



# Loyd Alvin Pyle

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Loyd Alvin Pyle was born January 11, 1925 to James Lewis and Alice Estelle Pyle. He passed away September 26, 2017 at the age of ninety-two. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Pine Tree Church of Christ with Ritchie Hamm officiating, assisted by Dwayne Simpson. Burial will follow in the West Mountain Cemetery.

The central parts of Loyd's life were faith, family and friends. Due to his faith in the "good Lord above", he was not afraid when he came to realize his time in this world was approaching its end. He said he came into this world strong and planned to leave strong. His family meant so much to him. Perhaps this was because his parents died when he was young. He was nine when he lost his mother and twenty when his father died. He was the middle child of seven siblings and maintained close relationships with each of them his entire life. He married Marie Sobey in 1946 and they had four children; Ron, Karen, Larry and Rick. The worst thing to happen in his life was the loss of his youngest son Rick in an automobile accident at the age of nineteen.

The success and wellbeing of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were his primary focus. He always wanted to know how each of them were doing and supported and encouraged them every chance he had. Due to his gentle disposition and humble spirit he continually made new friends but never forgot his old friends. He recently showed his grandson a photo he happened to have in his wallet of him and his high school buddies that was taken over seventy years ago. He made many new friends while attending Pine Tree Church of Christ the last twelve years. They were a tremendous source of help and support to both him and his wife Carolyn. For this, he and the entire family are immensely grateful.

Loyd felt very blessed to enjoy professional success. His business philosophy was to lead by doing. He always preached that "attitude and gratitude" were essential for success. He taught his children that you would never be paid more than you were



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worth until you first became worth more than what you were paid.

His professional life can be broken down into three segments with each lasting a span of about twenty years. His first career was as a parts man working for Ford dealerships. In 1948 in Seminole, Texas he was working in the oil field as a roughneck and broke his thumb. He had to find another job and went to work as a parts man for Bennet Motor Company, the local Ford dealership. For the next twenty years he worked at various Ford dealers in parts, with his longest tenure at Pegues Hurst Ford in Longview from 1957 to 1968. The principal owner of Pegues Hurst, Julian Hurst encouraged and supported Loyd when he decided to go in business for himself and Loyd was always grateful for this.

In 1968, Loyd opened the first ABC Auto Parts store in Longview on South Standard St., now known as West Loop 281. Brothers in law Dr. L.E. Rutledge and Frank Sobey joined him in the business as partners. After buying out their ownership in 1979, Loyd brought his three children into the company as co-owners. He also made his "right hand man", David Gordy a co-owner and they enjoyed a special father-son type relationship for forty-six years.

ABC is now owned and managed by Loyd's children, Larry Pyle and Karen Cloud and grandchildren, Greg Smith, Justin Smith, Dereck Pyle and Bryan Pyle. The company he started with one employee and one store has grown to twenty-five stores and nearly four hundred employees.

In 1988 Loyd retired from ABC and turned over the company management to his children. He then embarked on his third career at the age of sixty-three. He loved horses and always "wanted to be a cowboy". He started L&M Quarter Horses and went into cattle ranching full time. The twenty years he spent on the ranch were some of the best years of this life.

Loyd was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-four years, Marie Pyle, son Ricky Dale Pyle and grandson Chase Samuel Pyle. He is survived by his wife of fifteen years, Carolyn Dauphin Pyle and her children; son Forrest Dauphin, daughter Shonda Majors and son in law Danny Majors. He is also survived by son Ron Pyle and wife Karen, daughter Karen Cloud and husband Dr. George Cloud, and son Larry Pyle and wife Deborah. The grandchildren to survive him are DeAnne Marie



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Sobel, Dereck Pyle, Lacey Pyle Mason, Greg Smith, Justin Smith, Bryan Pyle, Landon Pyle, Kelsey Stevens and Tosha West. He is survived by great grandchildren Carly Sobel, Brielle Sobel, Avery Pyle, Sophie Pyle, Haleigh Pyle, Landyn Talley, Ryder Mason, Kase Smith, Kooper Smith, Carter Smith, Addison Smith, Allison Smith, Cooper Cummins, Emma Jordan, Isabella Jordan and Dawson West. He is also survived by one sister, Odessa Hughes and one sister in law, Markoleta Taylor.

