



## Jeffrey Lee

November 15, 1962 - September 6, 2007

Memorial services for Jeffrey Allen Lee, 44, Tyler, are scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Pollard United Methodist Church, 3030 New Copeland Road in Tyler, Texas with Rev. Richard Luna and Rev. Jim Riter officiating. Arrangements are through Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Visitation for family and friends is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 2007 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Mr. Lee died September 6, 2007 in Tyler. He was born November 15, 1962, in Memphis, Tennessee, to James and Shirley Lee. He grew up in Henderson and graduated from Henderson High School in 1981 and attended Kilgore College. Jeff's early career included music as owner and bass guitarist with Southern Wind, a country band that played throughout Texas, and the Southwest; a radio personality at KYNG - Young Country, and a producer with Bayou Sound Company. After returning to Tyler he worked as an optician with Ragsdale and Martin Optical and Eye Care Associates. Jeff is a member of Pollard United Methodist Church. Jeff was preceded in death by grandparents J.B. and Stannie Lee and W.C. and Leola McElroy. Survivors include son, Jacob Lee, of Bullard; parents, Dr. James and Shirley Lee of Tyler; brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg and Jolene Lee, John and Leigh Lee, and Robert and Janice Lee, and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. If desired, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 633 N. Broadway Ave., Tyler, Texas 75702 or the American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway Ave., Tyler 75701 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



# Tribute Wall

CY

“ it has been years since i've seen jeff but we were good friends in school. he was a wonderful person and friend. i will and have always remembered him. my prayers to his family.  
sincerely, christie yates bisnette-hyman.

christie yates-hyman - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Shirley and Morris, we are so sorry for your loss. You and the family will be in our prayers. Take comfort in knowing that Jeff has now finally found the peace that has so long eluded him. God bless.

Bob & Kathy McElroy Robinson - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Phil & Noelle

Phil and Noelle McAlpine - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Jeff will be greatly missed. I can only smile at all the high school antics he was involved in. My prayers are with all of you in this time of sorrow.

We will all miss our "Fro"

Vicki Cain - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Shirley, I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Jeffrey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you contend with the difficult issues you are encountering recently.

My only memories of Jeff are of a happy baby boy many years ago in Midlothian when we all convened to say farewell to Uncle Bill. I hope the happinesses Jeff undoubtedly gave you through his life can lighten your hearts in this particularly sad time and allow you to smile with the memory of his smiles and his achievements. Our hearts are with you all.

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**Joe Andres & Amy Love** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Jeff and I are the step parents of Jordan and Payton Roberts. Jeff was a wonderful step dad, he took much pride in caring & loving these girls as if they were his own. He taught them how to do so many things. Jeff wanted all of us to work together on behalf of the girls. We always got along and became good friends. David and I felt as though he was a part of our family. Jeff would call David to make sure he knew the latest news about one of the girls. He would call David when one of them didn't mind him and ask for advice. He never wanted to cross the line. David never worried about Jordan & Payton because he knew Jeff would be there for them when he couldn't. Jeff was a great dad to the girls and friend to us. We will miss him deeply.

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**Sabra Randolph-Roberts** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ My dear family,  
On Sunday morning before we left to come to Tyler for visitation and Jeff's memorial service, I sat at the computer with my Bible and selected some Scripture passages from Romans. With the thought that I MIGHT share these at the service, I wrote words of encouragement from selected verses. However, when I picked up a service program today I saw that Pastor Luna was to read from Romans 8.

*Was this accidental?? I think not! These are the verses I know the Holy Spirit of our loving God wanted you to hear again.*

*"We know that God causes ALL things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Then, if God is for us, who can be against us? He did not even spare his own Son, but delivered Him up for us All. Christ Jesus is He who died, was raised and who sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who shall separate us from this love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress or persecution or famine .....No, in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*

*For I am convinced that NOT EVEN DEATH, nor life, nor angels, nor any created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*For this is a WORD OF PROMISE: Behold, I lay in Zion a Stone whose name is Jesus and ANYONE who believes in HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED!" Romans (selected verses)*

*I am also convinced that Jeff believed with all of his heart and he will never be separated from God's love even in physical death.*

*All my love to each of you!*

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**Iris Wilson** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ MY PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY, MAY GOD GIVE YOU A PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING IN THE TIME.

