



David Wagoner Blackerby

December 24, 1941 - October 18, 2009

David Wagoner Blackerby was born December 24, 1941, in Bonham, Texas, the son of Samuel David and Madell Wagoner Blackerby. He went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 18, 2009. David grew up on the family farm in the Ely community of Fannin County. From an early age, he learned firm values through hard work and necessity. David was a lineman for the championship 1959 Whitewright Tiger football team and graduated from Whitewright High School in 1960. David married Jane Stapp of Leonard, Texas on April 11, 1964. They began their life together while David served in the United States Army, 30th Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged in 1966. He received a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1970. The Blackerby family settled in Leonard, Texas to raise their family. David worked for Texas Instruments and then for Fisher Controls in Sherman, Texas, where he retired in 2004. David loved his God, his church, his family and everybody else. His earthly mission was one of service. David was active in the First Baptist Church of Leonard as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He traveled to India and Russia as a missionary with International Commission to reach out to others in need of spiritual strength. David served as Chaplain for Southern Baptist of Texas Disaster Relief where he ministered to Texas hurricane victims along the gulf coast. David was on the board of directors of the First Christian Academy of Leonard. David is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jane Blackerby of Leonard; mother, Madell Blackerby of Leonard; mother-in-law, Gladys Stapp of Leonard; sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Kelli Blackerby of Leonard, Mark and Kacey Blackerby of McKinney, and John and Wendy Blackerby of Larkspur, Colorado; sisters and brothers-in-law, Delinda and Jim Lough of Sherman, and Susan and Herman Stegall of Meridian, Mississippi; brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Nancy Blackerby of Arlington; sisters-in-law and husbands, Martha and Dennis Braddock of Springfield, Virginia, Vicky and Darrell Edwards of Tyler, and Becky and Richard Parr of Ann Arbor, Michigan; grandchildren, Seth, Brooke, and Ella Blackerby; and foreign exchange student who David thought of as his own daughter, Natalya Effertz; her husband Nils, and son Jacob of Malvern, Pennsylvania. David was preceded in death by his father, Samuel David Blackerby. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2009, in the First Baptist Church of Leonard, Texas, with Rev. Denny Goren and Rev. Mickey Wagoner officiating. Pallbearers will be Robert Damesworth, Eugene Kegans, Douglas Latimer, Tom McCartney, West Blackerby, Drew Braddock, and Robert Edwards. Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of the First Baptist Church of Leonard. Interment will follow in the Leonard Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 6 p.m.

to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Leonard, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Christian Academy of Leonard, C/O First Baptist Church of Leonard, P.O. Box 1146, Leonard, Texas 75452
Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials

What a wonderful visit we had with David in July and this is a shock to us. I pray for you to gain strength from our Father and know he will see you through the coming days and weeks. Our condolences to the families and those precious grandchildren.

CARRA BETH HOLTON, OCTOBER 30, 2009

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Vera and Rex McCreary and family

VERA AND REX MCCREARY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

Jane and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. David was a wonderful person, a good friend and a positive influence to those of us lucky enough to have known him. Even 50 years later, he still lives on in the memories of his old buddies of the Class of 1960.

MICKEY GENTRY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

Jane, I am so sorry for your loss. It's so hard to say goodbye to the one we love but remembering your happy times; those precious memories will comfort you and keep his spirit alive. God bless you and your family, Marie

MARIE STEVENS WISDOM-MARLOW, OCTOBER 22, 2009

Your family is such a living testimony to God's provision and goodness through the good times and bad. We are lifting you up to the Father and wish we could be there for you now. We love your family. Peace to you--The Howell Family

RODNEY AND KAREN HOWELL, OCTOBER 21, 2009

Dear Jane and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless you and your family.

BARBARA PARKS, OCTOBER 21, 2009

Dear Jane, I am very saddened to hear of your loss. May God bless and comfort you and your family.

CAROLYN EMORY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

I was shocked when I read of David's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. I will miss seeing him around town.

GARY SMITH, OCTOBER 21, 2009

My thoughts are with David's family and freinds, he will be missed. I had the privilege of working with David for over 20 years at Fisher Controls.

DARRYL LYN JOHNSON, OCTOBER 21, 2009

My heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones. I remember David from WHS as a very kind generous person who even in high school was always willing to help others. It warms my heart to see that he had such an enormous impact on so many people throughout his life. I know you must all be very thankful to have had David in your lives for all these years and will cherish the memories until you meet again. Sincerely, Johnny Aldridge

JOHNNY ALDRIDGE, OCTOBER 21, 2009

My family grew up in the Ely Community with the Blackerby family. Our family wishes to express our heartfelt sympathy to Madell Blackerby, all of the Blackerby family and their extended families. Mozelle Harvey Ray and sisters and brothers.

MOZELLE HARVEY RAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

This wonderful father and family man will surely be missed by all who knew him. Although I only knew him from a distance, over the years, we have had occasion to speak. David was always kind and thoughtful in his presentation. My heart goes out to his wife and family.

DEE BLACKERBY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

Prayers have been lifted for you all during this difficult time. Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for you. David, aka-Grand dad, will be missed.

CHARLOTTE HUFFSTETLER, OCTOBER 20, 2009

Jane and family, I am so sorry for your loss. God be with you.

FRANCES STEVENS BUNCH, OCTOBER 20, 2009

Jane and Family, Our hearts and prayers go out to the Blackerby family. David will be missed by all. He was a wonderful neighbor and friend to our family. His

wonderful attitude and smile will be missed. I'll miss seeing him on the golf cart, the tractor , and at his shop always making busy. God Bless ya'll. The Murphy Family

GLENN MURPHY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

I worked with David for six years. More importantly, I had the privilege of knowing the wonderful person he was. His departure from this earth is truly a loss to all. My prayers are with his family and friends. We will see him again.

DENISE JONES, OCTOBER 20, 2009

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