



A. Reed Franklin

August 31, 1937 - April 9, 2015

Services for Reed Franklin, 77, of Flint, will be held Monday, April 13, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Latter-day Saints Bullard Chapel, 2300 CR 145, with Bishop Sam Anderson officiating. Family visitation will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and again at 1:00 PM at the church prior to the funeral. Burial will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery in Arp.

Reed was born August 31, 1937 to Virginia Belle Reed and JT Franklin in Overton. He attended Gaston schools and in his later years was instrumental in building and expanding the Gaston Museum. Reed married Ramona Taylor in 1957 and they both attended Lamar Tech in Beaumont where he received a BS in chemistry and biology, minoring in math and secondary education. After graduation they moved to Richardson where he taught at Richardson High School. After two and a half years, his father asked if he would come to Tyler to help with his company Broadway Rental and Sales. Upon getting to Tyler, Reed taught at Hubbard Jr. High for a year and then moved to Robert E. Lee where he taught chemistry and geometry for 5 years, earning Teacher of the Year one year. By this time, Reed's family had grown and he decided he couldn't raise a family of nine on a teacher's salary. So he went full-time in the rental business, which grew. They soon built a new building on Shelley Drive and A-1 Rent All was born.

Reed retired and sold the business in 1997. He was active in Rotary and the Texas Rental Association throughout his career. He served as bishop in the

LDS ward for 5 years and served in the Dallas temple for the last 2 years. Reed was a people person and often said he couldn't think of anyone he didn't like. Fishing was his great love, and he pulled enough crappie out of Lake Palestine to feed thousands of people at his famous fish fries. His deep freeze was always full of frozen filets. He is loved by many. He will be missed by all.

Reed is preceded in death by his parents and brother Jack. He is survived by wife Patricia Tipp Franklin; daughters Deborah (Pat) Cartwright, Sherri Creighton, Cindi (Steven) Cundiff, Michele Franklin, Leesa (Kevin) Huckabee, Denise (Kenny) Bardsley and Chalease (Matt) Denson; grandchildren Lauren, Jessica and Madelyn Cartwright, Collin, Nathan and Matthew Creighton, Michael Reed Frazier, Alexis (Jason) Hewes, Sierra Cundiff, Ashley Ross, Caitlin Robinson, Cameron, Hannah and Sarah Huckabee, Cole, Mason and Tyler Bardsley, and Taylor and Madison Denson; and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are step-children Lorri (Mike) Watson, James (Audrey) Pinson, Billy (Sonja) Pinson and brother, Joel Franklin and wife Lucy and sister, Francine Mellon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gaston Museum, P O Box 301, Joinerville, Texas 75658 or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints missionary fund.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Cemetery

CR 2110
Arp, TX 75750

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Reed Franklin was my Bishop. He is a very inspired, loving, man. He helped me make some life changing decisions, which helped shape my life today. I will certainly miss seeing his warm smile. I am grateful he was part of my life .

Leslie Knackstedt Massey

Leslie Knackstedt Massey - April 13, 2015 at 08:31 PM

MC

“ Mike &Liz Crye lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin



Mike &Liz Crye - April 13, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of A. Reed Franklin.



April 13, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of A. Reed Franklin.*



April 13, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *What can we say except it was to our great fortune that our paths crossed. In loving memory---Ron & Audrey Ammons*

Ron Ammons - April 13, 2015 at 10:18 AM



“ *Words cannot express the sorrow I feel. Reed was my first bishop and was a good friend to me and to Larry. It is only our knowledge that he will be with his loved ones who have passed on that allows any comfort. He was a man of integrity and a stalwart example for all of us.*

Sandra Knackstedt - April 13, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ *So sorry for loss sending prayers.*

Shonda Gerbig - April 13, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ *Shonda Gerbig lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin*



Shonda Gerbig - April 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM

MT

“ *Marian and Bill Turk purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of A. Reed Franklin.*



Marian and Bill Turk - April 12, 2015 at 09:44 PM

ES

“ *Elwanda Sheridan lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin*



Elwanda Sheridan - April 12, 2015 at 04:22 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of A. Reed Franklin.*



April 12, 2015 at 04:16 PM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin*



Ray Hunt - April 12, 2015 at 03:36 PM

PJ

“ Phillip Castillo Jr lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin



Phillip Castillo jr - April 12, 2015 at 01:55 PM

PJ

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Phillip Castillo jr - April 12, 2015 at 01:54 PM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin



Kurt Hunt - April 12, 2015 at 01:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of A. Reed Franklin.



April 12, 2015 at 11:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of A. Reed Franklin.*



April 12, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *Reed was a Rock. He was my example that I looked up to. Integrity, honesty, kindness and loving would be character traits that describe him. He was also a very good friend. I loved and respected Reed. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to each of his daughters that he loved with all his heart.*

kelton hendrix - April 12, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of A. Reed Franklin.*



April 11, 2015 at 11:58 PM



“ *Reed was one of our most favorite friends. We loved that special way he always made us feel when he greeted us. And, he always greeted us with a genuine, huge Texas smile!! We will truly miss him.*

Larry & Paula Burkett

paula - April 11, 2015 at 11:40 PM

MH

“ For me, I worked for Reed and Pat the last ten years, and during this time, here is what I learned.
I never saw Reed angry or raise his voice to anyone. We worked beside each other on every project and that meant a lot. Reed was always there to help when needed and I really look up to him.
I will miss him and the world was a better place in his presence.