VICKI L. FULLER - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Doc Lee and Shirley,

*I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Jeff. It has been several years since I have seen Jeff but the smile on his face, the laughter in his voice and the music he played are what I will always remember. Jeff will forever hold a special place in my heart. May God be with you and your family as you face the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.*

*Bridget Landrum McNeill*

Bridget Landrum McNeill - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dr. and Mrs. Lee-  
*My deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved son. May God bring you comfort in your time of sorrow.*

Dr. Berman F. Shieldes - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dr. and Mrs. Lee, Jacob, Julie and Family,

*Please accept my deepest sympathy. Our prayers are with Jeff and all of you. May God bless you and bring you comfort in the days ahead.*

Kathy Shieldes Harry - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *My prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Know that God can and will give you unbelievable peace. Jeff will be missed by all. I only have good memories of Jeff during high school.*

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**Janet Dawson** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Dr. Lee*

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May God give you comfort and strength to get through this time. The courage to face each new day knowing the Lord has welcomed Jeff home and he is at peace.*

*Our love and prayers are with you.*

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**Charles, Susan and Matthew Thompson** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Shirley,*  
*I am so sorry to hear of your and your family's loss.*  
*I enjoyed your boys back when and so did Jed.*  
*Fro spent many a night in my garage playing in that little band and boy were they good.*  
*It saddens me that we have lost two of the band members in a month's time,*  
*I will always remember Jeff with that big smile. I never saw him without it.*  
*My Prayers are with you.*

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**Mary Davis** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ Keri and I used to go and see Jeff and SOUTHERN WIND with his Aunt Sandy and Uncle Steve when the band was playing in the DFW area. Even though Jeff didn't know us very well, he always treated us like family. He would sit and visit with us when the band took a break. He set the standard for likability and good-heartedness. We will always remember him that way. May God bless him and those he left behind.

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**Fred & Keri Turner** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Sorry to hear of this great loss.  
Jeff was a good friend and a great father.  
Julie, Jordan Payton and Jacob and the Lee family our prayers are with you.  
The lord will guide you through these trying times.

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**Kelly and Pat Waller** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Dear Shirley, James and family,  
  
Our deepest sympathy to you at this time. We are thinking about your boys as they grew up in Henderson. May God's grace and comfort be with you in the days ahead.

*James and Virginia Smith*

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**Virginia Smith** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dr. Lee, Shirley, Julie, Jacob & family. Our prayers & love go to all of you at this sad time. We will keep you in our prayers for a long time & know the Lord has wrapped you in his comforting arms to help you through these days of sorrow & grief.

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**Denny & Merlene Ainsworth** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am glad I was able to spend a few years working with Jeff and will remember the conversations on oldies music trivia, and his dependability, up attitude and willingness to pitch in. My condolences.

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**David McKee** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Although, I have not seen Jeff in many years I can remember his smile, humor and outgo-ing personality as though it were yesterday we were in High School. Jeff and I have been friends since primary school and he was a great person to be around. Jeff will always be a part of my life through the memories he created. I would like the entire family to know that I am sorry for your loss and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Joe Dan Brown** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Although it has been many years since Jeff and I last crossed paths, just hearing that old nickname "Fro" conjures up great memories of a great guy and a good friend. May God guide and comfort Julie and the whole Lee family during this difficult time.

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**Greg Johnson** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Shirley: I am so very sorry for you and Dr. Lee in the death of Jeff. Our prayers are with you at this time. He was a wonderful young man with so much God-given talent.....Louise and Denzil

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**Louise and Denzil Mobbs** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I have nothing but good memories of Jeff (Fro). We were friends and attended the same schools from the time we were in the fifth grade through Henderson High. As it often happens after high school we all went our seperate ways and I had not seen Jeff for many years. I just want his entire family to know that they are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

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**Bob and Jimmie Wilson** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN: FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED. MATTHEW 5:4  
MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, JEFF (FRO)  
WAS A COOL GUY.

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**GLENDIA ELLISON LEADON** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I will always remember Jeff or "Fro" as we used to call him, as a wonderful friend who sat beside me every year in band at Henderson High School. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you endure this trying time in your lives. May God bless you and grant you peace.

*Angie Self*

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**Angie Self** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Jeff was an awesome individual with such an uplifting personality. I have some wonderful memories from High School that Jeff made possible, especially his D.J.ing days. He had such a love for music. My prayers are with each of you during this most difficult time.

