



Kyle Patrick Kilman

January 1, 1964 - July 26, 2015

Kyle Patrick Kilman, 51, from Fairfield, Texas, died on July 26, 2015, in the Pickens Cancer Hospital in Dallas, Texas, from complications due to cancer.

Born on January 1, 1964 in West Monroe, Louisiana, to Dr. and Mrs. PT Kilman. Kyle grew up in Malakoff, Texas, attending school there until his graduation from Malakoff High School in 1982. Always concerned with academics, Kyle attended Baylor University and University of Texas at Tyler where he graduated with a degree in history and education, and later earned his Masters in Civil War Studies at the American Military University. Blending his love of education and sports, Kyle began his career at Crossroads High School and moved on to Lancaster, Groesbeck, and Manor High Schools and Navarro College before finishing his career at Teague High School.

Throughout his career, Kyle was well known for developing a foundation that quickly evolved into an incomparable baseball program. His baseball career resulted in over 300 wins with the 2015 season ending at the Regional Finals against West High School, a record for Coach Kilman and the Teague Lions. Likewise, his passion for football could be felt in the heart of every athlete he ever coached, and his love for coaching was proven through the 24-hour a day dedication to the defensive strategies, football fodder and hours upon hours of opponent film watching. Kyle was not just a coach; he was highly celebrated for his success in the classroom as well. For a quarter of a century, students have gained a curious love for the study of the past in a way that is

unparalleled, for Coach Kilman, the history teacher, was truly a remarkable storyteller. No one has left his classroom unchanged; through his eyes they were made to “see” and “feel” history as real and not just empty words in a textbook. His career has brought many awards including several teacher of the year awards, a State All-Star Coach award, Who’s Who Among High School Teachers, and countless District Coach of the Year awards through several baseball districts. More than that is the impression that Coach Kilman has made on the lives of students, coaches, teachers, parents, family and friends everywhere.

Personally, Kyle’s other passions included traveling and exploring historical settings, hunting of all sorts, fishing, reading non-fiction, supporting the military, watching and attending sporting events, and spending time with his family especially on his beautiful back porch. Kyle was as passionate about his faith as he was every other aspect of his life. At age 16, Kyle knew he would follow Christ, and he would prove his faith through study and his Christian character. It was amazingly evident on Thursday, July 16, 2015, when over a hundred visitors sat in his hospital room listening to his testimony and prayer. Even after, his servant’s heart continued to touch the lives of the last of his visitors and hospital staff.

Kyle is survived by his wife, Lynne, and their daughter, Abigail (5), two sons, Lt. Patrick Kilman (26), and Broc (31) with wife, Brooke and children, Caden, Addyson and Casen Kyle Kilman. He is also survived by his brother, Kevin Kilman and a nephew, Augustus Kilman, along with many loving and close cousins including Wayne and Linda Clark, Ann and Jim Stevens, and Bob and Gale Dossier; as well, he leaves behind a chocolate lab, Bailey, and a German Shepherd, Trigger; both playful additions to his home.

Kyle is preceded in death by his father and mother, PT and Helen Kilman, and his aunt and mother’s twin sister, Hazel, to whom he was very close.

Coach Kilman's funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 29 at 10:00 in the morning at Teague First Baptist Church in Teague, Texas, with a graveside service at 2:00 in the afternoon at Malakoff Cemetery. The visitation will take place at First Baptist Church in Teague on Tuesday, July 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 in the evening. Kyle's Pastor Steve Cowart and Pastor Jerry Johnson will officiate the services, and Kim Harris will deliver the eulogy. Pallbearers are Larry Adair, Luke Allison, Jeff Callahan, Richie Cutrer, Darrell Evans, Randy Rush, Chris Skinner, and Larry Sloan.

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Fairfield, Texas, is in charge of arrangements for Mr. Kilman. In lieu of flowers, the Kilman family asks for donations to continuing a scholarship in Kyle's memory. Donations can be made to Kyle Kilman Scholarship at Alliance Bank, 4721 Bosque Blvd, Waco, Texas, 76710. As well, donations can be dropped off at the high school. Call Melanie Bhateley at 254-741-8090 for more information. Education was a priority in Kyle's life, and he would wish to continue helping students' lives.

The Kilmans want to thank everyone for their support, kindness, and prayers through his battle with cancer, but especially Eighth Avenue Baptist Church, Teague ISD and High School, Dr. Cowey, nurse Kathy Coleman, Betty and Kent Henry, Melanie and Dileep Bhateley and Clay Crane.

"My religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave."

—General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson

Cemetery Details

Malakoff Cemetery

Malakoff, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Teague
209 6th Ave
Teague, TX 75860

Funeral Service

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Teague
209 6th Ave
Teague, TX 75860

Tribute Wall



“ Kyle Patrick Kilman

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ David Blasingame lit a candle in memory of Kyle Patrick Kilman



David Blasingame - July 29, 2015 at 09:06 PM



Lynne, Abby, Patrick and Broc. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

David Blasingame - July 29, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ Kyle loved God, family, and country in that order. His love for America was no more evident than on 9/11/2001 when he rushed into my room at Groesbeck High School and pulled up Fox News on my computer when the planes crashed into the twin towers. He was visibly upset about the terrorist act, but at the same time was concerned about how it would affect me, being a Marine reservist. When I was sent to New York shortly thereafter, he was the first one to wish me well and when I returned, he was one of the first to welcome me home.

