



Arkley T Bell

October 18, 1952 - October 18, 2016

Arkley Tabor Bell was born on October 18, 1952 in Quanah, Texas. He passed away exactly 64 years later on October 18, 2016 at Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arkley Luther Bell, his mother, Emily Tabor Bell two sisters, Jo Kendall French and Lauralee Hall, a niece, Emmy French, and a son, Richard Reece Bell.

Arkley Tabor Bell married Celia Seiders on April 10, 1982 in Austin, Texas. Their coaching and teaching careers led them to Henrietta, Chillicothe, and Eden until they settled in San Saba where they have made their home for the last 28 years.

Bud graduated from Chillicothe High School and went on to receive his B.S. from East Texas State University in Commerce. At Commerce he pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity. Later he received his masters degree in administration from Tarleton State. Bud made a career of teaching history, coaching and as an elementary school principal. He was happiest coaching football or at the ranch taking care of cattle or on the tractor.

Bud was raised in Chillicothe, Texas. His close extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles and friends provided a never ending stream of stories and happiness for Bud his entire life.

Bud was one of a kind. Those who knew him soon learned that under his gruff outside was a sweet and loving man who was an avid reader and

movie watcher especially of anything having to do with World War II. He loved the poetry of Robert Service and could recite many of them by heart.

Arkley was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, but he also loved attending services at the New Hope Presbyterian Church in the Sloan Community.

Arkley is survived by his wife, Celia, one son, Jantzen Tabor Bell and many close family members including his brother-in-law, Butch Hall of Chillicothe, sister-in-laws Mary Savage and her husband Jim of Austin and Louise Tate and her husband Chris of Highland Haven. His surviving nieces and nephews are Sean and Anissa Hall of Frisco and their son Tristan, Mark Hall of Chillicothe and his children Ethan and Emmy, Brandon Tate of Austin and Rachel Savage of Austin.

In lieu of flowers family requests memorials be made to: First United Methodist Church San Saba, Texas, New Hope Presbyterian Church San Saba or the charity of choice.

You will be missed on this earth, Bud, but the stories of your life will continue to bless those who knew and loved you. Fly high high Dear One

Tribute Wall

CA

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Coach Bell. I looked forward to his class every day in school and the many stories he would tell us in class. He was one of a kind and will be missed. I pray for comfort and peace for the family.

Chris Amthor - October 21, 2016 at 09:34 PM

RS

“ Celia and Family,
Our sincere condolences go out to you, in the loss of your Bud.
Please know that we are praying for comfort and peace during this sad time.
Doug and Ruthie Scott
(Ruthie Neyland Scott)
Georgetown, TX

Ruthie Neyland Scott - October 21, 2016 at 05:23 PM

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Ruthie Neyland Scott - October 21, 2016 at 05:22 PM

KT

“ *May God hold you and your family in His loving and comforting arms during this time. This world has lost a wonderful man, but how he must be rejoicing in the presence of our Lord.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Karen*

Karen Trevino - October 21, 2016 at 03:10 PM

CC

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you. So sorry to hear of the loss.*

Cecil & Lois Crenwelge - October 21, 2016 at 08:11 AM

MC

“ *My heart goes out to yall .. Coach Bell was a blessing to us all ...
The Lord has received an angel .. We will miss you ...*

Martha Chavarria - October 21, 2016 at 12:29 AM

DC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember him well and he was a great man with a lot of compassion. He will be truly missed by all.*

Debbie Collier - October 20, 2016 at 11:27 PM

SN

“ *Ms.Celia.....so proud to have known Bud and the opportunity to work with "Coach"....he is now in the Lord's hands....and let that be our guiding light....God Bless.*

Skeebo Norris - October 20, 2016 at 08:40 PM

MF

“ I had the privilege of coaching with Bud from 1997 to 1999 in San Saba. He was definitely one of a kind and I will never forget his unique personality and gentle spirit. He and Celia were always so sweet and loving to my children and both were fine examples of what exemplary educators should be. Thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and the town of San Saba for what is truly a tremendous loss.

Mike Franks - October 20, 2016 at 08:31 PM

JG

“ Sending you and yours hugs and prayers during this sad and trying time.

Jo Anna Garza - October 20, 2016 at 08:16 PM

HG

“ Celia, we wrap our arms around u. May bud be flying with the angels and watching never-ending movies. Love u to the moon And back. Our love, handy and cat 🌸

Handy and cat gibson - October 20, 2016 at 07:47 PM

KB

“ Coach Bell, I don't know if I ever got the chance to tell you in person, but you are one of the main reasons I became a coach today. The guidance and influence you gave me still weight heavy on who I am today. You have been a family friend since we moved to San Saba in 1992 and have been like a second father to me. Thank you for your life lessons and giving so much of your life to the people of San Saba. You will greatly be missed.

Kenneth A Bauer - October 20, 2016 at 04:26 PM

RH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Bud was a special man and will be missed by all who knew and loved him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ray and Susan Hopkins

Ray and Susan Hopkins - October 20, 2016 at 01:23 PM

CB

“ My heart breaks for you and your family. He was truly one of a kind. I have many fond memories from high school because of him. He was an amazing educator who believed a good education was key to success! Every student should have a "Coach Bell." He definitely left an imprint not only to myself but I know many others! Thanks for the memories Coach!

Christina (Cabrera) Balencia - October 20, 2016 at 11:30 AM

KS

“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karen Shivener Skaggs - October 20, 2016 at 11:04 AM

SM

“ CC & JT,
Words cannot suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that we feel over the passing of Bud. We are truly sorry for your loss. We have come to love you guys as family. Bud was such a down to earth likable guy and will truly be missed by many. The loss of someone so dear to us is never easy. I can only hope that the love, friendship and prayers ease you through this difficult time. Know we are here for you and thinking of you.

*With all our love and deepest sympathy,
Susie, Mark, Carson & Colby*

Susie & Mark Monroe - October 20, 2016 at 09:14 AM

DB

“ I have known Bud for 26 years, and he and I visited many times. Over the years I came to realize that the purpose of my visits to the ranch was my desire to have fellowship with Bud and others who I cared about. Bud was always there with a smile and kind words. We were friends, and he was a great blessing to my life. I'll remember him often.

Dave

Dave and Peggy Beall - October 19, 2016 at 09:41 PM

LW

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Coach Bell's Family. He was a wonderful Coach during his time at Chillicothe High School. Rest in Peace Coach.

Lorene Fobbs Williams - October 19, 2016 at 09:34 PM

TH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your loved one.he will be missed.

Love, Trenton and Patsy Hamrick

Jennifer Hamrick and Girl's

Trenton & Patsy Hamrick - October 19, 2016 at 07:53 PM