



# Evelyn Blalock

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### **E**velyn Blalock

Funeral services for Evelyn Blalock, 72, of Lake Cherokee will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview with Tim Whedbee officiating. Private interment will be in Hallsville Cemetery. She passed away Saturday, June 4, at Beacon Hospice at Margaret's House in Longview.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service at the funeral home. Evelyn was born September 5, 1938 in Hallsville to Hulon Leslie Blalock, Sr. and Pauline Knight Blalock and was a lifetime resident of the area. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hallsville and a member of the Eastern Star. Evelyn received her master of education degree from East Texas State University in Commerce and enjoyed a lengthy teaching and coaching career.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Those left to cherish her memory are her brother, Hulon Leslie Blalock, Jr. and wife Sharron and their daughter Stephanie Richardson and husband Aaron and their son Henry; sister, Paula Parker and husband Keith, and their son Casey Joe Parker and daughter Nicole Parker and her son Blaine; and special friend and travel companion Anita Fennell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice at Margaret's House, 5016 Gilmer Rd., Longview, TX 75604.



## Tribute Wall

**Evelyn Blalock**

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**Anonymous** posted:

Lucky, We were so sad to hear about Evelyn's illness and her death. We loved reading all the tributes to her in the guestbook. She was a wonderful person and a treasured friend & coach to many. We just wanted you to know that we are thinking of you today. Love, Arville and Shelia##imported-begin##Arville & Shelia Earl##imported-end##

June 19 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I just read today of Coach Blalock's passing. It is with a heavy heart that I sit here typing this message. However, it is with a joyous heart that I sit here remembering her and all that she did for me. I was just a young man when I met Coach Blalock. We met in the counselors office when I was changing my major at Kilgore College. She asked me to be the manager for the girls basketball team, and I accepted. I spent the next two years working closely and learning vigorously with Coach. She is one of the main reasons I am a coach today. Thank you Coach, I know you will be missed by all. For the family and friends, know that Coach touched many lives and that through God you will find peace that only He can give.##imported-begin##Jamie Skelton##imported-end##

June 8 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Coach Blalock, You were an inspiration to many..May God continue to bless your family in this trying time, and may your legacy live through the players you have touched throughout the years. You will definitely live through me...May you R.I.P. Londie Britt Lady Ranger 1997##imported-begin##Yolanda Britt Marks##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our community has lost a very special lady. Sending our thoughts and prayers. J B and Lois##imported-begin##McCaleb##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Evelyn Blalock was the ultimate lady, teacher, coach, and friend. She had those special qualities that it takes to bring out the best in people. Just being around her would make me feel so good about myself and the world around me. She was my teacher at Kilgore College, and later a friend and golfing buddy. I know she is in a wonderful place, surrounded by those who love her, as we all do. Deepest sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Gwyndyl Carwile Fenton##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

An outstanding coach and an even better person. You touched a tremendous amount of lives and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##George Whitley##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Paula and family, My memories of Evelyn are so wonderful. She was my tennis teacher at Kilgore many moons ago. She was such a passionate person about her life and career. She is a legacy and I feel very fortunate to have had her as a teacher but most of all a friend. My prayers are with you all. Sherry##imported-begin##Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sincere condolences to Evelyn's family and friends.##imported-begin##Jan Greene Bierwirth##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Paula, you were so fortunate to have such a wonderful sister. She really lived her life and that is a great example to the rest of us. I know you miss her terribly but heaven is richer because she is there. LUV, Kendall & Dale##imported-begin##Kendall Harper##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Coach Blalock will forever be remembered in my family. She was not only my "Coach" on the court - she was a mentor, friend and yes, a "mother" off the court. The greatest gift an athlete can receive from a coach is the guidance and direction to achieve ones full potential. What a wonderful gift being able to discover you have more to give within yourself than you ever thought possible. I was fortunate to be one of the many recipients of this treasured gift given by Evelyn. My prayers and wonderful memories are with your family and the "Lady Ranger" family. Marsha Morneau-Phillips Class of 1986 Kilgore J.C. Lady Ranger###imported-begin###Marsha Morneau-Phillips###imported-end###

