



## Jeff Braswell

December 13, 1975 - March 9, 2010

Services for Jeff Olin Braswell, 34, formerly of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Sherman Mayfield officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Braswell passed away at his home in Northport, Alabama. He was born December 13, 1975 in Tyler to James F. Braswell and Polly Ann Dickey Braswell Collinsworth. Jeff was a quiet spoken, hardworking, happy-go-lucky, and well liked by everyone who knew him. Jeff had a good heart. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, attended Tyler Junior College and Southern Union State Community College, Alabama. He previously lived in Auburn, Alabama and most recently was a resident of Tuscaloosa where he was employed by B.F. Goodrich. Jeff was preceded in death by his father, James Braswell, grandmother, Grace Dickey, and grandfather's Olin Dickey and Alton Braswell. He is survived by his loving family including his parents, Polly and David Collinsworth; sister and brother-in-law, JoLea and Sean Alexander; grandmother, Beatrice Braswell; and two nephews, James and Brandon Alexander, all of Tyler; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The family will receive friends following the service at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Jeff Olin Braswell may be given to a charity of your choice. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).



# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Jeff was my best friend for nearly my entire childhood while growing up. We met in the 3rd grade at Rice Elementary and stayed close until graduating high school.

We were thick as thieves in grade school. We did everything together. We built countless pine needle forts in my backyard, we explored creeks, and rode our bikes everywhere around the neighborhood.. He was very mischievous and we often got ourselves in a lot of trouble by hanging with one another..

When I wasn't with Jeff, he was playing sports. He was a natural athlete and was on all of the top sports teams in baseball and football.

Jeff was also wickedly smart. He was one of those people who could flip through a textbook one time, and who would could recite passages verbatim. He was always placed in the Honors classes, but tried his best to hide his intelligence from his friends. He took the PSAT test in 10th grade (in which he didn't study for) and got the 2nd best score in our school, and was honored as a National Merit Finalist.

But the thing that I will miss the most about Jeff was his easygoing nature. He was just so fun and easy to be around.

I will miss Jeff greatly. May he Rest in Peace.

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**Logan Coker** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Polly, so sorry for the loss of your son.

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**Janie Keel Orsborn** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Jeff and Gary were always like brothers Until we moved to Winona (when they were in High School) one was always at the other's house. We will always remember Jeff's smile and the adventures he and Gary enjoyed. We know that Jeff is in a better place and that his struggles are over, but he will certainly be missed. God calls each of us in his time. Polly and David you will be in our prayers for strength and comfort.

*Love in Christ,  
Chuck and Boni Demaree*

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**Chuck and Boni Demaree** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Blessings and Prayers are with you. I would like to sit down and visit with you maybe next week. Noone really understands unless they have lost a child also.  
May You Find Some Peace in knwoing God is with you and will help you get through this.

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**Kathy King Hanifin** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I remember so many days that me and Jeff set out not necessarily looking for trouble but seemingly always finding it. Since 3rd grade in Mrs. Humphries we were great friends. Over the years as we grew up we always found ways to have fun and never take many things too seriously. We spent many weekends staying at each other's homes or at least that's what our parents thought. I still remember the nights of going to Mazzio's where his sister would give us unlimited tokens to play all the games we could stand. As time went on we found a better and more constructive use of our energy, on the baseball field. Jeff was always the freak that was naturally better than everyone else not to mention stronger. I have never seen someone with so much raw and natural ability to do anything he wanted and do it better than everyone else. That carried over to the classroom as well. He had a gift both physically and mentally. With little or no effort he could make the highest grade in the class, even though he would never let you know that he was too smart. I guess he thought being smart was too nerdy.

*I will miss Jeff and I wish that we would have been closer in adulthood but I guess God had different plans for our lives. Before his funeral service I was very sad to have lost him so soon but once the pastor said that he accepted Jesus and is a Christian my heart felt at peace.*

*See you in Heaven Jeff! Don't cause too much trouble until I get there.*

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**Kearby Herrington** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Polly and David,

*You have had to face every parent's worst nightmare and as you continue through your journey of grief, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*I've been spending some time reflecting and finding pictures of Jeff. He just seemed like such a part of our family for a number of years. I've put a few pictures up of Logan and Jeff if you would like to see them at:*

*<http://imageevent.com/withsplash/jeff>*

*God be with you as you heal.*

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**Melinda Coker** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Polly and David,

*Roger, Jason and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Polly, I am so glad that I got to visit with you just a couple of months ago. We know that God will continue to comfort you in the coming days.*

*Our prayers are with you,*

*Carolyn Nash & Family*

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**Carolyn Nash & Family** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM