



Bro. Jay McCasland

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Funeral services for Jay McCasland 70, of Longview will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, December 31, 2013 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview with Rev. Wade Harelson and Roger McCasland officiating. Burial will be at 2 PM Thursday at Highland Cemetery in Okemah, Oklahoma. Bro. Jay passed away Saturday evening in a local hospital. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6-8 PM at the funeral home.

Bro. Jay was born on December 27, 1943 in Okemah, Oklahoma to Melvin and Nadine McCasland. He proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps during Viet Nam. He was married to the love of his life, Carolyn, in 1964. Jay surrendered to preach in 1968 and moved to Longview in 1971. During his ministry he pastored many churches in East Texas including Central Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Laneville, and most notably, North Longview Baptist Church for the past 20 years. He also served the people of Longview as a Chaplain for many businesses including the Longview Police Department and Longview Regional Hospital. Jay's passion for the Lord and for preaching God's Word led him to serve in Evangelism for 2 years and to mission work in Brownsville, Texas and in Mexico. He also enjoyed being a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association and doing prison ministries all over Texas and Oklahoma with Bill Glass Prison Ministries.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 49 years, Carolyn McCasland; his sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Hilary McCasland, Gregg and Angela McCasland, and Rodney McCasland; his grandchildren Colton, Kelsey, Bo, Colby, and Brooklyn McCasland; his sisters, Rita Ogden and Londa McElwee and her husband Danny; his brothers and sisters-in-law Roger and Linda McCasland, and Nick and Brooke McCasland; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and a host of friends and other relatives.



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In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made for Missions to North Longview Baptist Church, 4010 Judson Road, Longview, Texas 75605.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at www.raderfh.com.



Events


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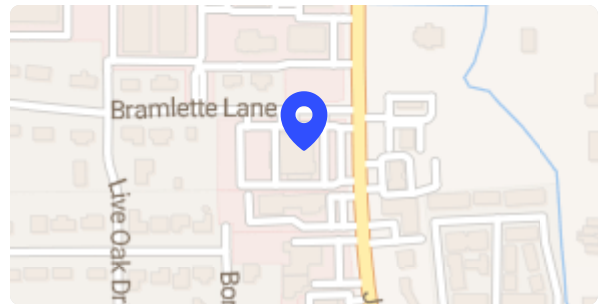
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Visitation

 **Monday**, December 30, 2013

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

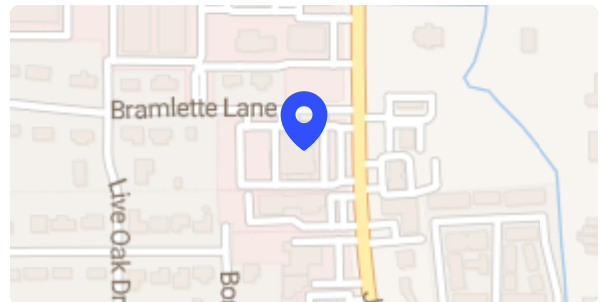


Chapel Service - Longview

 **Tuesday**, December 31, 2013

 2:00 PM CT

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RY

Ronnie Young posted:

Bro Jay has a special place in my heart from the days when i was just a very young boy, he was concerned about me and prayed for me I will never forget those days. God bless you Carolin through this time, Ronnie Young Pawnee Okla

May 22 at 6:30 PM

BS

Brandon Scott posted:

I'm praying for peace to you all during this time. Brandon Scott

January 2 at 8:07 AM

SB

Sue Brooks posted:

To the Family, so sorry for your loss. Keith and Sue Brooks

January 2 at 7:23 AM

LT

Linda Toon lit a candle in honor of Jay.



January 1 at 3:54 AM

AB

Anne Buss posted:

Jay McCasland was one of the kindest, most generous Christian men I have ever known. He withstood many health issues toward the end of his life and he, with the help of some of Texas' finest Baylor physicians pulled off a miracle. I am sure the many prayers said on his behalf also helped. This latest problem found him without the stamina to pull off another miracle. I am very thankful that the end was at a time when all of the sons and families were there. Now Jay is with the Lord, and Grandma & Grandpa McCasland. I have said a prayer of thanksgiving for the pleasure of Jay's life here on earth. Thank you Lord. Anne Buss

December 30 at 3:44 PM



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TG

Tammy Gill posted:

My heart is saddened by the loss of such a great man, but I know God himself has greeted him with his glory! I pray for the family during their time of grief to help ease the pain . Lots of love, Tammy Gill and family.