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

It is my prayer that God will give you strength during this time of sorrow. My Lord has a Word for every heartache; the Divine Physician has a touch for every wounded spirit; my Blessed Savior has a comfort for every tear. Evelyn was a wonderful individual who touched the lives of countless people. How fortunate we were to be able to touch shoulders with her!###imported-begin###Larry W. Osborne###imported-end###

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lucky, I was so sorry to hear of Evelyn's passing. She loved you very much as well as Paula, Honey and your Mom. She was devoted to teaching and making things better for all in need. I hope that you and your family will find peace, love and comfort in the days to follow and know that she is in a better place and is now free of pain. God Bless you all & Keep you Always. Kim###imported-begin###Kamilla Kim Downs###imported-end###

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

EVELYN BLALOCK Two words that stand for so much for so many people! What an inspiration she was to all who came in contact with her. She will be forever remembered, always loved, and always in our hearts! May God be with her family and friends during this difficult time. Love and Prayers###imported-begin###Dawn Miller###imported-end###

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**Anonymous** posted:

Another great win for a great coach. Cancer held no power over her because she simply would not allow it...Godspeed Coach. You earned it.##imported-begin##Clay Whittenberg##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Coach Blalock played a major part in my life both on and off the court. She helped mold me into the woman that I am today. I am so sorry for the loss that so many of us feel, especially her family. Thanks for all the memories Coach EB!!!! I love you! Gone but NEVER forgotten!!!!##imported-begin##Nanci Johnson Dixon##imported-end##

June 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Lucky, we love you and are praying for you and the family. Our love and sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Alan & Layla Earl##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy is sent to the loved ones of Evelyn Blalock. I will remember Evelyn. While attending Kilgore College, those of us who commuted from Marshall and Hallsville to the campus in Kilgore, would congregate school mornings on the corner just down from her father's dry cleaning shop in Hallsville. There we would wait for the KC bus that would take us to the campus. On the drive between Hallsville and Kilgore, when made five days a week, friendships - even casual but lasting friendships - are easily achieved. Over the decades, I followed Evelyn's career with interest, and was proud of her achievements. She put women's basketball "on the map" at KC, thus making her place in the college's annals of history. Evelyn was a lovely person. Her lively spirit and general air of congeniality was admired by her fellow collegians. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Betty Arnold Henderson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Deepest sympathy to Ms Blalock's family. She was my tennis instructor at Kilgore College, and was loved and admired by all. She will be missed. Carol S. Williams##imported-begin##Carol Stone Williams##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Though I didn't know Evelyn that well personally, my encounters were with a warm, compassionate person who loved life and gave it all she had. She was a blessing to all who met her. My heartfelt sympathy is extended to her family. May God comfort you as only He can.##imported-begin##Anne Rush##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was one of her many students at KJC - she taught me so much - she was a wonderful teacher.##imported-begin##Pat Turner##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Coach ! May your drives Hop and your putts drop! Jerry Winfrey##imported-begin##Jerry winfrey##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was saddened to read of Evelyn's passing. I fondly remember her family as I grew up next door to her parents. May God's hand touch you all with comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Jennifer Greer Bulloch##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Coach Blalock was a very special lady she gave all that she had to her students & players, this angel will be greatly missed. She always made sure her players were taken care of....we are going to miss you Coach. KC Lady Ranger 1992-1994##imported-begin##Cynthia Moore-Lewis #4##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

She was my PE teacher my freshman year at Kilgore. She was a class laday and the sports world will sadly miss her. She was true Kilgore Ranger from day one. God Bless her and her family.##imported-begin##Richard Pearson##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Please know that Coach Blalock was a wonderful lady who touched many young peoples lives. She encouraged so many of us to teach and coach and I'm sure that legacy will always continue. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I know that her being at peace now is somewhat of a condolence to you all. She will always be remembered by so many of us. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Shannon, "Class of 86', Kilgore Jr. College, former Lady Ranger"##imported-begin##Shannon L Davidson##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Coach Blalock was my coach throughout my high school basketball career at Spring Hill. She had one of the biggest hearts and a smile that would light up the room. She was very passionate about basketball but more importantly how basketball influenced and touched her players lives. She would always incorporate a life lesson in basketball when it pertained to attitude, motivation, and team work. It did not matter if the individual was stubborn or hardheaded she would do everything in her power to make that lesson known. I know she has touched my life drastically and without those lessons she taught me along the way the transition from high school to college would have been a rude awakening. She has touched so many lives in so many ways and anyone who knew her is blessed to have had her as a friend. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten.##imported-begin##Lauren Cope##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

