



## Jim F. Bewley

*January 15, 1918 - September 16, 2007*

Jim Bewley, formerly of McKinney, died at home in Melissa, Texas at the age of 89 on Sunday evening, September 16th 2007. He was born January 15, 1918, on the family farm in Collin County near Frisco, to Silas C. and Nettie Jane (Chandler) Bewley. Jim learned farming as a child and worked as a farmer most of his life. He attended Frisco High School where he played football. In 1938 he married Mary Helen Miller of Melissa who survives him; Jim and Mary Helen raised two daughters, Jean and Margaret. Although a farmer all his life, Jim was also a welder and worked for Sinclair Oil as a pipeline welder for several years before opening his own business, Bewley Welding in Arlington, Texas in 1955. He later relocated his business to McKinney where Jim Bewley's Welding Shop remained a fixture on Smith Street for many years until he retired from welding to devote more time to farming. He was also a quarter horse breeder and a member of the American Quarter Horse Association. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his parents-in-law Lawrence and Lillie (Dixon) Miller to whom he was very close. He was also preceded in death by an infant grandson as well as his granddaughter, Sarah Marihelen Staples; sisters, Fay Bewley, Jessie Bewley, and Ruth Copeland; brothers- and sisters-in-law Hoyt Copeland, L.G. Smith, Carl Wilhelm, Oleta Miller Airhart, Glen Miller, Bob Miller, Don Craft, and Wallis Airhart. In addition to his wife Mary Helen, Jim is survived by: daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Sam Boyd of Melissa and Margaret Bewley and Charles Staples of Dallas; grandson, Marcus Boyd and fiancé Atorina Gevergiz of San Jose, CA; sisters Bessie Wilhelm of Denton and Catherine Smith of Lewisville; brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Dick) and Bud Bewley of Deer Park, Texas; sisters-in-law Mattie Lee Craft, Louise Miller, and Diane Miller, all of Melissa; as well as a large extended family which includes many nieces and nephews. Family, friends, former customers, and business associates are invited to the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen at their convenience to pay respects and sign the register; the family will receive visitors at the funeral home on Wednesday, September 19th, beginning at 6:30pm. A graveside memorial will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday, September 20th, at Melissa Cemetery in Melissa, Texas. During the memorial service, attendees who wish to do so will be asked to share a favorite "Jim Bewley story". In keeping with a long tradition at Bewley Welding, Red Man and Double Bubble will be available for those who would like to have a last 'chaw' on Jim.

# Memorials

*I WAS A PHARMACY TECH AT KROGER MCKINNEY WHEN I FIRST MET HELEN AND JIM. WHAT A LOVELY COUPLE. AFTER HELEN'S CONFINEMENT-MR B & I ALWAYS HAD A CHAT-AND ALOT OF HORSE TALK. GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY WHAT A TRUE GEM HE WAS*

**DONNA ABRAHAM, OCTOBER 12, 2007**

*Margaret--my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your dad.*

**JULIA ODLE, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007**

*I first enjoyed Jim Bewley's company during high school when Margaret and I became friends. Mr. Bewley had such a great personality—kind, funny, intelligent and totally down to earth. I spent many weekends with Margaret at the Smith Street house, and loved being around her parents. It was there that I had my "Red Man" encounter when offered a chaw. Being a know-it-all teen, I gamely accepted the offer. My tobacco-chewing habit lasted about 30 seconds—just long enough to sprint to the kitchen sink! He certainly got a laugh out of that, as I have over the years, and it is a story I share with my children. In later years, on a trip back to Texas from Ohio, I enjoyed taking my children to visit Jim and Mary Helen in Melissa. They were both so welcoming, and Jim treated the children to pony and tractor rides. I have many fond memories of the Bewley family, and offer my sincere sympathy on Mr. Bewley's passing.*

**SARAH WINNIFORD ABRAHAM, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007**

*Jim was always glad to see you--*

**EWELL JUDKINS, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

*Jim was a real neat guy--we loved to talk to him.*

**LOMETA (GLEAVES) JUDKINS, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

*May the wonderful memories of Jim's life well lived sustain you at this time.*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sue Newman*

**SUE NEWMAN, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

*Margaret I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family have my deepest sympathy*

**DANIEL G WYLIE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

*When I was about 3 or 4 years old, I was playing in Grandma's drive. I looked toward the road and I saw the largest palomino horse that I had ever seen! The rider was a big man sitting tall in the saddle and wearing western attire (the main thing that I saw were the boots-they were eye-level for me). I remembering standing there looking up at that man and with a twinkle in his eyes, he asked me if I wanted to ride with him on that big horse!! I was thrilled!! Someone handed me up to him and he put me in the saddle-we rode off into the sunset. That was the most wonderful ride I ever had! Years later, when my own Daddy passed away, Jim became my second Daddy-I will miss him more than anyone will know. I feel honored to have been "kin" to him.*

**CAROL ANN CRAFT, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007**

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