



J.T. Boykin

July 22, 1948 - March 15, 2010

Graveside service for J.T. Boykin, Jr., age 61, of Shelby, will be at 2 PM, Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Spring Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00 until 2 PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Shelby. The family is requesting in J.T.'s memory that you dress casually for this service. Mr. Boykin, who passed away on Monday, March 15, 2010 at a local hospital, was born on July 22, 1948 in Shelby County, AL. He is preceded in death by his parents, J.T. (Bozo) and Florence (Mama Bo) Boykin. J.T. was the owner of Bozo's Fish Camp on Lay Lake. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he contributed to the Children's Home Mission. J. T. was a honorary member of the Masonic Lodge and served his country in the Vietnam War. He loved sharing life, laughter and love with his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Bell Boykin; children, Bo (Rachel) Boykin, Matthew Boykin; sister, Patricia (Bob) Cox; niece, Hope Bell whom J.T. considered a daughter as well as a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends. Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com. Family request in lieu of flowers for donations to be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church – Children's Mission or American Heart Association.

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I lost my father last year so I can understand your pain. Death is never easy to accept which is why it's called an enemy in the Bible at 1 Corinthians 15:26. Jesus gave us a hope based on the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. At that time we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Ms. Simmons

Rosemarie Simmons - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Sandy my heart goes out to you and your family. J.T will be misses greatly. The lake will never be the same. If there is anything I can do for you please call me. I know what you are going through. I will keep you and the family in my prayer's Love and Hugs Debbie Bass

Debbie Bass - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Sandy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

tracy bentley - March 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ JT was the best father-in-law anyone could have ever asked for and I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family. I will miss him greatly! JT was a wonderful man and loved by so many. The many condolences, phone-calls, visits, flowers/plants, food, cards, and emails have been overwhelming and have meant so much to Sandy, Bo, Matthew, Pat and myself. Thank you so much, we love you! ~Rachel

Rachel - March 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jim and I were so saddened to hear of J.T.'s death. We will miss his wit and sarcasm at the gas pump. Please know that your family is in our prayers.

Jim and Donna Hamer - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sandy, Mike and I are so saddened to learn of JT's passing. He was Lay Lake to us. We always looked forward to seeing him and you when we were there. I loved his wit, sense of humor and the way he always looked after us and our home. We affectionately referred to him as our Home Land Security! In my last conversation with him he picked at me about my visiting girlfriends and me kackling like old hens. He always made me laugh and there are very few people who leave you with such a good feeling. We will miss him very much. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time. Yall are in our prayers.

Becky & Mike Greenlee - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charlie Covington - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I have many memories of J.T., dating all the way back to my childhood. He helped me many times over the years whenever I had a question or problem with something. I don't know if I will be able to attend the service today, but wanted ya'll to know I'm thinking of you and you are in my prayers. God bless.

Mike Palestini - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Sandy, Bo, & Matthew, We are deeply saddened by JT's death. He was such a good person and a lot of people in Shelby will miss him. Please know that you are in our prayers and if there is anything we can do for any of you, please let us know. We are so sorry for your loss. Walter & Linda

Walter & Linda Castleberry - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sandy, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I'm praying God will wrap His comforting arms around you and keep you close during this difficult time for you and your family. Pamela (Tilton) Raines

Pamela (Tilton) Raines - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Sandy,Bo,Matthew,you are in my thought's and prayers.I want you to know I considered all of you as members of my family and will forever miss J.T.as will the many friends J.T. had made over the years.GOD is on your side use his power.Love you all.BILL AND SUZZANE HIGGINBOTHAM

billhigginbotham - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ So sorry to here about J.T. he will be missed by many. Sandy if we can do anything feel free to call hope Mathew Bo and yourself are doing ok.

Ricky Nix - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Sandy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know he will be greatly missed by everyone. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Diana Lovoy - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. JT WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

JANIS ALLMAN - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ To J.T.'s family; We are so very sorry for your loss. J.T. always greeted me with a smile and a funny remark about my boat launching and loading skills! He will be missed be all! May God be with you today and the coming weeks to comfort you during this most difficult time. God Bless, Sue & Rob Kimbrell Your neighbors on Missouri Rd.

Sue Kimbrell - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ J T was Bill's best friend, Kay"s Aggravator and truly a LAY LAKE LEGEND! Gone but NEVER FORGOTTEN! Bill, Kay and Hal Chris and Bethany Higginbotham Tom and Deedee Cotromano Gene and Steve Pace Gregg and Sara Lowrey

Bill & Kay Higginbotham - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ *Sandy, you are in our prayers and thoughts. If you need anything, just call. We love you...Jack and Jayne*

Jack and Jayne Young - March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *I am so sorry to hear about JT. He was a blessing to me. You have my deepest sympathy. May God bless you Sandy.*

Ailene Rice - March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *We were so sorry to hear about J.T. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bobby and Shirley Thornburg - March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MAY GOD BLESS YOU DURING THIS HARD TIME. MICHAEL AND STACEY JONES*

MICHAEL LUKE AND STACEY JONES - March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM