



Roger Pillans

June 18, 1952 - May 15, 2011

Roger Wayne Pillans, 58 of St. Elmo, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 15, 2011 in Anderson County. Roger was born June 18, 1952 in Corsicana to Wayne and Joyce Johnson Pillans. He grew up in St. Elmo where he lived all his life. Roger grew up beside his daddy farming and ranching. He loved playing football, baseball, hunting, riding motorcycles with all the other kids in St. Elmo. Riding horses, working cows and roping were his passion. In his adult life he loved operating trucks and heavy equipment, going to rodeos, roping and hunting. He had countless friends and loved his family. Roger was saved at the age of 11 and served the Lord through out his life. He attended Fairfield Schools Sam Houston State University and earned his Masters degree from Stephen F. Austin. He entered the public school teaching profession while continuing to help his daddy maintain a farm and cattle operation. He was a full time father who loved his children unconditionally without end. The Lord blessed him with a gift of love and understanding and allowed him to share this gift with many young people whom he loved like his own children. He took many into his home and taught them about living a Christian life and being an example for others to follow. He loved playing pranks and jokes on unsuspecting people, especially his wife Linda. He could be found most nights on his ranger shining his spotlight hunting and riding the roads. He touched the life of all he encountered and will be sorely missed by family and friends but we know he would tell us to "be strong, weather the storm and go on." We will always remember his smile,

laugh, jokes and the memories he has left us. Roger is preceded in death by his father and mentor, Wayne Pillans. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Linda Pillans, his baby doll, Dana Rae Pillans Kennedy and husband Brad, his little man, Jerrod Pillans, daughter Paige Spivey Almon and husband Wade, daughter Kristy Spivey Reynolds and husband Ryan, son Trent Spivey, son Cody Saculla; grandchildren Rance Pillans, River Pillans, Laney Almon, Karter Almon, Landon Reynolds and Kate Reynolds; mother Joyce Pillans, sister Judy Pillans Hagler and husband Corky; niece Lanna Hagler McCabe and husband Ryan; nephew Clay Hagler and wife Jennifer; numerous other loved ones. Visitation will be 6-8pm Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 10am Friday, May 20, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Bro. Elton McCann and Johnny Saculla officiating. Burial will follow at St. Elmo Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Johnny Mack Johnson, Johnny Day Johnson, David Johnson, Ricky Loftis, Benny Pillans, Gary Pillans, Gary Myrle Pillans, Phil Pillans.

Tribute Wall



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CS

“ Roger and Dana were so very kind to my own daughter after she had been in a terrible car accident. I will never forget the kindness they expressed by coming to the hospital to visit her and offer their amazing support. I will never forget that. Thank you so very much. Please know that now my thoughts and prayers are with the entire Pillans family. May God bless you all, and keep you strong at this very difficult time. I know Roger will be deeply missed.

Cary Martin Sullivan - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Roger for several years. Always looking out for the best interest of others, his students and their families, he worked diligently and poured out his authentic self to all those who came in contact with him. May you find comfort in each other and the Lord bless you and keep in the days ahead.

Njeri Shomari - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ did not know him knew of him from a cousin in law i and my sister kim matthews send our condolences he will be missed

shellykendall - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Your in my thoughts. So sorry for your loss!

Tammy Baker - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Great man who was a friend to all.

Michael Dear - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Linda, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...
Debbie

Debbie Hoover Wilmoth - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Joyce, Judy and entire Pillans family you all are in my thoughts and
prayers. May God be with you.

Bettie Taylor - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are Thinking of you in our Prayers.
God be with all of you.

Doris, Larrye, and Donna Belah - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ My thoughts and prayers to all the family during this most difficult
time. May God continue to be with you and help heal your pain in
time. Love, Audra

Audra McCabe Varkey - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ He was a wonderful guy that will be missed alot.

Joan Vaughn - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Linda and Pillans families:
I am so sorry. My prayers are with all of you. He will be missed by
everyone.
If there is anything I can do please call on me.

Donna LeJeune - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *I miss you and I wish I could have spent more time with you. And I'm sorry it happend to you. You will be missed dearly.*

Skilarr Giabbai - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *To the Pillans family you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Jobe - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Linda,
You are my thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Lee Brown - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Dana you and your family are in my prayers (I Have learnd, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I can do all things through Christ which strengheneth me) philippians 4:11, 13*

Nanette Williams - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *A great team, and class mate. I remember him all ways smiling.*

Mike Jenkins - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My condolences to the Pillans family on your loss. May God grant you peace during this time.*

Roy H. Simons - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We will keep your whole family in our thoughts and prayers.

Brenda McLeod Montgomery - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Roger was a great friend and I'll always remember his smile and the time we spent together.

Buz Post - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Roger was one of those guys you couldn't forget. Strong, yet compassionate. He was the perfect administrator to deal with students who had special problems. We shared many of those students through the years we worked together. He made a difference in many lives, particularly those who were headed down the wrong paths of life. He never gave up on any of them. It was an honor and privilege to have worked with him. Our thoughts are with the family during this trying time.

Ronnie Odom - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Jared, Trent, and all the Pillans family. I was saddened and shocked to hear of Rogers accident. Though I am up north please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Roger was a good friend and roping partner and I know he will be greatly missed in the Winkler community, by the CISD family, and everyone who knew him. God bless.

