



# Bruce Wayne Merrell

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**B**ruce Wayne Merrell, 71, of Iowa Park, Texas died Wednesday, February 14, 2024 in Dallas, Texas.

Graveside services will be 3:00 PM, Monday, February 19, 2024 at Claude Cemetery in Claude, Texas with Jonathan Clubb, officiating. A memorial in Iowa Park is planned for a later date.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon, Texas.

Bruce was born February 8, 1953 in Motley County, Texas to Jack Merrell and Iva Johnson Merrell. He married Vicky Sanders on May 17, 1974 in Claude, Texas.

Bruce graduated from Claude High School in 1971. He attended Eastern New Mexico University where he played football and walked on to the soccer team. He earned his Bachelor's degree from West Texas State University and a Master's degree from Wayland Baptist University. Bruce was a member of the First Baptist Church in Iowa Park. He was a man that embodied, and lived, the definition of a servant leader. He spent his professional career serving as a teacher and coach for 36 years, working for Memphis ISD, Dalhart ISD, Rotan ISD, Wimberley ISD, Iowa Park ISD, and Vernon ISD. After his retirement from education, he worked for Rolling Plains Management as a driver for Sharp Lines Transportation. Bruce's influences and impact on others reaches far and wide. He never met a stranger, and he could never go anywhere without knowing someone. He was known for his red hair, his quick wit and humor, his love for his students and athletes, and his undying love for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Nolan and Winne Sanders; and one son, Derek Merrell.

He is survived by his wife, Vicky; daughters, Monica Clubb and husband, Jonathan; Stefanie Merrell; Jennifer Merrell; brother, Bill Merrell and wife Kay; Brother-in-law, Jimmy Sanders and



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wife Shawna; grandson, Ty Clubb; aunt, Mary Scott; uncle, Rex Johnson, and several nephews, nieces, and cousins who loved him dearly.

Flowers can be sent to Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon, Texas.



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**Paul & Susan Tigrett** posted:

Paul and I were so sad to hear of Coach Merrill's passing, He was truly one of the good ones! He coached our daughter, Randi, in track at IPHS for 4 years and always made it fun! He had a special gift for working with kids! He will be missed by so many! RIP Coach. Paul and Susan Tigrett "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." 2 Timothy 4:7

February 18 at 7:48 PM



**Pam Forbes** posted:

Besides being my classmate and friend, my family was friends with Bruce's family. I have great memories of our little brothers playing together in our front yard. One of those days, Bruce was zigzag pulling our little red wagon across our yard with me and the little brothers in pursuit! As I made my heroic lunge toward that wagon, it hit a big yard bump and made direct contact with my front tooth! Over the years since that time when experiencing dental work pertaining to that tooth, I have thought of Bruce.....in a grateful, "those were the good ol' days" kind of way. Much love and prayers for the family as they honor his life. Pam (Tims) Forbes and Mike Forbes

February 18 at 3:59 PM



**Kenneth M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bruce.



February 18 at 1:50 PM



**The Christadelphians** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Merrell family.



February 17 at 10:31 AM



**Jean (Jeannette Stavenhagen) Reynolds** posted:

How can you describe someone you went to school with for almost 12 years. We grew up together. We were all brothers and sisters. Not having him at class reunions will be sad, as one more is gone. It makes us realize our own mortality. We're the old timers now. Job well done Bruce! Prayers to his family and friends.

February 17 at 8:00 AM



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RT

**Ron&Richie, Ronda&Jeff, Ro&Trey** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Merrell family.

February 17 at 6:07 AM



JB

**Jessica Brady** lit a candle in honor of Bruce.

Coach, you were one of the Good ones, you will be missed. Jessica (Costello) Brady

February 17 at 3:42 AM



EH

**Ed And Dianne Hefti** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bruce.

February 16 at 7:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Merrell family.

February 16 at 7:16 PM



CW

**Clint And Elizabeth Witherspoon** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bruce.

February 16 at 4:33 PM



CW

**Clint And Elizabeth Witherspoon** sent a Serenity Wreath to the Merrell family.

February 16 at 4:33 PM





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CA

**Clint, Erin, Alexis, Avyn** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Merrell family.

February 16 at 3:09 PM



CA

**Clint, Erin, Alexis, Avyn** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bruce.

February 16 at 3:09 PM



NC

**Neal And Gayle Cayton** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bruce.

February 16 at 2:11 PM



Anonymous

**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Merrell family.

February 16 at 2:11 PM



RB

**Richard And Judy Berg** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Merrell family.

February 16 at 1:52 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Bruce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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