David Blasingame - July 29, 2015 at 09:04 PM

LC

“ Lee And Beth Cook lit a candle in memory of Kyle Patrick Kilman



Lee and Beth Cook - July 29, 2015 at 03:17 PM

JL

“ It was a pleasure and an honor to play for Coach Kilman. He was a true master of the game of baseball and an outstanding man. I will never forget his witty remarks and his passion for the game. He wrote in my year book my senior year and I quote. " My mom wanted me to play like Mickey Mantle. " To Lynne and Pat, my deepest condolences. I know your hearts have a huge void right now. May his legacy live on.

*John Liscano
Groesbeck baseball class of 2001.*

John Liscano - July 28, 2015 at 11:35 PM

WF

“ We love you--John, Carol, Chris and Cody Favors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kyle Patrick Kilman.



We love you--John, Carol, Chris and Cody Favors - July 28, 2015 at 01:32 PM

GF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We remember him as an excellent coach right here at Groesbeck. He sure loved his teams and players. We have been praying for Kyle and will be lifting up the whole family and asking for a peace that passes all understanding for each of them. We love you all. All our love and prayers. Ron and Ginger Fritz

Ginger Fritz - July 28, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kyle Patrick Kilman.




July 28, 2015 at 09:58 AM

RI

“ *Richard, Katie & Layton Cates (Katie Ingram)* purchased the *A New Sunrise Spray* for the family of Kyle Patrick Kilman.



Richard, Katie & Layton Cates (Katie Ingram) - July 28, 2015 at 09:11 AM

 Tiffany
Ayala

“ *There are so many memories it's hard to choose just one. He was my favorite teacher. In the past 10 years since I've graduated he has been nothing but uplifting. In one of our conversations he asked if there was anything he could do for me, and it just baffled me how no matter how much pain he might have been feeling he was still there looking out for me. It has been a privilege to have called you my friend.*




Tiffany Ayala - July 28, 2015 at 09:10 AM

 Rachel
Christine

“ *My senior year coach called me out about joining the navy and was the only one in the classroom who believed me . He was one of the greatest role models I ever had I gave him Winston Churchill cigars on teacher's appreciation day and he forwarded the picture to the principle and said all I got from u was a piece of candy. On any given day u could ask him what happened today in history and he'd have something. he was something else and I'm glad he is no longer in pain*

Rachel Christine - July 28, 2015 at 03:33 AM

 Estela
Ellis-
Cranford

“ *Rest in peace...*



Estela Ellis-Cranford - July 28, 2015 at 12:59 AM

HC

“*Lynne, Abby, Patrick and Broc, it is simply amazing to read the stories and tributes that all the people have been sharing. It is my prayer that when it is my time, that I will exit this world with half of the dignity and grace that Kyle exhibited. Kyle was an absolute wonderful friend and an amazing Christian witness, and I am so proud and honored that I was able to call him my friend. Thank y'all so much for sharing Kyle with the thousands and thousands of ex-students, co-workers, friends and acquaintances! It was a pleasure knowing Kyle! Can't wait to see him again up in Heaven! The Cannon family loves the KILMAN family! Helen Cannon*



helen Cannon - July 28, 2015 at 12:56 AM

GP

“*Thoroughly enjoyed the group trip Kyle organized to Gettysburg!! If we had taken a tour, it would not have even come close to what we learned from OUR tour guide...Kyle Kilman. I was simply taken back by his vast knowledge of everything we visited. We arrived on St. Patrick's Day which was special in itself!!! Nuff said!! Lol I know Kyle is finally free of the pain and suffering. He is definitely in a better place orchestrating "the classroom" and "the game" as only he is capable of doing. May Lynne and his children and the rest of his family find comfort and strength knowing he is feeling no pain. Love and prayers to you all!*

Ginny Persano - July 27, 2015 at 11:25 PM

OD

Never met Kyle. But being friends with Wolf Pack Karate and reading all of the wonderful Post, I feel that another Soldier in the Army of the Lord has gone home to be with the Lord. Rest in Peace. To best absent from the Body is to be Present with the Lord. Love you, my brother in Christ

Olene Tryon Davis - July 28, 2015 at 04:38 PM

WC

“ My father-in-law and I took Kyle deer hunting his first time. He was 9 or 10 years old and a pleasure to have along. We let him shoot one of our deer rifles and it rolled him over but he was game and did it over and over till he got it right. We put him up in a tree and told him not to get down till we came back. We weren't too far from him and it started raining and the temp was close to freezing. After a couple of hrs we went to get Kyle and he was still up in the top of that tree looking like a frozen popsicle. Even back then he was disciplined and determined to do it right. We had many more pleasurable hunts together over the years. I told Kyle on more than one occasion that if The Good Lord had ever blessed my wife and I with a boy I would have been proud to call him my son. He grew into a fine man. Proud to call him family. Wayne Clark

Wayne Clark - July 27, 2015 at 10:37 PM

DM

“ Kevin. I know the pain of losing a brother my prayers are with you and your family. Kyle and I spent a lot of time in the library. at school discussing different ways history might have changed in different scenarios. we came up with some interesting hypothesis. lol

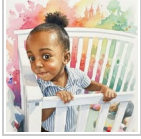
darwin mason - July 27, 2015 at 10:08 PM



“ Sharla Toliver lit a candle in memory of Kyle Patrick Kilman



Sharla Toliver - July 27, 2015 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of a great man. I didn't know Kyle personally but his life has been spoken through others. God has surely gained a great coach in Heaven.*
The Toliver family.

Sharla Toliver - July 27, 2015 at 09:49 PM



“ *There is no amount of understanding with the passing of this father, husband, friend and teacher. He was loved by so many and he knew it. Today he's resting high on that mountain and there is huge void where he once stood on this earth.*

Kim Souza - July 27, 2015 at 09:20 PM