Steve

Steve Phillips - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. As time passes you will remember the good times and they will give you peace.*

Norma Larkin - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in your loving memories of Roger.*

Jocelyn Larkin - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with your family through this tough time*

JMS - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *I was in Roger's class at FHS. He was always a super sweet guy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God Bless you.*

Paula Willett Swinburn - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Roger Pillans*

Michael D Ferguson - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *So sorry for the family. Judy and Joyce we go back a long way. May God bless you all with his comfort. In loving friendship.....Jackson's*

Leta Jackson - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dana ,I am so sorry for your loss. my prayers are with you and your family

Mary Christian - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ my prayers are with all of you . . . God Bless!!

Debby (White) Burleson - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Judy.

Bonner Missildine - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Joyce & family, May the memories of your loved one and those special time you shared together be of comfort to you now and in the days ahead bringing peace to your heart.

Peggy Thomas - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ I have known and worked with Mr. Pillans for the past nine years. He is man of integrity and excellence. He always had a smile and was always so helpful. I will miss seeing him at NCAEP. I pray that God will bless his family and comfort you all as you go through this period of adjustment. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Valorie Horn - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Joyce, Judy, and family
You all are in our thoughts and prayers

Bill and Genell Posey - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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You all are in our thoughts and prayers

Bill and Genell Posey - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *You are in our prayers. Old High School Friend.*

Donna Tyus - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *My heart is heavy over the loss of Roger. He was such a good man and always brought a smile to my face. The family is in my thoughts and prayers and words cannot express my sorrow for you all. My deepest sympathy.*

Lauren Aycock - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *What an honor we count that we were able to get to know Roger in our Sunday School class. Roger will always be remembered for his love for his family, co-workers, students, and friends. Most importantly, we remember his love for His Savior, Jesus, and he was always striving to be a better man for the cause of Christ. Our prayers are with the Linda and the entire family at this time. We love you guys.*

Kurt & Kayla Lupo & family

Kayla Lupo - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Linda, Jerrod, Dana, Joyce, Judy & the entire Pillans Family: Our hearts are so saddened and we share in the loss of your beloved, Roger. He was such a delightful and friendly person who loved his wife, children, grandchildren, family and his Lord. The angels in heaven are rejoicing and welcoming him with open arms. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we love you all so very much.

Conrad and Lynnette

Conrad & Lynnette Engelholm - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Mr.pillans was a very good principal at our school he helped me when I was little and in the ABC program and my heart is sadden that he is gone.

Cavendar green - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Mr.Pillians to me you feel like family. I had the those seizures when I first met you. There was times you helped me when I was sad. I can't wait to see you in heaven when I die. Your Friend, Micheal Driggars.

Micheal Driggers - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To all of the Pillians family, from the short time we have known Roger, we have learned to realize what a great Son, Father ,Friend, and God fearing man he was, May all the great memories you have , give you comfort. God bless all of you , Don and Wilma

Don and Wilma Carlisle - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Roger was a wonderful friend as well as a magnificent teacher. He had a way with kids that brought out the best in each one. I enjoyed working with Roger at CRTC and appreciated his wit and his genuine caring for kids. I will miss him greatly.

Ginger Mullenix - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I worked with Roger at Mexia State School and again at Corsicana Residential Treatment Center. He was a wonderful person and friend as well as a very good Christian man.

Paula J Sullins - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ In the short time we had the pleasure of knowing Roger, he touched our hearts with his kind and caring spirit. He was a man who instantly became your friend and who you knew you could always count on. We will always keep him in our heart and hope to carry on the kindness and compassion he shared for all.

Paul, Chanda and Kody Chaney - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Judy and Mrs Pillans, my prayers are with you and all of the family.

Nancy Harris Roane - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Dana, My deepest sympathies on the tragic and sudden loss of your father. Many prayers and blessings are being said for you and your family. Carol Libby

Carol Libby - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Linda and Family - you are in my thoughts and prayers may our heavenly father give you strength and acceptance.

"Shall claim of death cause us to grieve and make our courage faint and fall? Nay! Let us faith and hope receive the rose still grows beyond the wall" (The Rose Beyond the Wall by A. L. Frank) Love Mary

Mary Dillard - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Jerrod, you and your family are in our hearts and prayers at this difficult time. The most important thing is to remember the good time, the laughs and treasure the memories they will stay with you always.

Your Friends...

Janis Ledet - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I remember coming to your home and how we all laughed that night. My prayers go out to otoh and all of your family. Sheila

sheila millet - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I wish that I had taken the time to visit Mr. Pillans and tell him this, but I have to share what a difference he made in my son's life.

My son was able to finish high school by attending the Alternative School where Mr. Pillans was principal. The encouragement that Mr. Pillans provided to my son and to me enabled us to forge on and I believe it is due to him and his staff that my son graduated. He was on his way down the wrong road and now he is a very respectful member of the Army.

What Mr. Pillans did in life made a difference in our lives. He never had to tell me that He was a Christian. It was clearly evident by the way he cared.

Janet Daugherty - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Roger was a true friend and will be missed by all.

Debbie Fuller - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Linda, Judy, and Joyce Gooley and Virgie Orr have you all in our prayers at the loss of your loved one. We heard about the accident on Monday and have said a prayer for all of you.

The Lord will see you through this week and time to come. We know this will be a tough time for all of you, but you have friends and family.

We send our love and prayers especially for Thursday, Friday, and next week.

*D. L. "Gooley" Orr
Virgie L. Orr*

D. L. "Gooley" Orr - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the entire Pillans' family. It was great to have a friend like Roger when we were growing up in Winkler and St. Elmo. Roger, Bennie, Gary, and I had many good times riding motorcycles, hunting, and fishing. We had fun whether it was just driving around Fairfield or Corsicana, or playing 42 with Wayne and Joyce. I know that Roger will be missed by all of his family and friends, but I also know that he has gone on to a better place.

Mike Ferguson - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM