



Raymond (Bud) Osborne

December 18, 1937 - May 8, 2021

Raymond Douglas (Bud) Osborne was born in Hillsboro, Texas on December 18, 1937, to Henry Thomas and Sarah Jane (Fowler) Osborne. At the age of 10, his family moved to Corsicana, Texas, where he would live for most of his life. Bud played football, basketball and ran track before graduating from Corsicana High School in 1955. He attended his first semester of college at SMU. He made a few C's, lost his scholarship, and came back to Navarro Junior College. While at Navarro, Bud mowed the entire campus for .75 cents an hour in order to have room, tuition, and meals. He was so grateful to the college for providing him this opportunity. Once eligible, the college gave him a full scholarship where he started and lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. The Bulldogs won the State Jr. College baseball title two years in a row and placed third in the National Tournament. As great as that was, it paled when he walked out of the cafeteria and saw a girl. He turned to his friend and asked, "Do you know who that girl is? I'm going to marry her." Bud always said he flunked out of SMU so he could meet his soul mate, Eloise Eckhardt, at Navarro. After transferring to Sul Ross in Alpine, Texas, on a baseball and basketball scholarship, it only took one semester of being 500 miles away from Eloise before he popped the question. Bud and Eloise were married on January 24, 1959 and moved to Alpine. Bud credited Eloise with being the reason he got his teaching degree, stating he never made below a B because he didn't want to let her down. Bud and Eloise eventually came back to Corsicana to teach and raise their daughters. Bud taught Biology and coached

football, basketball, baseball, softball and track for 42 years splitting that time between Mildred, Corsicana, Blooming Grove and Rice. Coach had over 180 days of sick leave when he retired. He always thought it was too important for his kids for him to miss a day because, "I might be the difference." And he was. Over the years since his retirement and during a recent illness, Coach Osborne heard from many of his former students. He was so proud of them all. He knew he wasn't perfect, but he hoped they all knew he loved them. They will never know how much their words meant through the years.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Pete Osborne. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eloise, his daughters Vicki Capers (Jim) and Sonya Burnett (Brad). Nephew Robby Osborne (Lindlee), Niece Angie Glover (Don), Cousins Wanda Chesser and Anita Hailey (Rusty), and special friend Fred Biltz (Senior Activity Center-Corsicana).

Memorial Service will be held at 1:00pm Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Northside Baptist Church with Bro. Benny Horn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship account has been set up to pave the way for local students wishing to attend Navarro College at Community National Bank & Trust, Corsicana, TX.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
2800 North Beaton
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond (Bud) Osborne



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 13, 2021 at 03:43 PM

BE

Prayers still for the family

Bethel - May 14, 2021 at 11:33 PM

MM

A Very Nice Tribute. Brad, prayers for you and your family are lifted up now.

Michael Matchael - May 18, 2021 at 09:24 AM

MW

Many memories..a really great guy whose wit and warmth was a gift to all who knew him. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Martha Wilcox - May 21, 2021 at 09:03 PM

RS

*My all time golfing buddy ! I will never forget you ! Rest In Peace my sweet friend . Hope you're hitting some hole in ones up there :)
God Bless
Sure gonna miss you ,
Rinert Schultz*

Rinert Schultz - May 26, 2021 at 07:14 PM

EB

RIP my friend 😭

Ed Brown - June 12, 2021 at 02:04 AM

TH

“ *Coach Osborne led us to a Regional Championship in Baseball in 1971. He was a great coach and example for us. May he rest in peace*

Terry Hodge - February 16 at 06:12 PM



“ *Raymond (Bud) Osborne*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

DN

“ Coach Osborne was just a "Super Guy"! My heart hurt when I heard the news of his passing. He was a great Coach and great example for both young men and women alike. In my life, he was truly a "standup guy" I always looked up to and always greatly respected. Coach Osborne pushed us hard to be good players, good teammates, and "good young men" above all else!! He believed in "athletic excellence" and our teams accomplished some amazing things under his leadership. When I would see him after I was grown, we would re-live the games back in the day! He remembered every play and loved to tell the stories! I loved to listen to them from his perspective. As a grown man talking to him, it was evident he truly loved all his players and remembered every detail of most games they played.

Coach Osborne and I had kind of a funny special bond of both being left-handed. I would watch him shoot a basketball and try my best to duplicate every shot I ever saw him make. Let me tell you, he was a hard act to follow shooting a basketball! All his former players will attest to that! I have nothing but fond memories of Coach Osborne. He made such a positive influence on my life and my wife Nancy's life and the lives of so many of my good friends! Most of the things I cherish about "sports and athletic competitions" today were learned and nurtured under his guidance as a young kid. I truly don't know anyone who spent time with Coach "Bud" that didn't receive a huge blessing from knowing him. He will be missed! Love you Coach!

Danny Neal

Danny Neal - May 21, 2021 at 06:00 PM

SH

“ Steve and Kimberly Hickerson purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond (Bud) Osborne.



Steve and Kimberly Hickerson - May 21, 2021 at 10:14 AM

TS

“ Bud, you are greatly missed. May the LORD keep you in HIS arms. Your thoughts and news were always welcome.
Tommy Smith

Tommy Smith - May 21, 2021 at 09:23 AM

OA

“ Offering my sincere condolences to the family of Bud Osborne. Was and is Mr. Osborne to me. Moved to Mildred school in 1962 as a Sophomore. Played basketball 63-64 and 64-65 for the Eagles. Mr. Osborne was the coach. At our games, before starting a game, we formed a circle and together, recited the Lord's prayer. Very good man. Will be missed. Odis Arnold, Class of 65.

Odis Arnold - May 17, 2021 at 02:39 PM

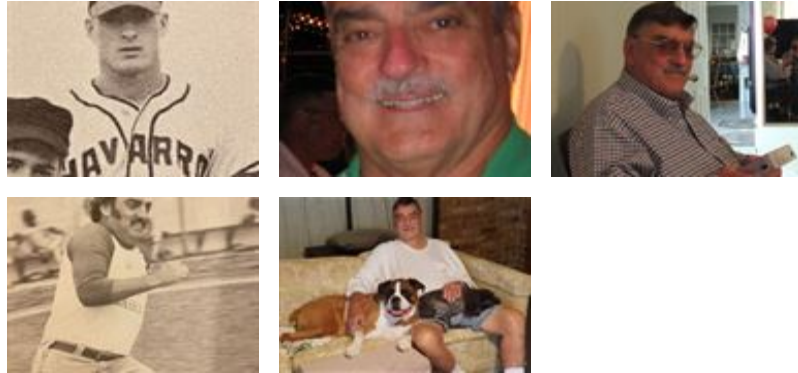
 Sandra Wilcox

“ Coach was the best teacher I had. So caring. A great role model. He even routed me on when I was in Culinary School at 49. Prayers for the family.

Sandra Wilcox - May 14, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 13, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ I coached with Bud at Collins, and then worked with him at Rice. He was a great example of what a teacher should be. He was fair but firm and always prepared with a good lesson. He knew how to tell a good story and how to have fun. We could always depend on him as he would make whatever sacrifice was needed on behalf of the students. Several of my kids had him as a teacher and all of my family knew and respected him. I always knew I could count on his support when I needed it. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

Tom Herrin

Tom Herrin - May 13, 2021 at 01:03 PM



Though we are miles away in Washington state our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He will truly be a loss for cousin group. So enjoyed his emails to us.

Patti Stewart - May 13, 2021 at 06:20 PM

JA

He was one of the greatest Teacher I've ever met, truly a HERO & INSPIRATION to all of his students 3 of my children had him as a teacher at Rice & all of them loved him. He made learning fun , a Great Man , R I P sir you will be missed by so many . Deeply Respected & dearly loved.

jackie Anderson - May 14, 2021 at 08:06 PM

JS

“ *I worked with Bud in the mid to late 70s at Builders Supply Co. Bud would work during the summers and help Gerald Graham the head carpenter. Bud was a positive human who would always listen to what you had to say. I would see Bud every now and then and he would ask about the people we worked with and how they were doing. I worked around Bud for a short period of time but I know his outlook on life affected many he came in contact with over his life.*

jay sewell - May 12, 2021 at 04:33 PM

SB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sonya Burnett - May 12, 2021 at 02:24 PM

SB

It is so heartwarming to see all the comments about dad. Thank you all so much!

Sonya Burnett - May 12, 2021 at 07:05 PM

DC

“ *Such fond memories of Mr. Bud and his family. Thank you for being a role model for so many.*

dcarroll - May 12, 2021 at 01:17 PM

RW

“ *Where to begin,, nnd how do you end when speaking of Coach, Osborne. So many stories, do many lessons learned in the classroom,on the athletic fields and courts, and life lessons taught by this man to me and countless others. His fun loving personality, dry wit, and humor were on display every day. His booming voice could be heard down the halls and across the court and fields and in the bleachers too, with familar jokes,pranks and stories, followed by laughter. "Are we having fun yet!" , "You want to buy a dog!", "Gaa-lute! ", " Hello men,...and Ronny", are a few punch lines and sayings that will echo with his voice in my mind. I have no doubt that Coach is sitting up in heaven at the teachers table cuttin-up with Mr. Asby, Mr Batton, and my father and has them all in stitches laughing. A great Coach,, Teacher, Athlete,, Competitor,And Family man, it was a joy, honor and privilege to have been one of his students, and to have played for Coach Osborne, and even more so to have know him all my life. His memory will live with me from lessons learned, his stories re-told, and a life well lived.*

My thoughts and prayers go out to Eloise,Vickie, Sonja, and all of the family. Take comfort in your memories of him, and the knowledge of how many lifes he touch in a positive way. God Bless.