December 30 at 2:51 PM

JD

Jeff Deramus posted:

Dearest McCasland Family, We are so sorry to hear about Brother Jay. He was a very kind and caring man. We are very happy to say that we had the privilege of him marrying my wife and I 6 years ago in December. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Jeff and Leann Deramus

December 30 at 11:03 AM

SW

Sandy Wood posted:

Carolyn and family, Please accept our sincerest sympathy on Jay' s passing. He was a sweet, wonderful man and my husband and I shared many great conversations with him. I can honestly say I never saw him without a big smile on his face. May God hold your hand through this grieving process as he has for us during the last few months as we have grieved over the loss of our daughter, Lisa. With love and caring, Sandy and Dale Wood

December 30 at 9:18 AM

GT

Gene K Teel posted:

My family and I are saddened to hear of the loss of Brother Jay. Our deepest sympathies go out to Carolyn and family. I will always be grateful for the time he took to teach the preaching course to the "preacher boys" while he was at Northside Baptist and providing us an opportunity to practice before the church. It has helped me greatly in my ministry. My family and I will miss him and continue to pray for his family. Gene, Cassandra, and Daniel Teel

December 30 at 9:00 AM



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CH

Chris Brownlow & Sherre Herndon posted:

Praying God holds each and everyone of you in His strong loving arms to give you peace and comfort knowing Bro Jay is in our Heavenly Father's Home rejoicing with those lucky to go before us....I pray each and everyone of you the strength to carry on from this day forward knowing Bro Jay is in a better place with no pain and is walking with our God as he planned to do his whole life.....even though we shed tears because we miss this loving man that befriended everyone he cross paths with however smiles for the memories he left us all with,,,,,In Loving Memories you will be missed Bro Jay.....in God's Name I Pray....Amen!!,

December 30 at 8:29 AM

CB

Chris Brownlow December 30 at 8:30 AM

Chris Brownlow & Sherre Herndon

GW

George Wolfe posted:

Goose, My Dad was always my best friend. He was the man behind my passion for riding motorcycles. He had me riding before I could reach the ground because I wanted to be like him. I know there are similarities here with you. I miss him every day but I live everyday like he's riding right next to me. That said, I know how difficult this is right now and I also know he's in a better place too. Cry all you want and smile all you can with the memories you have of your Dad. He'll always be right there riding next to you just like my Dad is with me. Through your faith and the love of your family and your beautiful wife, Barb and I pray you will find comfort during this difficult time. Your friends, George and Barb,

December 30 at 8:09 AM

JA

Jannie Auld posted:

Brother Jay was my pastor and my friend for many, many years, and he was one of the finest men I have EVER known. I know he was totally committed to the Lord's work and to his family. The world will miss him greatly, but how heaven must have rejoiced to see him coming through the gates, and how he must have rejoiced to see his Lord and Savior! He touched so many lives, and mine was one he impacted in so many ways. Thank you, Bro. Jay, for everything. Prayers are with you, Carolyn and boys, from so many who loved him and love you too. God bless and comfort you. Jannie Auld

December 30 at 8:07 AM



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BF

Billy Foote posted:

To all the McCasland Family, Jay will be missed, but what a legacy he has left behind! There are multitudes rejoicing in Heaven even now as many more who have come to Christ because of Jays's testimony and ministry will also rejoice in Heaven someday. How we praise God for this man and his life! We will cherish the wonderful memories of times we've spent together through the years. His testimony will live on!! God's blessings on you all, Billy and Winky Foote

December 30 at 7:57 AM

AM

Alan Mann posted:

Jay was an awesome warrior for the Lord in his Bill Glass prison ministry work. He was so loved by us. I was with him numerous times at events and was always amazed at how many people he led to faith in Christ. No doubt his rewards in the Kingdom are great! My sympathy goes out to the family, but rest in the knowledge that he is with the Lord and will be reunited soon. ~Alan Mann, for Bill Glass Champions for Life

December 30 at 7:02 AM

MR

Mary Ramos posted:

Carolyn, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jay has been a great friend and helped so much at our office. We'll miss seeing his smile. Prayers for God's strength and love to surround you. Mary, Amanda, Fallon & Shonda.