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**Claudia Hale Bozich** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Although I have not seen Jeff for many years, I remember him well from his many visits with his dear grandparents, Buster and Leola McElroy. How could I forget that friendly, bubbly boy with sparkling eyes, who always called me "Moose"? I know that your sadness and loss are overwhelming. Please accept my most heartfelt condolences and know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult of times.

*Melissa Pegram Harry*

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**Melissa Pegram Harry** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Doc and Shirley,

*Jeff was the life of the party always, and the magnet in the center of the stage, or the room. His upbeat personality got us through many tough nights and large crowds in the Southern Wind days. Jeff always made us laugh, and he was truly a gifted bass player, showman, musician and frontman. As he proved throughout his life, he could do just about anything he set his mind to. Jeff will always be in our minds and memories. We spent many long hours on the road talking about our futures, our pasts, and mostly, our families. Jeff knew he was loved, and you should know how much he loved you. I consider Jeff one of the most naturally talented musicians I have ever worked with. I will miss him, but I will always smile when I remember him. I am very sorry for your loss. God Bless your family.*

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**Dave McAfee** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ It was a very sad thing to hear about Jeff leaving us. I roomed with him for about 4 years on the road and he was always upbeat and made people smile all across the South. Some guys are

*He was a particularly avid baseball fan and I really loved his passion for the game. He felt the same way about music and was a natural in so many ways on stage. We had many conversations about music and Jaco (his bass playing idol) and I think about those conversations a lot.*

*On top of that, he always made our time on the road funny with seeing the humorous aspects of life. He would even have me over to his parents house for dinner and they really made me feel welcome. At those dinners his mom was just as sweet as could be and his dad would have us all laughing!*

*His love of Country music was profound as well -- as he was a big part of Southern Wind and it was an honor to be able to work with him.*

*Bottom line, I don't think he is done playing the bass. I think he is up there with his bass on, jamming for the Country fans that are up there as well.*

*His spirit lives on through all the people that were lucky enough to know him.*

*Thanks Jeff and our prayers to your family in this difficult time.*

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**Jim Healey** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I only knew Jeff for a few years in the early days of southern wind. I do remember Jeff as being a fun loving man with a great heart. It was so much fun being around him Jeff always made me feel so welcome as did all the guys, Jeff would always brighten the day by making us laugh. I only got to see him a few times after he left the band, and not at all in many years. When I talk to Kirk, Dave, or Brinson I always asked if anyone had heard from him. I wish I could have kept in touch and talked to him. He was a wonderful guy and a friend always. I shall miss him. I pray he has found peace in the arms of the lord.

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**Gene Smith** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Jeff was always able to find the good in everyone. He made long days seem shorter, and good times last their due. He was in childhood my friend, in adulthood my brother in arms. I will miss him very much.

*I am truly very sorry.*

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**Kirk Dillen** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I really don't know what to say~~~there are no words, only emotions. But I will choose to remember that cotton-headed little boy who would only eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at Mother's on Thanksgiving; while the rest of us enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast! Jeff had a mind of his own, but he ALWAYS thought of others, and was ALWAYS smiling. Shirley, Morris and boys, just remember that smile, that little twinkle in his eyes when he smiled and how much he loved each of you. God WILL get us through this!

*I love you all!*  
*(Aunt) Sandy*

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**Sandy McMillion** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I was new at HHS for my senior year and it wasn't easy being the "new kid on the block". Jeff, aka FRO, always made me smile and sometimes made me laugh in class - enough to get me into trouble with the teachers! I will always have fond memories of him. I pray that his family will feel the love of Jesus right now and for always. We will all miss him and we are all blessed for having known him.

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**Sarah Harris Prewett** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Aunt Julie, JoJo, Pay, and Jacob: We love you guys so much. We are really going to miss Uncle Jeff! Everyone who knew Jeff, knows how much you guys, his family, ment to him. Julie you were the love of his life. Never forget that. I love you guys.

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**Jennifer & Martin Carmichael** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Shirley and Morris,  
My prayers are with you and you are in my thoughts during this time  
of deep sorrow. I never met Jeff but I know the stock he came from  
and that tells me that he was a truly unique individual. God will see  
you through.*

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**Patricia Murray** - September 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM