



Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.

November 16, 1938 - October 27, 2022

Bobby Joe Manziel, Jr., age 83, of Tyler went to his heavenly home on Thursday, October 27, 2022. He was born on November 16, 1938 in Baton Rouge, LA to Bobby Joseph Manziel and Dorothy Nolan Manziel. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Nolan Edward Manziel, his niece Deborah Lynn Manziel, and nephew Billy Daryl Pyron II.

Bobby is survived by his children, Bobby Joe Manziel III, Lisa Manziel, Michael Manziel, Jayne Manziel, Mary Sue Cooper and husband Henry, Jennifer Chlapek and husband Paul, Lyndee Manziel, and Robert Howard and wife Renee; grandchildren, Jonte', Matthew, Annabelle, Michaela, Michael, Hayley, Hope, Harley, Taylor, Josef, Nicolas, Brandon, and Wyatt; and 14 great-grandchildren; siblings, Paul Manziel, Merigale Manziel Pyron, Dottie Manziel Frank and husband Bill of Houston, Vicki Manziel Heath of Dallas, and Gloria Saleh, also of Tyler. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Ashley, Victor Avelar, Henry Cooper, Robert Contreras, Paul Chlapek, Michael Manziel Jr, Taylor Manziel, and Rick Shamsee. Honorary pallbearers will be Raymond George, Stuart Humphries, Gary Wadkins, and Wayne Wilson.

Bobby graduated from Tyler High School, and attended college at Tyler Jr.

College and North Texas State University. Among other organizations, Bobby has held memberships at the Cedars of Lebanon, Tyler Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, BMI, ASCAP, Texas Cattlemen's Association, and American Thoroughbred Horse Association. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where he served as an altar boy growing up.

In just his early twenties, he was determined and brave and opened Highway Auto Parts, a business buying and selling auto parts. He also was an owner of a motor and transmission exchange shop and paint and body shop, all in different locations. During that time, he bought a 1948 Ford Coupe, modifying it by criss-crossing Mercury, Ford and after-market parts which allowed multi-carburetors. This gave it more cubic inches and horsepower, creating one of the fastest street rods around and making him "well known" in the auto parts world of street rodding. He eventually relocated all of these businesses to his coliseum off of Highway 64 where there is plenty of acreage surrounding the structure. Construction of the coliseum began in 1955 by his father, Bobby Joe Manziel, Sr., who passed away leaving only the exterior of the building completed. His father wanted to open a huge sports arena. In 1981, Bobby was determined to fulfill his father's dream of turning the coliseum into a major venue for thousands to enjoy. In November, 1983, after years of remodeling, a massive crowd attended the opening of what is now known all over as "The Oil Palace". The first events were the East Texas Oil and Gas Show and a concert performed by Barbara Mandrell before a packed house. Since then, it has been the home of shows, exhibits, concerts, conventions, sporting events, graduations, and Tyler's own Junior League Mistletoe and Magic, and Texas Rose Festival, never being a tax burden to the Smith County residents. Bobby loved Tyler and served his community in many ways, including sponsoring numerous events. As proud owner, Bobby successfully operated and ran the music and event center for 39 years. He also was the co-owner of Manziel Interests where he worked with his siblings.

Like his father, Bobby also had a love for the oil fields. He was involved in the oil industry as a producer with oil fields in East Texas, and Northern and Central Louisiana. Bobby was also involved in the cattle business, commercial real estate and heavy equipment construction. As an entrepreneur in so many fields, he was incredibly knowledgeable, and always selflessly sharing his knowledge to help others succeed. He was balanced, cheerful, and always even keeled. Bobby was truly one-of-a kind!

He had an amazing love for animals. He was successful at training and racing thoroughbreds. Bobby always had hunting and hound dogs running around his ranch. He also loved roosters. His cell phone ringer was the sound of a crowing rooster. In fact, when only a youngster at St. Gregory's Elementary, he would ride his horse to school carrying a rooster, and leave the rooster in his locker. It worked out well until one day a classmate decided to tell the Nun that she kept hearing a rooster crowing, and he was busted! He raced hot rods in Caddo Mills when he was young.

He never met a stranger, and was so friendly to everyone he encountered. He had friends all over in many countries, including the Philippines, Hawaii, and Mexico. He made it a point to stay in touch with his friends, local and afar. He was always there to lend a helping hand to everyone. He gave his time and attention to all in need, no matter what it entailed. He was intelligent, genuine, loving, and simply down to earth. Bobby's legacy has many facets, but his family was his priority, first and foremost. He was an extremely wonderful and proud father to all of his children. He made each and every one of them feel like an only child. He was an absolutely amazing father! He cherished family gatherings, entertaining at home with cookouts for his Lebanese family and good friends, sharing entertaining stories, watching college and pro football as well as Fox News, especially Judge Jeanine and Jesse Waters. He was an

avid Elvis Presley fan. In fact, he asked his mother to financially back Elvis when Elvis was just a kid on the streets in Tyler, singing like no other. Bobby was always “thinking” and “planning”. He was the epitome of hard work and perseverance in all he did, personally and professionally. Bobby was beyond special and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and everyone he touched in his life. We know he is rejoicing in heaven with the Lord and his loved ones. We shall see him again soon.

Rosary will be Monday, October 31, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Visitation will follow from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services with a Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with The Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Strickland officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler. A reception will be held afterwards at the Community Center next to Immaculate Conception Church. If desired, memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT **31**. 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Requiem Mass

NOV **1**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 31, 2022 at 12:45 PM

PM

Beautifully done ❤️

Pamela Moore - December 13, 2022 at 05:39 PM

DF



Dottie Frank - January 29, 2023 at 01:05 PM

GP

“ *The Northeast Texas Public Health District - Environmental Health Department offers our deepest condolences to the family and friends that have lost such a cherished loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.*

Ginger Points - November 02, 2022 at 02:12 PM

EA

“ Our condolences to all of the Manziel family. Mr. Bobby was a real good and kind person. My husband Armando Aparicio has a tree business and had been doing tree work for him for a few years now there at his ranch. He would let us go to his house to take our 6 year old fishing anytime we wanted. Mr. Bobby would call my husband any time he needed help with his rooster's houses, because we're only five minutes away from his house. So he knew my husband was only a call away. We will keep Mr. Bobby in our thoughts and prayers as well as the memories we got to share with him.
- Aparicio Family.



Erika Aparicio - November 01, 2022 at 04:22 PM

TH

“ Ty Beard and staff of Beard & Harris purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..



Ty Beard and staff of Beard & Harris - November 01, 2022 at 11:17 AM

KS

“ Kris Stripling Staton lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.



Kris Stripling Staton - October 31, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 31, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 31, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Manziel family, Bobby's friends, and loved ones. He was a great friend to my dad, a great friend to me, and I will miss "Uncle Bobby". - The Wadkins, Dan, Karla and Fabian*

Dan Wadkins - October 31, 2022 at 05:36 PM



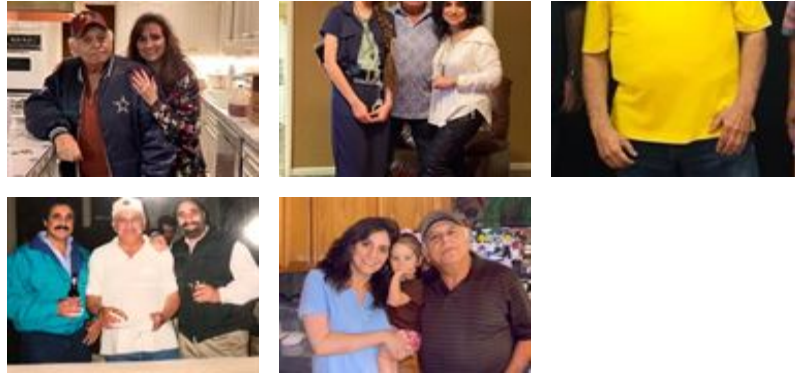
“ *Dan, Karla and Fabian Wadkins purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



Dan, Karla and Fabian Wadkins - October 31, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 31, 2022 at 03:52 PM

SW

“ *Summer Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.*



Summer Wolfe - October 31, 2022 at 03:02 PM

TC

“ *Thomas Case lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.*



Thomas Case - October 31, 2022 at 02:53 PM



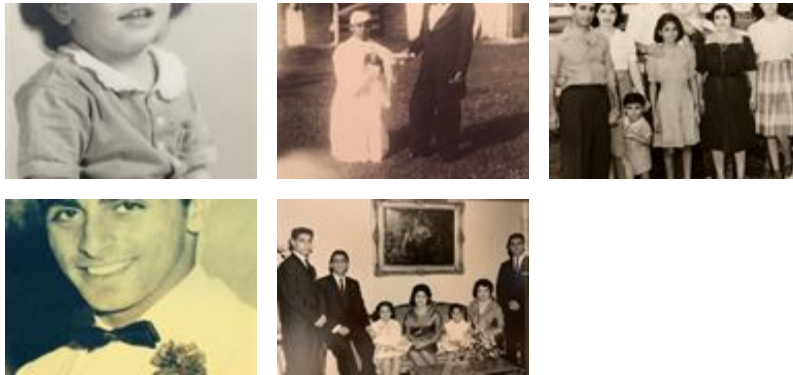
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..* ”



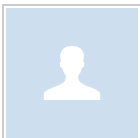
October 31, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *126 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 31, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..* ”



October 31, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 31, 2022 at 10:41 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 31, 2022 at 10:41 AM

