



Lee Baty

July 25, 1930 - June 18, 2011

Services for Lee Roy Baty, 80, of Tyler will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 1:00 PM in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Darryle Dunks officiating. Burial will be in Rose Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Baty passed away on June 18, 2011 in Tyler.

Lee Roy Baty, son of Horace and Eva Jennings Baty, was born July 25, 1930 in Palestine. Lee Roy grew up in the Neches community and graduated from Palestine High School in 1949. He then joined the Army and saw action during the Korean War at the Inchon Landing and the Chosin Reservoir. After returning home, he attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. While at college, he met and married Bettye Todd of Longview.

Mr. Baty's professional career spanned thirty-two years, during which he taught elementary students in the Houston area, Pueblo, Colorado, Dickinson, and Deer Park, where he retired after twenty-five years as teacher and principal.

Retirement years brought the Batys back to East Texas where Lee Roy continued his lifelong interest in hunting, fishing, and raising and training hunting dogs. He also helped build churches in four states during his association with Volunteer Christian Builders.

He accepted Christ as Savior as a teenage boy. He was a faithful Baptist throughout his life and was an ordained deacon. At his death, he held the position of Deacon Emeritus at Green Acres Baptist Church.

Lee Roy was instrumental in founding East Texas Korean War Veterans, Chapter

286, in 2001 and served as its first president. This group was eventually named in his honor and is still an active military organization today.

Mr. Baty was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Charles Baty.

Lee Roy is survived by Bettye, his wife of fifty-four years; sons, David Baty and wife Patti of Richardson and Gary Baty of Tyler; daughter, Donna Veenendaal and husband Alan of the Woodlands; sisters, Leona Wearden, Mickey Johnson and Mary McKelvey, all of Palestine, and Ida Baty of Irving; brothers, Sam Baty of Houston and Harold Baty of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Todd Baty, Laura Baty Wallace, Tom Baty, Taylor Veenendaal, and Lee Ann Baty.

Pallbearers will be nephews and grandsons. Honorary pallbearers are Korean War Veterans, Lee Roy Baty Chapter 286.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Volunteer Christian Builders at Green Acres Baptist Church or East Texas Korean Veterans, 15716 Big Oak Bay Road, Tyler, Texas 75707

Visitation will be held at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 22 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Lee Roy was the principal of Parkwood Elementary in 1974 which was the first year I taught in Deer Park ISD. I remember that he was supportive of me as a new teacher. I have always appreciated the time he took to help me learn and grow as a teacher. My regards to the family in this time of sadness. Janice Perrin

Janice Perrin - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mr. Baty was a great teacher and friend to me back in fourth grade many, many years ago. He was my math teacher and private tennis coach in DPISD. He always pushed me to excel; nothing but my best was enough for him.
When reading his obituary, I learned what a truly great man he was. He made his mark in the life of many and will be missed.
Sincerely,
Marla Chandler

Marla Chandler - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I shall not forget our days together in the Deer Park area. Our church activities through the years and also school. I am so glad you got to return to East Texas and enjoy the things that you both loved. Leroy had a good life and was so busy doing his things. I will remember the family as you walk this journey, God is right there by your side even when you can't seem to find Him. God Bless each of you these next few days as you bury your loved one.

Nell Shetter - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We send our prayers to our high school classmate Betty Todd in this hour of her grief and loss.

Betty and Earl Roberts - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I only met Mr. Baty a handful of times. He must have been a wonderful man to have raised such a wonderful son. May this be a time of peace for your family for he is healed at the feet of Jesus, Amen!

Craig Todd - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dearest Bettye,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Darlene Mears - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Remembering you all on this special and difficult day. Also remembering Mr. Baty as a hard working, loving and Christian man. You have left behind a great legacy and may your memory be eternal. God's Blessings and grace be with the whole family. Pixie Shaw

Pixie Shaw - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ *What a man of God and son of wonderful Parents. Long time friend of family and I have missed talking to you Bettye at choir as you have been out, I continue to look where you normally set, our prayers are with you and all your family. Was blessed to meet some of the family a few years ago and visiting in the hospital with sister there in Tyler.*

In Jeremiah 1:12 of the Message Bible

God said, " Good Eyes! I'm sticking with you. I'll make every word I give you come true."

That is just one of those 7425 Promises

Chaplain Ray A. Parton II - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *my condolences*

mike shaw - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I was so sad to hear of Mr. Baty's passing. He was my fifth grade teacher. He really wanted us to experience the learning process hands on. He had us make our own kites, build race cars, take a hike through the woods collecting interesting specimens. He approached the class more like a boy scout leader than a teacher, which was perfect for our small school, and was why we all adored him. I know he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

Dana Ramsey Goins - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dearest Bettye,
I learned belatedly about your husband's passing. My heart is so sad for you as I know the pain you are feeling. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God is the only one who can heal our broken hearts. The obituary was truly beautiful. I know your husband was beloved and totally appreciated by all who knew him over his lifetime.

*With love and hugs,
Betty Mann, Friend and UDC Sister*

Betty B. Mann - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Bettye,
My deepest sympathy for you & your family as you heal from Lee Roy's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you, Bettye, & I hope to hear from you so that I can get your email to share 2 special prayers.

I'll never forget you & our memories at Deer Park Jr. High(2011-12 beginning my 39th yr.).

May you find comfort and hope in God's healing love, Bettye.

*Love,
Penny*

Penny Hambrick Garcia - June 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM