



Brent Taylor

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LONGVIEW – A Celebration of Life for James Brent Taylor will be 2 p.m. Thursday, January 15, at First United Methodist Church in downtown Longview with the Rev. Jay Jackson officiating. A reception and visitation will follow in Cook Foyer at the church. Brent passed away on January 8 following several years of lung and cardiac issues.

Brent was born to Alton and Frances Welch Taylor on June 6, 1944, in McKinney, Texas. He graduated from McKinney High School in 1962 and from Tarleton State College in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He earned a Master of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1972.

An outstanding athlete in both high school and college, Brent carried that love with him into his future career. He began teaching and coaching in Longview at Foster Junior High and continued that path at Richardson High school where he coached quarterbacks, as well as basketball. Brent returned to Longview as a varsity football and basketball coach at Longview High School. He later went into administration, serving as an assistant principal at Longview High School and then as principal at Judson Middle School. Brent completed his educational career at Region VII Educational Service Center. He worked closely with the superintendents from more than 90 school districts and organized their annual retreat.

He loved education and getting to know the students. The highlight of his career was being a part of the radio broadcast for Lobo football. Along with his broadcast partner and dear friend Johnny Vaughan, Brent was known as the “Voice of the Lobos” for 43 years. He loved every minute of being a part of Lobo football, no matter where the schedule took him. Name a stadium and Brent could tell you how to get there and how many people it could hold.

Brent loved his family and his church. He married Longview native Pam Perkins in 1969. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last July. As newlyweds, they were charter members of



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the Grace Lowrey Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church. In later years they were a part of the Clyde Hall Class.

In addition to Pam, Brent is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Kiley Taylor Busby (Clay); grandson, Harrison Brent; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Teresa Taylor; nieces Rachel Ledbetter, Jamie Focke, Kenzie Valladolid; and nephew Kevin Perkins. He was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law, Tillman and Jean Perkins; and brother-in-law Marc Perkins.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Fredonia St., Longview, TX 75601; or Lobo Football Boosters, 303 W Loop 281, Suite 110, Box 224, Longview, TX 75605.

The service will be live-streamed on the church website:
<https://www.longviewfumc.org/livestream>



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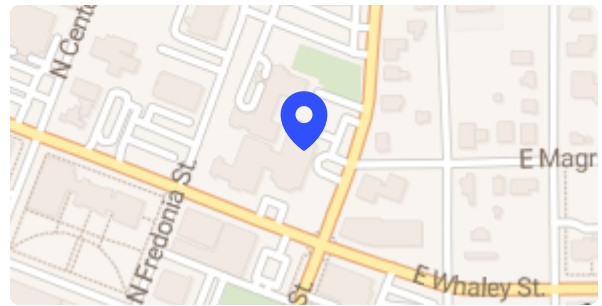
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Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, January 15, 2026

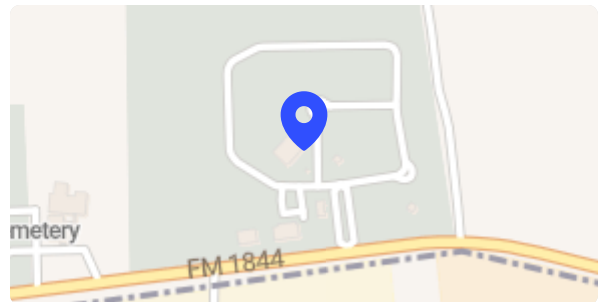
 2:00 PM CT

 **First United Methodist Church**
400 N Fredonia St, Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

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





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CG

Coffee & T's - Tiphani & Gabby sent an Arrive in Style to the Taylor family.



February 3 at 3:57 PM



Jennifer Jordan Fox lit a candle in honor of Brent.

Mr. Taylor was a wonderful man and one of my strongest champions as a child. My deepest sympathies to his loved ones for their loss.



January 23 at 4:21 PM

EC

Eddie Cannon posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I have always considered Brent a very close friend. I will always have fond memories of our association in teaching, coaching and other activities. I have always admired the enthusiasm that he showed in whatever he did. Brent will be missed.

January 16 at 11:48 AM

TB

Tommy Boyd posted:

Brent and I were roommates/teammates at Tarleton and HSU. We graduated together and both went into education. We remained in touch throughout our lives. Brent was a namesake to my son. Brent was a very special person throughout my life. He will always be remembered and cherished! 👤

January 15 at 9:43 AM

TB

Tommy Boyd posted:

We were team/roommates at HSU in Abilene. Next year we were teammates at TSU. Brent was a very good athlete in all sports. We graduated from TSU and both went into education. We stayed in contact and remained dear friends. He will be missed by All who knew him! Lifetime of wonderful memories! RIP Brother ❤️

January 15 at 9:34 AM



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Gail Ownby posted:

Our prayers are with the family during your loss. Brent was kind and always willing to help others. We met when we were both working at Educational Service Centers in different regions. Brent became my mentor and dear friend for many years. Also, I learned he played golf with my brother, Jimmy Dunn. I enjoyed our phone conversations and his uplifting spirit. Richard and Gail Ownby

January 13 at 10:40 PM



Lynda Gilbert lit a candle in honor of Brent.

I had Coach Taylor as a teacher at Foster Jr High. He was one of my favorites throughout my years in school. Then Friday night football following the Lobos was always something I looked forward to listening to him and the crew. You could tell he really enjoyed those times.

January 12 at 8:19 PM



Brenda Jarvis lit a candle in honor of Brent.

My heartfelt sympathy to your family at this sad time; Brent was a wonderful colleague and friend.

January 12 at 11:44 AM



Randy And Lisa Warnix sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Taylor family.

January 12 at 11:03 AM



Debbie Richardson lit a candle in honor of Brent.

Have known Coach Taylor since I was at Foster Jr High. He was always an inspiration to all. Brent cherished his family, was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Pam, you and your sweet family are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 11 at 9:30 PM





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The Simons Family. Jim,Dale,John,Bryan sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Taylor family.



January 10 at 12:28 AM



Christopher lit a candle in honor of Brent.



January 9 at 1:07 PM



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January 9 at 1:07 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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