family. His gracious smile and hand shake will always be remembered and missed. Our prayers are with you and your family.David & Sophie Alston###imported-begin##David Alston###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Janiece, please know that we love you and remember with fondness the hard, loving work you did on Bob's class reunions. Though we did not often see you, we never thought of Bobby without thinking of you. We will never forget you.##imported-begin##Jane & James Tidwell##imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Janiece.....Mr B's warm welcome and handshake will be greatly missedour thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Melanie Pirtle##imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Janiece,We were so sorry to hear about Bob. We know he has been ill for sometime but there is never an easy way to say good-bye. I know he is rejoicing in heaven and enjoying being with his Lord and Savior.We have such wonderful memories living next door to you. My how time flies!!! You and Bob have always been very special to us.We love you.Susan and Mike McCracken##imported-begin##susan and mike mccracken##imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Gabrielle, Trinity and I send our condolences. We were sad to hear of Poppy's passing. He was always very good to the girls and I.##imported-begin##Wensdi##imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marion and I express our sympathy and prayers to you and your family during this time. We will miss Bob's smile and warm personality at OHBC.Marion & Linda Fowler##imported-begin##Linda Fowler##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Karen Floyd, Josh, Jessica ##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We are saddened to hear of Bobby's passing. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pam & Wyman Jr##imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

With love and prayers, David and Bobbie##imported-begin##Bobbie and David Ash##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Stacey Jones @ Longview Cardiology Clinic##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We shall always cherish our good times together at the class reunions. We will really miss Bobby.##imported-begin##Durward and Elizabeth Tripp##imported-end##

February 24 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Michael & I are so sorry for your loss. Bob will be truly missed. He was a very special man and meant so much to so many!##imported-begin##Michael & Chanyce Wells##imported-end##

February 23 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Janiece, Sid and I were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We were privileged to meet him at our reunion. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers. God's loving arms are around you and Bob is in Glory with our Lord. Love, Linda and Sid Peterson##imported-begin##Linda Gilmore Peterson##imported-end##

February 23 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bobby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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