



Robert Louie Childress

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Robert Louie Childress walked into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, June 15, 2025. Robert will be available for viewing at Rader Funeral Home on Thursday, June 19th. A service to celebrate his life will be held on Friday, June 20th at Woodland Hills Baptist Church Perkins Chapel at 1:00pm; He was 89 years old.

Born in Gilmer, Texas on March 20, 1936, to Lillie Pearl Newsom and William S. Childress. Robert spent his early years in the Ore City area with his three brothers and four sisters. While growing up he worked in his father's garage where he developed a love for cars that carried throughout his life. Always tinkering on old cars and motorcycles in his spare time.

During this time in Ore City, he met the love of his life, Marilyn Sue Smith. He entered the Army in 1956 and served as a mechanic for 2 years. During his time in the Army, he and Sue married on October 20, 1957.

After serving in the army the couple moved to Longview in 1961. He worked as a helper for a contractor that installed ceilings. Not long after, Robert and his business partner, Bobby decided to start their own business East Texas Acoustical. For over 56 years they built a successful business transforming the ceilings and floors around East Texas.

As a lifelong Christian and member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church for 30 years, he was always making sure the church had what it needed to build its buildings to share the gospel with Longview. Robert was always putting a smile on the faces of children at church by making sure he had a pack of gum to share.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Lillie and WS Childress, his siblings Wallace, Donald, Billy Wayne, Priscilla, Mildred, Ruth, and Mary Frances.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Marylin Sue Childress and his children: Keith Childress, wife Patty and Elaine Childress Day, and husband Tim. Pop adored all of his



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grandchildren; Sam, Diana, Ally, Jack and Emme and was loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Woodland Hills Christian Academy care of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Longview, Texas (whbchurch.com)




Events


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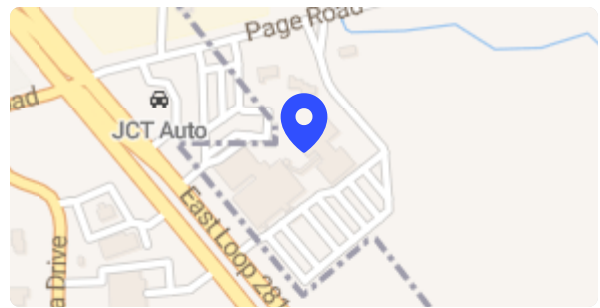
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, June 20, 2025

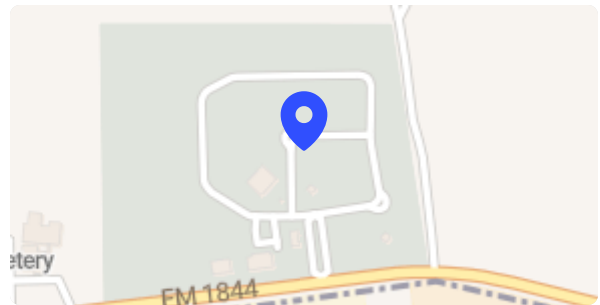
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Perkins Chapel at Woodland Hills Baptist Church**
2105 E. Loop 281, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park Mausoleum**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





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Justin Wynne posted:

Mr. Robert was my boss at East Texas acoustical.. I've always kept in touch with him after I left, always wanting my to come wash the truck and what not... I just hate I'm just now hearing about his passing. Praying for you Mrs Sue.

August 10 at 6:29 AM



Conrad Coppedge posted:

Robert and Frank Breazeale had Uncle Wyatt's log truck and were having trouble starting it. Many times we would pour gasoline into the carburetor to get a vehicle started. Robert was pouring gasoline into the log truck's carb when it Backfired through the carb , spraying gasoline onto Robert's chest. He was wearing a nylon shirt , which was popular in the 50's , setting it on fire, burning Robert badly. As I remember he spent a long time in the hospital. I, along with many others ,have a heavy heart because of Robert's passing .

June 19 at 3:47 PM



Sally Helpinstill lit a candle in honor of Robert.



June 19 at 6:27 AM



Chris And Autumn Hughes And Family sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Childress family.



June 19 at 4:49 AM



Denise Burks posted:

Uncle Robert was indeed a true legend to the Childress family. You never saw him without sharing a little humor and a smile. He will definitely be missed by all his family and friends. May the Lord wrap his arms around Aunt Sue and children, grandchildren and give them all the strength and comfort during the upcoming days. Love Keith, Denise & Lane Burks

June 18 at 10:05 AM



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Sharon Noblit posted:

Dear Sue and family, Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers now and in the days to come. You were blessed to share so many years of marriage and working beside him with your shop. May you feel the loving arms of our Lord around your shoulders, and may He give you peace. Sharon and Ray Noblit

June 18 at 7:56 AM

RR

Rhonda Roberts posted:

Robert was one of my clients when I worked at Consolidated Tax in Henderson Texas. He was a very kind man, always willing to help and I will miss him. My prayers go out to the family during this time.

June 18 at 5:59 AM

SY

Sherry Charter Yard posted:

Uncle Robert was a great man and will be truly missed by everyone who knew him! I have many fond memories, my favorite one is when I was looking for a car he would check them out for me and gave me advice a yay or nay! Thoughts and prayers for Aunt Sue, Keith, Elaine and grandkids.

June 17 at 3:45 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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