



## B. J. Coker

June 30, 1940 - May 15, 2023

B. J. (Billy Joe) Coker loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother

uncle, and friend passed from this life and entered his eternal life on Monday, May 15, 2023, at Twilight Home in Corsicana. Since becoming a resident of Twilight on April 28th, he has been constantly surrounded by his family and friends.

B.J. was a lifelong resident of Navarro County having graduated from Corsicana High School in 1958. He leaves behind his wife of 64 years Ann, his daughters who were the light of his life, and their husbands, Diane and Larry Acock and Carolyn and Randy Schweyher. Survivors include his grandson and his family Craig and Alyssa Milner, Caroline and Jack; and his granddaughters Jennifer Mills, Natalie and Weston; Jordan and Justin Campbell and Kayla; his brother Jim Coker and wife Camille, sister Elizabeth Bryant, sister-in-law Anita Coker, and aunt Geneva Speed. He was also "Pop" to his step grandchildren and their families: Lauren and Zach Babb, Hunter and Madelyn; Leslie and Joe Dickinson, Hannah, Naomi, Malachi, and Esther; Lana and Michael Montgomery; Jenni and Jacob Gore, Charlie and Axel; and Tarah Schweyher and Logan.

He was an uncle to ten incredible nieces and two nephews that he loved very much. He was preceded in death by his parents Olen and Willie Lee Coker, a brother James Coker, brother-in-law James Bryant, and a grandson-in-law Greg Mills.

B. J. was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for the past 63 years and served as an Elder and also on numerous committees. His church family was an important part of his life. His lifelong vocation as a rancher was something he enjoyed immensely.

Taking care of God's creation was what he considered his duty and a privilege. He also was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved sports--especially following the Corsicana High School Tigers.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Dale Campbell, Dr. Melissa Carry, Dr. Ashwani Agarwal and his staff at Texas Oncology; the nurses in Navarro Regional Hospital Out-Patient who gave him blood transfusions almost weekly; the staff at Twilight Home, and most recently the nurses with Bristol Hospice particularly Kristi Pollard; for their excellent care and compassion.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 20 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. both at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Interment to follow at Hamilton Beeman Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be David Brewer, Gilbert Hall, Jeff Kelley, Kenny Kolkhorst, Mike Miller, David Phillips, Chuck Rash, Marvin Reader, and J. R. Wagner. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Dave Campbell, F. A. Coleman, Al Fisher, Roy Ragsdale and Ron Stewart. Ushers will be Dick Aldama, Ken Cavanaugh, Don Denbow, Joe Hill, John Jackson, and Bill Maupin.

Memorial contributions in B.J.'s name may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
312 N. 13th St.  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Funeral Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of B. J. Coker



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 17, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ B. J. Coker

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Mrs. Coker I'll never forget the time he let me go fishing behind the house. He told me "if you've got a slug throw it out there weightless when it sinks out of sight.... HANG ON!!!" Well first cast guess what happened. Great man, he will surely be missed.

Bill Vaught - May 20, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 18, 2023 at 04:28 PM

GF

“ Geneva Speed and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of B. J. Coker.



Geneva Speed and Family - May 18, 2023 at 10:18 AM

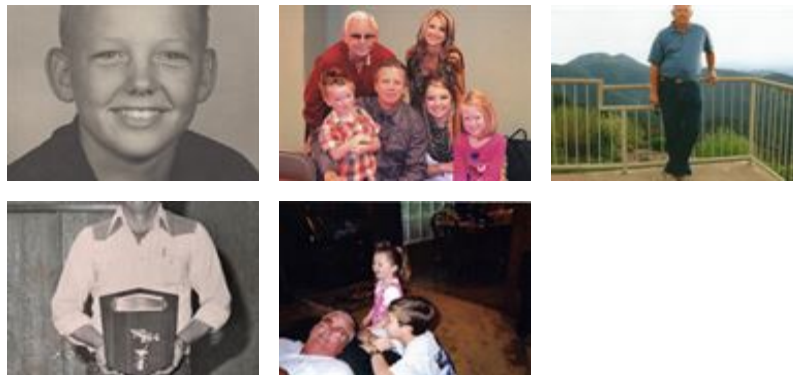
AG

“ B.J. was a great friend. I always enjoyed getting to talk to him and really enjoyed our time hunting. We will miss him very much. Until we meet again my friend.

Andrew Gordon - May 18, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 17, 2023 at 05:19 PM

WB

“ Memories from Corsicana High School. Both Billy Joe and Ann shared some the the same classes that I had. Lots of great memories. Prayers for comfort for Ann and family.

Walter and Glenda Boyd - May 17, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of B. J. Coker.*



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May 17, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of B. J. Coker.*



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May 17, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *One of the truly Great men I have known in my life! Coached our Church League Basketball Team, took us fishing, always there when we needed him most. Never saw him without a smile and a story... or to listen to yours! Heaven just became a more “lively” place let’s say! A true Hero in my life! LOVE*

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**Mark Ward** - May 17, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Big hugs and big prayers for the family.*



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**Cordelia Albritton** - May 15, 2023 at 10:24 PM

JC

“ *Almost every great memory I have of childhood included my Uncle Bill. Our trips back home to Texas were the highlight of my summers, and fishing with Uncle Bill was always what I looked forward to doing.*

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**Jeff Coker** - May 15, 2023 at 06:11 PM