My girls and I met Evelyn through her parents,Honey and Mrs Pauline. She was always so very sweet to my girls and I. She will be missed very much. A unique and talented person has left us.##imported-begin##Carol, Katie & Samantha Wilkinson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

It is hard to call you Aunt because, to me, you were always Coach. I will always love you and cherish each memory of you. May you have found the peace that you deserve.##imported-begin##Stephanie Richardson##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Life here was your "earthy" home, and now the heavens have called you to your final resting place!Keep watch over the ones who loved you dearly because you will be truly missed!##imported-begin##Angelia Crooks##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

To the best friend and Coach there will ever be. Thanks for everything. Would not be who I am to day with you.##imported-begin##Joey McReynolds##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I came to Kilgore, Texas in 1982 from Indianola, Mississippi to become a part of the KJC Men's Basketball team. Coach Blalock was like a mother to me. She would always tell me she just a phone call away. I had not seen Coach in about 10 years, until this past basketball season at her nephew's little dribblers game in Hallsville.I got the opportunity to let her know how much I loved and appreciated all she did for me. May God be with the Blalock family. You all are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Sylvester ##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

A great lady and a great coach. A very hard worker that cared about kids. We need more Coach Blalock's in the coaching profession.##imported-begin##Steve Gaddis##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Evelyn will be sorely missed and always remembered. I will miss seeing her smiling face and the many talks we shared. God called a special angel home and our prayers are with her family and friends.##imported-begin##Jeanne Lunsford##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Paula and Keith,Im so sorry to hear about Evelyn, She was an inspiration to alot of young women thru the years. I remember once during the summer, the boys were playing baseball and between games, she went and got a couple dozen ice cream bars and cold drinks for them. She will be missed by many, praying for your familyLisa##imported-begin##Lisa Fitzsimmons##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Coach,You will be missed. Thank you for the life lessons you taught me. Tenna Stringer KC 1982-83##imported-begin##Tenna Stringer##imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

She was a famous basketball coach, yes...but that's not how we knew her. We knew her as the reluctant high school cross country coach who initially refused to allow David to run "he can hold the stopwatch" she told us...and who ended up giving David her heart as she yelled at him to give her his. Coach, you opened the world of athleticism to David - No, you opened THE WORLD to him! - and you forever changed his life. He loved you so. You are in our hearts forevermore.We'll see you there...##imported-begin##Laura Buckner##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Keith, Paula & Nicole, I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Evelyn. Oh, but what beauty and peace she is experiencing this very moment. I ask our Lord to give you strength and courage to carry on. You will always have the many memories...hang on to those forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Love ya,###imported-begin##Laura Welch###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Coach Blalock was such an inspiration to everyone. We met her when she became the girls golf coach at Longview High School. Our daughter, Leigh Ann, was blessed to have been one of her students. We admired her immensely. We were so sorry to learn of her passing....we have lost a great lady. Please accept our deepest sympathy.###imported-begin## Charles & Marilyn LeBus###imported-end##

June 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With deepest sympathy to a special lady and her family that made such a difference in my life! Thanks for the memories. Love 'Yank'###imported-begin##Charyl Ann Palsha###imported-end##

June 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Paula and Family, We are holding you up in our prayers during this time of loss. Evelyn was one of the finest and most admired ladies we have ever known, and her legacy will live on through all the lives she touched in the classroom and throughout her coaching career. East Texas has lost one of its greatest influences on our youth, and a great void will be felt among her family and friends. May God be with you in the days ahead.###imported-begin##Diane & Merritt Johnson###imported-end##

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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