Ronny Wigley

Ronny Wigley - May 11, 2021 at 11:07 PM

BH

A GREAT BIG AMEN to every single word, Ronnie Wigley. He had so many good things to say about your dad. He had such fond memories of all the teachers at Mildred. He told me he could never bring himself to call Mr. Asby by his first name out of respect. He practiced what he preached.

Benny Horn - May 21, 2021 at 02:01 PM

MW

“ Such a wonderful man..so many great stories and observations that he shared always lifting spirits. He will be missed by many who were fortunate to know him. My sincere condolences to his family.

Martha Call Wilcox - May 11, 2021 at 05:41 PM

ML

“ Bud was a very kind, thoughtful person. We taught together at Rice High School. He never met a stranger, and he always had a story to tell. We e-mailed even up to two weeks ago.. I will surely miss him. Love and blessings to his precious wife and daughter and family.

melba lennon - May 11, 2021 at 02:56 PM

DS

“ Loved having Coach Osborne as a Teacher, what a smart man, and how he helped everyone reach their potential. So glad he and his family were in my life growing up. And use to luv to watch him play Softball when i was a kid growing up in Navarro. ❤️❤️

Darlyn Weaver Sessions - May 11, 2021 at 12:21 PM

SW

“ I'm thankful to have known this kind man. A true gentleman. Our family sends its condolences to the family.

Scott Wigley - May 11, 2021 at 10:44 AM

KS

“ Truly one of the good guys! He made such a great impression on my life as well as countless thousands of young men and women. I have dozens of stories of how he helped shape the person I am today. My father was a good friend and college classmate and I will never forget how happy he was to tell me his friend would be my first coach in organized sports at Collins Middle School. I will always think of Coach Osborne as a second dad! So sorry to hear of his passing. I know where he is and the basketball team up there just got a new starter!

May he rest in peace and rise to glory. We love you Coach!

Kenny Stone

KEN STONE - May 10, 2021 at 06:14 PM

TW

“ Very sad to hear of Bud's passing, he was a fine man.....I have very fond memories of our times together. Rest In Peace buddy.....

Tim Watts - May 10, 2021 at 03:52 PM

RD

“ Bud was a natural athlete in all sports and a very kind and generous person. He was 2 years ahead in school and we all looked up to Bud. Our prayers and concerns are with Eloise and the family.
Ronnie and Nina Deskin

Ronnie Deskin - May 10, 2021 at 03:22 PM

RL

Eloise and girls, Kelly and I are saddened to hear of Bud's passing. We pray for God's loving arms will be wrapped around you and you know the comfort of His love.

Reba Wills. Kelly Lawson - May 11, 2021 at 03:03 PM

DH

“ I grew up with Bud. As good an athlete as there was. Great wit and golf swing. A very kind man with a true heart of gold.

Dob Harvey - May 10, 2021 at 01:14 PM

DS

Bud's legacy of decency and FairPlay will live on in the young men he coached and mentored throughout his life.

Dolores Stone - May 11, 2021 at 08:53 AM

CK

*Bud Was A Leader...and well respected and loved by his family, friends and professional colleagues. He was Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverend and yes...once the holder of the State of Texas longest basketball shot on record (Corsicana vs McCallum of Austin 1954).
C. Robert Keathley*

C. Robert Keathley - May 11, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JD

What can you say that has not been said. A great friend and teammate for many years. Sorry to hear such news. He can now join our other softball friends who have gone before us. Just save me a spot on that team in heaven.

Jimmy Dawson - May 12, 2021 at 10:24 PM

KD

My husband and I met Bud when we used to live near the Senior Center here in Corsicana. He loved to stop by and see our Dachshunds in the yard. He was such a kind soul. Praying for his family.

KD - May 13, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JG

Mr. Osborne was my teacher at Mildred in the late 60's and a terrific person. He taught me biology and also taught me that there is nothing I could not do if I wanted. He would always stop and talk if I ran into him in town. I remember one time he made my brother write his name 100 times because he misspelled it on a test. He was that kind of man. Please accept my condolences in his loss. He was one of a kind!
Judy Warren Gammill

Judy Gammill - May 14, 2021 at 09:01 AM

PT

*Eloise, & Girls, Though there is little that friends can say or do...
...may the unspoken words of caring and the loving thoughts that
come from within the heart give you strength and peace.*
Peggy Thomas

Peggy Thomas - May 18, 2021 at 06:23 PM