



# Ben C. Maines

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**F**uneral services for Ben Comer Maines, 87, of Longview, will be at 10am, Thursday, February 14, 2013, at Winterfield United Methodist Church, Jay Barnes officiating. Interment will follow in Rosewood Park Cemetery of Longview. Ben was born May 14, 1925, in Panola County. He enjoyed the country boy's life, and worked various jobs in the Carthage area. He won the heart of Bonnie Jean, who he shared 58 years of marriage.

Ben and Jean moved to Longview, for a new job. They co-founded, Ben Maines Air Conditioning Company, in the early fifties. A firm, that continues to operate to today.

Ben was appreciative of his past/present employees and associates over the years. Has he always said, "It is we, not me."

He was preceded in death by son, Gary Maines, and his wife Jean.

He is survived by his children, Barry Maines and wife Liz of Longview, Randy Maines and wife, Karen of Longview, and Patti Wunneburger and husband, Doug of Bryan; grand children, Melissa Newman, Mindy Nicholson, Alicia Taylor, Anne Wunneburger, Abby Wunneburger, Aaron Wunneburger, Ameer Foster, Chris Linton, and great-grand children, Brennan Nicholson, Colton Nicholson, Sophie Neuman, and Colby Linton.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the care givers, and the prayers, from friends and family.

Family wishes memorial contributions be made to: Alzheimer's Association of East Texas, 501 Pine Tree Rd. Suite U-4, Longview, TX 75604. phone: 903-291-1720. Also, Winterfield United Methodist Church, 2616 Tryon Rd, Longview, TX., 75601.

The family will receive friends from 5-7pm, February 13, 2013, at Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

A memorial guest book maybe signed at: [www.raderfn.com](http://www.raderfn.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

I'm so very sorry for your loss.I've known most of you all my life.Your in my prayers###imported-begin##Connie Cave###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Thinking of you all and sending comforting thoughts your way. With love.###imported-begin##Hollie Jones###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

What a wonderful man he was! Please know that our prayers are with you at this time. Brenda and Michael Liverman###imported-begin##Michael Liverman###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Hello Barry, Randy, Patty and families. Mom let me know about Uncle Ben's passing. I am so terribly sad to hear about it but know how happy he must be now that he back with Aunt Jean. I have so many great memories of them....especially Christmas memories. Life is just so short, isn't. Seems like yesterday Scott was shooting Barry in the head with his BB gun. While I a may not physically be with you I live in ChicagoLand now, I am with you all in spirit. I will pray for you all as you get through this difficult time. We will really miss you Uncle Ben! Love, Kay Hull Phillips###imported-begin##Kay Phillips###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:29 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Randy ,, so very sorry for your loss ,, Joe Knox###imported-begin##Joe Knox###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

barry,randy,patti and family you will never know what mr. ben meant to me.he taught me so much about the good in life and the professionalism that he showed everyday . he will be greatly missed but i know that your family will always cary the ben maines legacy that he would want. terri dishman###imported-begin###terri dishman###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Randy, Barry and Patti,Ben and Jean were two special people in my life. I have many great memories of them at Lake Cherokee. I handled the sale of the cabin and sold the "big" house on Open Water to them....and sold it for them when they moved back to town. It was my pleasure to work with them.... the Maines property was always spotless....inside and out. A joy to show!!Jean brought me a game from Abilene when they were "running the roads" in the motor home, and we still enjoy playing it with our grand children.Praying you find comfort in the wonderful memories I know you have of them. In Sympathy,Nell Raper Boren, formerly Lake Cherokee###imported-begin###Nell Raper Boren###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

What a true reflection of the love of Jesus Christ Mr. Maines was to all who had the blessing to have know him . Your family has always meant so much to our family for many years. God bless you all ,you will be in our prayers.. Jimmy Neeley###imported-begin###james neeley###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Randy, Barry and Patti,It seems just like the other day when we were all growing up on Montclair and Englewood Dr. Who knew life would pass this fast.....Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.Jerry & Susan Van Meter###imported-begin###Jerry Van Meter###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I had the pleasure of working for the Maines Family for 13 yrs. and the pleasure was all mine. I will always remember the caring person that Mr. Maines was toward everyone he would meet. He was never to busy to teacher or help in any situation. Not only was he a mentor to me but a great example of how we should all strive to be. Sincerely, Ricky Ellis###imported-begin##Ricky Ellis###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I had the pleasure of doing business with Mr. Ben for many many years. He was always a Gentlemans Gentlman. I'll always remember him that way. My deepest sympathy to you guys from the Pegues Hurst Family.###imported-begin##Robert Dragisic###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ben, you are a dear friend and I will miss you. I will think of you each time I look at my hand carved cross...give Jean, Jeannie, my Dad & Sister all my love...being seeing you someday. Love, Debbie###imported-begin##Debbie Comfort###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Maines and Wunneburger families- I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was a great man, a true christian, and role model for all who knew him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Julie Wallace###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ben is greatly missed by all his friends at Emeritus@Eastman Estates, Longview. Our deepest sympathy to all his family. God Bless You All...###imported-begin##Claudia Price###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Barry and family, So sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. He was a wonderful man and a leader in the Longview community. His legend lives on through the wonderful job you and your families do. I know Jean is glad to have him Home. Sherry Moore-Molpus##imported-begin##Sherry Beall Molpus##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Barry and Liz, we mourn with you on your father's passing but rejoice in his newest quest in heaven with those waiting for his arrival.##imported-begin##Debbie and Jeff##imported-end##

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# Memories only last if you share them

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