Mike Hernandez

Mike Hernandez - April 11, 2015 at 07:53 PM

LH

“ L. D. Hardy lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin



L. D. Hardy - April 11, 2015 at 06:34 PM

BA

“ Pat I am so very sorry for your loss. My Sister loves you both so much and I have to say every time I go to visit her she cooks some of Reeds crappie and it makes me so happy and reminds my so much of growing up in Turnertown. Love,hugs,and prayers for you and your whole family.

Bennie Lambert Aris - April 11, 2015 at 04:31 PM

RA

“ *Rose Attardi Nguyen and Renita Attardi purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of A. Reed Franklin.*



Rose Attardi Nguyen and Renita Attardi - April 11, 2015 at 04:03 PM

AJ

“ *We were so saddened to hear the tragic news of Bro. Franklin's passing. Just saw him at the last stake conference and visited with him. He was a great man that will be missed by all who knew him. My heart hurts for the family and you will all be in our prayers now and the coming days. I have known this man most of my life and all his girls. Love them all!!!*
Bubba & Andrea Jordan

Andrea Jordan - April 11, 2015 at 03:39 PM

GK

“ Reed Franklin you are going to be greatly missed on this planet. A great man of honor and dignity. I cannot think of a funeral you have not attended to be there for the families of our church. What a leader - Bishop in our Church, Temple Worker, Public School Super Teacher, Tyler Public School Board Member, Owner A-1 Rental, owner of rental homes. A man of great energy. Easily he lived two or three lifetimes in his all too short time on this earth. We know him because he took time to be part of our lives - out there caring & doing for others. When he was my Home Teacher years ago, he laid the concrete in our garage for a washer & dryer. There was not much he couldn't do; talent ran threw him, and he shared it. Two years ago the same week my Mom passed away, my hot water heater stopped working & I had a ton of tree about to fall from my property onto the road my neighbors traveled. I prayed to God to send Reed to the end of my driveway to give me advise became I was overwheled with taking care of mom, then planning her funeral, dealing with the grief, the tree coming down & the replacement of the hot water heater all in the same week. Reed had just attended my Mom's Memorial Service on Monday of that week. I was too weak to pick up the phone. I prayed and within a few hours, Reed came driving by the end of my driveway to check out a neighbors house that was for Sale for a member of his family and as I walked to the mailbox, Reed stopped and asked how I was doing. When Reed heard what had happened he recommended one of his fine plummers to put in a new water heater & told him to take good care of me and that is what happened. So, I pray to God that He is taking good care of our noble man & thank God for Reed and all that he accimplised. God Bless Reed's fine family in their time of loss, lift them, stand by them, in Jesus' name. Amen

Georgia De Koker - April 11, 2015 at 02:11 PM

MB

“ Bro. Franklin deeply impacted my life. He will greatly be missed and we send our love to the family.



Miranda Bennett - April 11, 2015 at 01:23 PM

KM

“ I feel so blessed to have had this man in my life. So kind and caring. He stood in the circle for each of my sons' blessings. He was a good friend of my family. I know that my grandfather was good friends with him and they are having a good time together in heaven. God be with his family and loved ones during this tragic time. God be with you til we meet again, kind Reed! -Krystle Lindhjem

Krystle McWhorter-Lindhjem - April 11, 2015 at 12:57 PM

GH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of this tragic accident. Bro. Reed Franklin was a man that I have known for most of my life. He taught me much about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I will never forget his visit to me about a year ago with Bro. Parker. Reed never seemed to age. He was a caring man that really loved and showed respect for people. I along with many other people will miss Reed's sense of humor, and great smile. I pray for comfort for his family and friends. His memory will endure forever in my mind and soul. With great Love and Respect, Gary Hoppie and his wife Natalia.

Gary Hoppie - April 11, 2015 at 12:31 PM

TG

“ Reed and I taught together at Robert E. Lee in Tyler for many years. Not only was he a wonderful friend and excellent teacher, he was the kindest person I knew and worked with at Lee. I am shocked and saddened to learn that the world has indeed lost a man of Reed's dignity.

God bless his family.....trust me, he was much beloved and taught so many so much.

Tom Gregory

Tom Gregory - April 10, 2015 at 08:48 PM

JW

“ Reed and I rode the bus to Tyler Junior College together along with other students from Carlisle, Gaston, Arp and Chapel Hill after graduation from our respective high schools. I have many fond memories from those days. I send my sincere condolences to the beautiful family that he leaves behind. May God be with you all in your time of grief.

Joe Wilson - Carlisle High School, Class of 1955



Joe Wilson - April 10, 2015 at 07:50 PM

LA

“ Linda Hardy Abbott lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin



Linda Hardy Abbott - April 10, 2015 at 07:17 PM

LA

My condolences and prayers to Reed's family. May God give you comfort and peace.

Linda Hardy Abbott - April 10, 2015 at 07:19 PM

JW

I will always remember Reed as a fun loving jokester. He and I were always partners in the egg throw at the Houston rental picnic. Reed threw me in the Ammons pool with my clothes on and paid me \$5.00 to get in a cart in Wal Mart. We remember he,s great fish fries and him wth all his girls. We will miss him. Jane Watson

jJane watson - April 11, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ *My heart is so saddened in the unexpected loss of Reed. It has been a privilege to serve with him on his beloved Gaston Board and to get to know him over the last two years. My prayers are with you and your family. We will remember him always. God bless you all. Stephanie Osteen Director Gaston Museum*

Stephanie Osteen - April 10, 2015 at 07:11 PM

KW

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences in your time of sorry. Kenneth, Denise and boys we are so sorry for your loss. Keecia, Dale, Ryson, and Zyon Washington*



Keecia Washington - April 10, 2015 at 06:45 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Jane Watson lit a candle in memory of A. Reed Franklin*



Bill and Jane Watson - April 10, 2015 at 01:54 PM