



# **Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012



Scan to Visit

*Rader*  
FUNERAL HOMES  
OF LONGVIEW AND HENDERSON

# Table of Contents

<b>Obituary</b> .....	Page 3
<b>Tribute Wall</b> .....	Page 6



## **Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012

### **B**illy Bob Reese

Funeral services for Billy Bob Reese of Longview will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Gum Springs Christian Church with Dr. Raymond Boulter, Jr. officiating. Interment will be in the Gum Springs Cemetery under the direction of Rader's Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 p.m. at Rader's on Friday, February 3, 2012. Mr. Reese died on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Billy Bob was born in Longview, Texas on September 21, 1924 to Charles L. and Jodie Cope Reese. He started school at the Gum Springs Community School, a two-room schoolhouse where he was taught by Ermine Kuykendall and Floyd Williamson. He attended Longview High for one year and then graduated from Hallsville High School in 1941.

After graduation, Billy Bob joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the 376th Heavy Bombardment Group. As an engineer gunner on a B-24 Liberator he was wounded on a bombing mission over Munich, Germany, June 9, 1944 and received the Purple Heart and other medals for his service to his country.

Upon his return to Longview, he went to work for John Kuykendall, General Contractor, as an apprentice carpenter. This family and their son, Weldon, were great friends and influenced his life in many ways. Since Billy Bob's mother and father had already passed away, the Kuykendall's, his Aunt Effie Grimes, and the Cole Roger's family shaped his life in the years ahead.

Billy Bob married Neva Nell Meadows in 1948 and they moved to the Gum Springs Community where they raised three children and lived for over sixty years. Nell was his true partner in business and life.



## Obituary

**Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012

---

After working for John Kuykendall and Shawnee Construction, Billy Bob started his own business, B.B. Reese Construction, in 1961 as a general contractor performing commercial construction, including numerous projects over the East Texas area. He was a member of the Associated General Contractors of America and served as President of the East Texas Chapter after serving many years as a board member. Among a few of the buildings he is proud to leave behind is the Lacy Oil Company Building, Trinity Episcopal Church and First State Bank of Hallsville, where he served as Bank Director for over thirty-one years.

During forty years of construction, he was proud of the work that he and his son, Bob Reese, did constructing many school buildings along with a new football stadium for the Hallsville Independent School District. He served as school board member of HISD for 27 years and as President of the board for 10 years. Billy Bob was awarded Distinguished Alumni of Hallsville High School in 1985. He served as former president of the Hallsville Area Chamber of Commerce, was the director and president of the Hallsville Lions Club, and a member of the Knights of Pythian, and was a member of the Hallsville "H" Association.

Billy Bob was active in the Hallsville Boy's Baseball Association serving as coach for many years. He enjoyed many years of hunting deer and quail on a lease out of Mason, Texas with his sons, Randall and Bob.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Gum Springs for nearly 60 years where he taught Sunday school, served as church treasurer, and Chairman of the Board. He was faithful to maintain the church's facilities and landscape.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Neva Nell Reese, parents, Charlie L. and Jodie Cope Reese, daughter, Kathryn Reese Bourland, and brothers, Charles Reese and Frank Sonny Reese.

He is survived by a sister, JoAnn Mickle of Garland, Texas; his son, Randall Reese and wife, Debbie, of Longview; and his son, Bob Reese, of Hallsville. Pop leaves behind four granddaughters, Devin Mikhail and husband, Karim, of Atlanta, GA.; Rachael McClurg and husband, Kevin, of Chicago, IL; Brooke Hailey of Longview; and Lauren Jewett and husband, Scott, of Raleigh, NC. His precious great granddaughters, Addison Hailey and Paisley Sams, brought a smile to his face.



## Obituary

**Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012

---

The family would like to thank Frankie Bryan, his office manager and personal assistant. Her dedication and integrity was a great asset to the B.B. Reese Construction business. The family also thanks caregivers: Brenda Dupler, Tanya Wallace, Jolene Jennings, and Sherry Morgan of Senior Care Registry, as well as Texas Home Health Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, family asks that memorials be made to the Gum Springs Christian Church, 2250 Gum Springs Road, Longview, Texas, 75602 .



## Tribute Wall

**Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Reese family, We are so sorry for the loss of Billy Bob. He and Neil were very kind and good neighbors. Our prayers are with you. ##imported-begin##Larry And Faith Seeds##imported-end##

February 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Brooke, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. ##imported-begin##Chuck Lostetter##imported-end##

February 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bob, Sorry to read about the passing of your Dad. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. My Dad thought a lot of yours and his work. Sorry to say we are losing all the old school contractors and craftsmen. ##imported-begin##Bala L Duszik##imported-end##

February 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

This is truly a great loss. He was a role model to me after leaving the army I began my career in construction and my most used phrase was Billy Bob and Bob reese were my kin folk. I could write for hours on things he taught me both spiritual and about the real world. ##imported-begin##Joe Bowen##imported-end##

February 3 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BILLY BOB. HE WAS A VERY GOOD MAN AND ALGIE AND I LOVED HIM DEARLY. ##imported-begin##VIRGINIA CALLAHAN & CHARLES LUDWIG##imported-end##

February 3 at 7:00 PM



## Tribute Wall

**Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012



**Anonymous** posted:

My sympathy to the Reese family. I knew Mr. Reese as a school board member and his concern and dedication to the Hallsville Schools was deeply appreciated. He would take the time to visit each campus. God bless you as you go through this sad time.##imported-begin##Jerry Ann Clark##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sad to hear about Mr Reese. It's never easy to loose someone you love. He was a wonderful man and did so much for our community and schools. Please know; you - his family and friends are in my prayers. I pray you find comfort in knowing how much he was cared for, admired, respected, and also in all the wonderful memories with him.##imported-begin##Jeannie Palmer##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I knew Billy Bob all my life and he was always an inspiration to me. He will be sorely missed by many. May you RIP Bill.##imported-begin##W.C.##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My first entry only showed my initials. Again let me extend my condolences to the family. Bill was a great man of whom you can all be very proud.##imported-begin##W.C.Starr,Jr.##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Wanted you to know your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jane Tarr##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



## Tribute Wall

**Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Billy Bob's passing ... being friends and neighbors all these years it will really be lonesome in Gum Springs without all the good ol' boys ... our thoughts and prayers are with the family ...##imported-begin##Tillman & Holly Latham##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randall, Bob, and Families: Paul and I are so sad to hear of Mr. Billy Bob's passing. We are so sorry that we can not be there at this time, we are in New York for Paul's bothers funeral. You all are in our hearts and prayers. There are no words to express how much Mr. Billy Bob meant in our lives. Paul & Beth Kelsey##imported-begin##Beth Kuykendall Kelsey##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Mrs. Jim Nora Pass##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so very sorry to hear about Mr. Billy Bob! He was a wonderful man & he will be missed by so many people. He & Nell were the backbone of the congregation of Gum Springs Christian Church. Gods Blessings on the Reese Family!##imported-begin##Lee & May Armstrong##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Bob - I'm sorry for your loss. Please know I'm thinking of you. Casey Slone##imported-begin##Casey Slone##imported-end##

February 2 at 7:00 PM



## Tribute Wall

**Billy Bob Reese**

SEP 21, 1924 - FEB 2, 2012



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy and Bob, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man and, along with your mother, accomplished much which made life better for others. My prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Connie Fant Shore ##imported-begin##Connie Fant Shore##imported-end##

February 1 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



Scan to Visit