



James Sidney Ball

July 15, 1947 - April 22, 2014

James Sidney Ball, Sr. (Jim) of Cherokee, Texas, passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at the age of 66. He was born on July 15, 1947 in Brownwood, Texas to Billie Helen (Smith) Ball and Jesse James Ball. He was a graduate of Goldthwaite High School and Tarleton State University where he got his Bachelor of Science Degree and later his Master of Science Teaching Degree and his Approved Educator Preparation Certification for Administration. After his college graduation, Jim married Melody Ann Johnson on August 9, 1969, in San Saba, Texas. Melody was Jim's loving companion for 44 years and was by his side through all the years.

Jim devoted 35 years of his life to the public school system. He began his career as an Ag Teacher in Eldorado, Texas, before later moving to Comanche, Texas, where he also worked as an Ag teacher for several years. From there, he moved to Sidney, Texas, where he served as the Ag Teacher and principal, before making his final stop in Cherokee, Texas, where he acted as the Superintendent for the final 14 years of his career.

Throughout his life, Jim served on multiple boards, including the Central Texas Electric Co-op Board and the Central Texas Telephone Co-op Info-Net Board.

In 2004, Jim retired from public education and fulfilled his dream of becoming a cattle rancher and devoted his remaining days to his family and grandkids.

Aside from spending time with his family, Jim enjoyed ranching, hunting, golfing, playing dominos and was a avid sports fan. He loved watching the Texas Rangers and cussing the Dallas Cowboys.

He is survived by his wife; Melody of Cherokee; children and grandchildren; Sid and Kristi Ball of Lampasas and their children Jessica, Jamie and Jenna; Blake and Stacy Gage of Cibolo and their son, Brady; and Stan and Dawn Ball of Boerne and their children Lauren and Hudson. He is also survived by his brother; Greg Jernigan and his wife, Annetta of Valley Mills; his aunt and uncle, Johnnie and Margaret Smith of Burnet.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Billie Helen Jernigan; his step-father, Forrest Jernigan; siblings, Kathryn Ball and Jessie Ball; and grandparents, C.S. and Roena Smith.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Mr. Ball*

Our Prayers to your family in your time of loss.

Mr & Mrs. Phil Cavness Sr - April 25, 2014 at 09:32 AM

LP

“ *Melody I got mixed up and hit the wrong button and it dumped my message. My name is Larry Perry and I had many good times with Greg and Jimmy. We were the Class of 65. Went to Galveston on our Senior trip. I still have a picture of all us with Jimmy and I with these goofy hats on. Greg and Anetta are good friends also. Heaven is a better place now because Jesus came and got Jimmy himself and he will us too if we are believers and receivers of Jesus Christ. Jesus said "Whosoever believeth in me though he dies, yet shall he live, and whoever liveth and believes in me shall never die. In His house are many mansions and He's coming back for us. Glory to God and thanks for being a friend to me. I will be praying for you Melody. Larry Perry*

Larry B. Perry - April 25, 2014 at 09:20 AM

GJ

“ *Sid & Stan,*

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Gary Johnson - April 25, 2014 at 09:09 AM

LK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Leroy and Gracie Ketchum - April 24, 2014 at 07:42 PM

KS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

Karen Skaggs - April 24, 2014 at 05:44 PM

PL

“ *Dear Melody and family,
Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Jim was a good man and will be missed by all who knew him. May God comfort you and give you peace as only He can. We love you. Paula and Steve*

Paula and Steve Letbetter - April 24, 2014 at 04:26 PM

AC

“ *We were blessed to know and serve with Jim. Our hearts are with Melody and family. May the Lord be with you all and comfort you with His love.*

Audri Nelson, CTEC - April 24, 2014 at 12:28 PM

TF

“ *Though you will all be missing his presence in this physical world, his life grows deep in each of your hearts and he will be with you always.*

*Our love to you,
Scott, Diane, Ryan & Katie*

The Heiman Family - April 24, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”

Ray & Kathleen Hawkins - April 23, 2014 at 10:42 PM