Donations to honor Loyd can be made to Caring and Sharing, 1303 S. Mobberly, Longview, TX. 75602, Camp Deer Run, 227 Co Rd 4590, Winnsboro, TX 75494 and Rock Bottom Out Reach, P.O. Box 214, Krum, TX. 76249.



# Events

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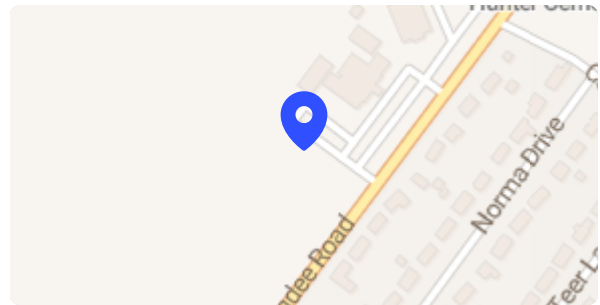
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, September 27, 2017
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home of Longview**  
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



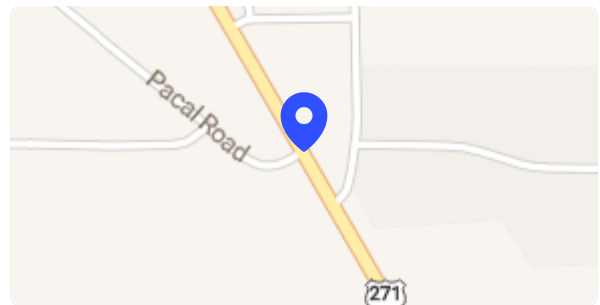
## Celebration of Life

- Thursday**, September 28, 2017
- 2:00 PM CT
- Pine Tree Church of Christ**  
3221 Dundee Road, Longview TX



## Cemetery Details

- West Mountain Cemetery**  
8136 US 271, Gilmer TX





## Tribute Wall

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DL

**Dale "Bear" Littrell** lit a candle in honor of Loyd.



October 5 at 5:17 PM

DL

**Dale "Bear" Littrell** posted:

I remember Mr. Pyle back when he had L & M Quarter Horses. He hired me for my first job to help with his horse. Mr. Pyle was a good person and help me with parts for my car when I needed help. My condolences goes out to the Pyle family. Dale "Bear" Littrell

October 5 at 5:16 PM

RB

**Russ Brown** posted:

Although we did not know Mr. Pyle directly, his worth to this community came through loud and clear through his son Larry who was a Greggton Rotarian for many years. Our condolences to the Pyle family - and just remember the great times you-all had together with him for so many years. Russ and Sally Brown

September 30 at 11:15 AM

BL

**Bob & Sue La Bay** posted:

To the family of Loyd Pyle: It was a blessing to know Loyd and to have attended church with him . He was a Godly man and wonderful friend. We will miss him. Bob & Sue La Bay

September 30 at 7:20 AM

KC

**Kay Cartwright** posted:

With deepest sympathy, the Kutch Family.

September 28 at 7:05 PM



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BM

**Billy F. Martin** posted:

I did not know Mr. Pyle personally but I was frequently in contact with his son Larry in the form of submitting customer survey's of each ABC Auto store I visited over the last 15 years. Each time I received back a personal letter from Larry thanking me for my response. This follows right along as being something his father would instill in him and other family members. My thoughts are with Larry and his family at this sad time. Billy F. Martin Henderson, Texas

September 28 at 10:04 AM

KM

**Keith And Debbie Morgan** posted:

Ron, we send our heartfelt condolences as you go through the days ahead. We know you are thankful for having such a godly, loving father and as you celebrate his life, we will continue to lift you and your family up in prayers. May you find peace and comfort knowing your dad is with our Heavenly Father and that one of these days, you will see him again. It has been a blessing to us to read about your visits with your dad. May God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Keith and Debbie Morgan

