



# **Billy Jack Reeves**

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**F**uneral services for Billy Jack Reeves, 73, of Longview will be held at 2 PM Monday, January 16, 2012 at Oakland Heights Baptist Church with Reverend Kevin Bright officiating. Burial will follow in Rosewood Park. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Mr. Reeves passed away Friday morning in a local hospital after a long courageous battle with Parkinson's and cancer. The family will receive friends Sunday afternoon from 4-6 PM at the funeral home.

Billy Jack, the son of Otis and Ruby Reeves, was born on June 29, 1938 in Gladewater, TX where he grew up and graduated high school. He was also a graduate of East Texas State University. He played professional baseball for the Cincinnati Reds farm team. Mr. Reeves taught school and was a coach at Ware and Valley View Elementary. He worked at Texas Eastman and retired after thirty years of service. He was married to the love of his life, Joy Ann Morrow on June 17, 1967. He was a member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was an avid golfer, jokester, and loved his family and friends and enjoyed spending time with them.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 44 years, Joy Morrow Reeves; his daughters, Jill Reeves from Dallas, and Jan Morton and her husband Josh from Carbondale, Colorado; and other extended family and friends.

The family request that memorial contributions be sent to Oakland Heights Baptist Church Benevolence Fund at 1600 Judson Rd, Longview, TX 75601.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Truly sorry to hear of Billy Jack's passing. I attended Gladewater High School & played football with him. He will be missed!##imported-begin##James M. Tarpley##imported-end##

January 17 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Billy Jack will always be remembered with a smile. He was always someone to look "up" to when I was one of the "little kids" - he was larger than life and will be remembered that way. My love to you all.##imported-begin##Barbara Dale Brooking-Henderson##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joy, we were so sorry to hear about BJ he was really a fun person and we had a common interest about different places to eat, sure will miss him. Your friends from AK pool.##imported-begin##Hayne/Gayla Morrow##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Trey and Wendy Judy##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mike and I were sorry to hear about Billy Jack. Where did the time go? What a wonderful legacy he left at Oakland Heights, Gladewater, and Texas Eastman. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Jerri Purifoy##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Joy, I just read the news about Billy Jack and am so sorry. I remember our days riding to Sabine High School and teaching together. I have thought of you often. I send my love and condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##Carol Shelton##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Billy Jack at Eastman.He was one of only two people in the Industrial Relations dept that had integrity and kept his word of confidentiality when you talked to him. He is one of the few and will be missed by all.W.F. Martin, Jr.##imported-begin##William F. Martin, Jr.##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joy, Jill, Jan,Wanda and I offer our sympathy and prayers for you. We have all lost a good man husband, father and friend.We are so sorry that we could not attend the funeral. Wanda has been ill since returning home from surgery.We will see you when she is up and around.May God and friends help you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##John W. Allen##imported-end##

January 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of your loss! Billy Jack was a wonderful person - he will be missed. You are all in my heart and prayers!##imported-begin##Anita Smith##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Billy Jack was an old friend from the days of playing baseball and golf. We shared a moment or two in the sun that I will never forget.##imported-begin##Jack Butler##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I pray the lifetime of memories will be a comfort to you in your time of grief. Please accept my deepest sympathy and know you are in my prayers. Jim & Georgette  
Jim Campbell

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are very sorry to hear of your loss. When Billy Jack and I car pooled, I don't remember a single time when he was not upbeat and happy...he was a true friend, neighbor and co worker. You and your family will be in our prayers.  
Tom & Barbara Walker

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will miss him. He was so funny and always had a smile or a funny story, even in his most trying times. God bless you Joy, and your girls. He loved you so much. It was my pleasure to have known Billy. May he rest in peace...  
Teresa Johnson

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Billy Jack was in my older sister's class at Gladewater High School, but I also knew Billy Jack and was so sad to hear of his passing. His family will be in my prayers  
Brenda Stansell Konikowski

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Jan & Josh, and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.  
Mann Fuller

January 14 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Billy Jack was a special person, and I am fortunate to say that he was a friend and I have many great memories of him. May the Lord be with you and keep you during this time.##imported-begin##Wayne Dolive##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are sorry to hear of your loss. We will always remember him when we were playing basketball. Christi always enjoyed visiting at your house. He was a fine man!##imported-begin##Nelda Arnold Kindred##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Reeves--I am so sorry to hear of Mr Reeves death. He was always a favorite client of mine. I know that the last few years were trying for him and your family. It is so reassuring to remember that he now has a perfect body free from pain and suffering and I know that he is grinning. You and your family remember the good times for that would be his wish. He was always happy to talk about his family. May God bless.##imported-begin##Brenda K McAlister##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will never forget that Billy Jack gave me a chance at Texas Eastman, when he hired me in 1982, he changed my life. I will always remember what a good man he was.##imported-begin##Vernon T. Lewis##imported-end##

January 14 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Joy and Girls,As you know, Billy Jack and I go back a long way. I considered him my best friend. We grew up neighbors and were close friends and teammates at Gladewater. We played on the GHS baseball team of '55 that went undefeated in district play and won Bi-district. We "ate and slept" baseball together. It never got too cold or too hot to keep us from going outside and playing catch or batting the ball. I have so many fond memories of so many fun things he and Bobby Joe Leach and Emmanuel Turner and I used to do. His house was my "second home." The first TV I watched in the very early 50's was at their house. B.J.'s athletic ability was exceeded only by his great character. God bless you'll and may He give you His amazing grace to sustain you in this time of your loss. If there is baseball in Heaven, Billy Jack is playing! Grady Moore###imported-begin###Grady Moore###imported-end###

January 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'm so sorry to here about your loss. My prayers and thoughts will be with you. I also lost a great friend and buddy.###imported-begin###Bill B. Taylor###imported-end###

January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Joy, Jill and Jan,Your dad was a wonderful person. He could always make you laugh, no matter what. I still remember all the fun times we had in Florida. He will be missed by many. Prayers are with you all at this time.###imported-begin###Lynn and Mary Shivers###imported-end###

January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dearest Joy, Jan, and Jill,My heart grieves for you at the loss of your beloved husband and father. You will be in my prayers. I plan to see you on Monday."May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14  
NLT###imported-begin###Karol Edwards###imported-end###

January 13 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

When I think of Billy Jack, it brings back great memories of his warm smile and the way of making folks around him always feel welcome and comfortable. He will be missed by so many folks, but now his smile can spread sunshine in heaven! He was a bright spot no matter where, i.e., Texas Eastman, church, or walking the neighborhood where my mom, Betty Hays lived.##imported-begin##Judy Watson##imported-end##

January 13 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Joy,I am very sorry about Billy Jack. He was always so kind-hearted when I would help him in Albertson's and it was always a pleasure to assist both of you.My prayers are with you and your family at this time and I thank you for the many years of friendship.Ruth KayAlbertson's Grocery##imported-begin##Ruth Kay##imported-end##

January 13 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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