December 30 at 5:34 AM

JA

Joe Adams posted:

I am deeply saddened and at dear loss over the news of Bro Jay's passing this morning. In addition to being a faithful minister of the Gospel, as well as a loving and caring true pastor to his people, he was a dear friend and wonderful man to work with and for. I had the blessing of serving on staff alongside him at North Longview in the early 90's and I treasure many fond memories of our partnership together. I could not have asked for a more enjoyable experience. Mrs. Carolyn and kiddos, may our Lord envelop you with his warm and secure embrace, to rest in the full joy that Jay is home and now complete in Jesus, and is awaiting the moment when all of you step out of time and into eternity and his embrace once again. My heart and prayers are with you all. Love you dearly, Joe.

December 30 at 5:21 AM



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LF

Linda Fowler posted:

Carolyn, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Jay was Marion's best friend for many years. Jay was a great preacher/pastor and friend. He had a great smile and we will miss him. Prayers that you will feel God's strength, courage, peace and love in the coming days. Love, Marion & Linda Fowler

December 30 at 2:45 AM

LA

Lee & May Armstrong posted:

Carolyn, we are sorry to hear about Bro. Jay. He was a fine man! We all will miss him very much. Just know, our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. God will keep his loving arms wrapped around each of you! Blessings to you all.....

December 30 at 2:35 AM

LR

Ladean Ragland posted:

Carolyn, we are so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. He fought a long hard battle, but is finally at peace. Our prayers are with you and we wish we could be there. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Give your sweet family our love and sympathy. Dorwood & Ladean

December 29 at 12:43 PM

JM

Jetta Martin posted:

Carolyn and family, I am praying for you and your family as you go through this difficult time. May God give peace and comfort to each of you. Jetta

December 29 at 12:13 PM

JM

Jeanette Lassen Miller posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all the McCasland family. We are never ready to let a loved one go, but is a great comfort when we know they have gone to be at home with God. May The Lord wrap his arms around you during this time and give you comfort and peace. Love to all. Jeanette Lassen Miller

December 29 at 11:57 AM



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Anonymous sent a Garden of Serenity Bouquet to the McCasland family.



December 29 at 11:49 AM



Jace & Sheila Roberts posted:

Bro Jay was first our pastor at First Baptist Laneville, then became a friend and mentor. Bro. Jay was a good friend we loved him and will miss him. Prayers to Carolyn and family.

December 29 at 11:23 AM



Deedra Lassen Page posted:

Brother Jay baptized me at the tender age of 7 and to this day I believe, love, and follow the love as do my family. I thank you for helping lead me to Christ all those years ago. I know now you are in heaven with him in no more pain or sickness. I am praying for the McCasland family. I love you all! Deedra Lassen Page

December 29 at 11:06 AM



Olivia Anne Tuttle posted:

To Carolyn, boys, family, and friends, You are all in my prayers as you go through this difficult time. I was so blessed to have Bro. Jay as my pastor at North Side Baptist Church for twelve years, and later to serve together at North Longview Baptist in the music ministry. Carolyn, you are such a dear friend and a Christian with unbelievable strength and faith. I will never forget the Sounds of Joy, being an honorary member of Baptist Women, and all the service we had together. Jay did truly find the love of his life! Anne Odom Tuttle

December 29 at 11:01 AM



Lana Snider posted:

Carolyn and Family, Just a note to let you know that you all are in our prayers and thoughts at this time. May God wrap you in His tender arms and give you peace and comfort. We were so blessed to have Bro. Jay as our pastor and friend and all of you as our church family at Northside Baptist Church. Our love to you and yours. Steve, Lana & Emily "Butterfly" Snider

December 29 at 10:38 AM



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BD

Breann Green (Duncan) posted:

Prayers to the family! Thinking of you guys and lifting you in prayers! Love to all!

December 29 at 10:27 AM

DB

Darlene Beene posted:

Bro. Jay was our pastor at Central Baptist Church. In fact, he baptized me (Darlene) at that church. He was a wonderful man and pastor. Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to you, Carolyn, and the rest of the family. Hold on to all of the memories as we will. Wesley & Darlene Beene
TX

December 29 at 8:37 AM

BW

Billy And Cathy Ward December 30 at 7:04 AM

We are so grateful to have known Bro. Jay. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and the family.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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