WW

“ FROM WAYNE WILSON:::

I consider Bobby my best friend , I have known Bobby all my life , For the Last 10 yrs I have had the great opportunity to work very closely with Bobby , I showed him a interest in learning the entertainment industry. I became his student and he my teacher. Bobby was sometimes unusual in his process of achieving his goal. Bobby would have a great Plan , We would consult with several professionals about his plan .. All of them would tell us “ It won’t work or you can’t do that “ . After the pros left the room Bobby would ask me , “Wayne what do you think “ At times I would reply, “ Bobby I think I will have to agree with the professionals , It won’t work “ . Bobby’s famous Reply, “ Bullshit , I have been doing this for over 50 years , I know what I am doing “ . As in every case , Bobby was correct, each of those professionals came to him usually one at a time and expressed how wrong they were..One of many things I have learned from Bobby, If he tells me the Sun is not coming out tomorrow , I will go buy me some flashlights.. love you Bobby ..RIP

Wayne Wilson - October 31, 2022 at 10:20 AM

JM

“ *I love you Dad with all my heart! You’ve been the best Dad anyone could ever ask for.*

Thank you for all you’ve done for me, all you taught me and most important for loving me.

We had a special bond and now have memories that I will have for the rest of my life that can’t be taking away. We’ve had so many fun times together. I will always miss you. I know you’re in a better place. I will see you again Dad. Please watch over me. As I told you, I will be alright and do everything you asked me to do! I love you so much! You’re the best ever!!!



Jayne Manziel - October 31, 2022 at 03:26 AM

ST

“ Prayers for you family during this sad time, 🙏



Sherie Tillison - October 30, 2022 at 11:43 PM

DK

“ Prayers for all the family. We go way back i'm time as our children went to school together. Our daughter was once married to little Bobby we called him and remains close friends with Lisa. We love all the kids. Our Grace and Haley are close to Annabelle and she calls us Meemaw and Granddaddy which means a lot to us. I'm thankful I got to visit Bobby in the hospital and pray with him. Continuing prayers.
Donna and John Kennedy

Donna and John Kennedy - October 30, 2022 at 10:32 PM

RC

“ R.K. Crawford purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..



R.K. Crawford - October 30, 2022 at 07:27 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 30, 2022 at 03:57 AM



“ *Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.*



Rhonda - October 29, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *Prayers for the family. May he rest in peace.*



Gina Dobbs Smith - October 29, 2022 at 12:41 AM



“ I grew up with his children & called him "Daddy" also ❤️.He was such a great Father to all of his kids❤️I will miss him dearly as I know my son, J.M. will.😭❤️
Rest In Peace , Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.
I have quite a few special memories of my time spent around him❤️
. My Deepest Condolences go out to his family & friends .Prayers going up 🙏🙏🙏💕
Cathy Crawford Fulton

Cathy Fulton - October 28, 2022 at 10:07 PM

GW

“ Condolences to the family and love being sent to them as we share in the loss of Bobby who I called simply B. Our bond was not just as friends and business partners we became brothers in life loving each other deeply which was expressed each time we talked or when we saw each other as we hugged. His presence in my life was a blessing and now his memory is in my heart always as I will miss him so much. B was a special person and when out in Tyler together People always came up to say hello as he welcomed them with his beautiful smile and welcoming kind words. He had a zest for life like no one I've ever met and his family was most important to him always. RIP my brother and I'll see you some day on the other side. I'll always love you eternally.

Gary Wadkins - October 28, 2022 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ Ricky Shamsie lit a candle in memory of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr.



Ricky Shamsie - October 28, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 28, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *MI Staff-Evelyn, Jackie, Renee & Raul. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



MI Staff-Evelyn, Jackie, Renee & Raul. - October 28, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..*



October 28, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to you all. Our hearts go out to the Manziel family. Many friends come into our lives, but only a few leave with their footprints in our hearts. Keep the memories tucked in your heart. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. May God wrap His arms around you to give you comfort during this difficult time. Bobby Joe will be greatly missed with his contagious smile and heart of gold.*

Wayne Wilson - October 28, 2022 at 07:22 AM

WR

“ Wayne Wilson & RCI purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..



Wayne Wilson & RCI - October 28, 2022 at 07:19 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Bobby Joe Manziel Jr..



October 27, 2022 at 09:07 PM

DD

“ Bobby joe will be dearly missed by all my prayers and thoughts are with the family. Bobby joe was at the hospital the day I was born with my dad mom and brother billy dotson. We had many talks thru the years. He was like another brother. My brother billy died when I was 19. I love Bobby joe very much. He and my family are rejoicing in heaven now. I am sure my mom dad and brother opened arms to him. Rip love very much. Doug dotson. Bobby meant very much to me. He will never forgotten.

doug dotson - October 27, 2022 at 06:19 PM