September 28 at 9:04 AM

RS

**Ronnie Stevens** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I was fortunate to have known Loyd as a neighbor, friend and employer. Loyd was a great person and will be missed by all. Sincerely, Ronnie Stevens

September 28 at 8:16 AM

DF

**Danny Alexander & Family** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White to the Pyle family.



September 28 at 6:37 AM

DB

**Don Brown** posted:

My memory of Loyd goes back to the Pronto Auto Parts days when he took a gamble on couple of old telecom workers. Lloyd was a good man and I had a lot of respect for him. Diane Brown and I would like to offer our condolences to Loyd's wife, Ron, Karon, and Larry. We will lift all the family up in prayer during the difficult days ahead.

September 28 at 6:29 AM



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SB

**Sarah Bennett** posted:

Sarah Bennett, I always enjoyed going out to Loyd's horse ranch and visiting with him and the boys. My husband Grover worked on the ranch and helped Mr. Loyd with the barn problems. He was a very nice person and interesting to talk too. You will be missed by many.

September 28 at 6:18 AM

JY

**Jay And Lisa Youngblood** sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Pyle family.



September 28 at 6:14 AM

JA

**Jackie Albritton** posted:

The Mighty Oak has fallen but he leaves behind an enduring legacy of faith, love of family, respect and honesty. He will be missed by many. Jackie Albritton

September 28 at 5:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Pyle family.



September 28 at 4:26 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Lily to the Pyle family.



September 28 at 2:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 1:05 PM



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**Bill Jonas** posted:

With all our love for the memories and goodness you shared with all. I have enjoyed being a part of your family's dream the past 19 years at ABC Auto Parts. Bill Jonas

September 27 at 12:23 PM



**Mark, Jennie And Grayson Robinson** sent a Simply Lily to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 9:55 AM



**Patrick Noon** posted:

Ron, Larry, and Karen, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your father was a giant among me as he 'raised' three great children. May God Bless each of you and your family in the days to come. Pat and 'holley' Noon

September 27 at 9:49 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 9:21 AM



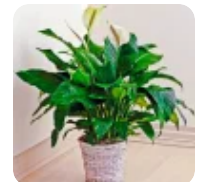
**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 8:58 AM



**Gpd, Omega, Santech** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 8:47 AM



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**James W. Hunt** lit a candle in honor of Loyd.



September 27 at 8:03 AM



**Bj Covington** posted:

What an honor to have been lifetime friends with a man who has always been the example of honesty and caring of his family. We worked as neighbors on Standard St. We always shared the belief that we were to serve our customers and support or employees . In the automotive business you hear more be negative than possitive. Lloyd definitely was the positive. His family is blessed to have had him stay with them a long time. He is missed already. Bless you all as your challenge is to be all he hoped for you all. Praying for you as you say farewell to a good man. Respectfully, Homer and BJ Covington and their children.

September 27 at 7:19 AM



**Anonymous** sent a White Standing Spray to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 7:02 AM



**Mitzi Easley** posted:

Mr. Pyle stood as a pioneer in the auto parts industry. Founding his company, he took some good fortune and blended it with a lot of vision and hard work. Doing so he provided both inspiration for many and a welcoming place of employment. This employment, though, was more than a job. He and your family made us feel like part of a growing family. He founded a dynasty of sorts that served the community and stood as a fine example of what a bit of luck and a lot of perseverance could accomplish. I will always hold him in the greatest esteem, and will miss him greatly. My greatest love and deepest sympathy to all the family.--Mitzi Easley

September 27 at 6:04 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Always With Us Lid Decoration to the Pyle family.



September 27 at 5:55 AM



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**Connie** posted:

Mr. Pyle was a treasure for all of East Texas to honor and love. He was a gift that I can always remember with his wonderful smile. My prayers are with all the family. I will always love each one of you----Connie Whitehorn

September 27 at 4:19 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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