



Melvin Leon Reynolds

December 21, 1939 - January 10, 2025

Melvin Leon Reynolds, resident of Lancaster, Texas passed away on January 10th, 2025 at the age of 85. He was born on December 21, 1939 in Colbert, Oklahoma to Arduth R. Reynolds and Virgie Lavonne Reynolds (Née Reeves).

After high school, Melvin attended Southeastern State College in Oklahoma where he graduated with a Bachelor's and Master's in Education. For most of his life, he was a high school teacher of Economics, World History, and Government in public schools of Texas and New Mexico. In his spare time, Melvin enjoyed fishing and hunting, pastimes he shared with his two sons, Lynn and Wynn, but his passion in life was basketball. A high school basketball coach for more than forty years, Melvin was known as "Coach Reynolds" by the students he mentored over his decades as an educator. For his dedication as a basketball coach, Melvin was recognized by the Texas House of Representatives. Before his retirement from Seagoville High School, Coach Reynolds was awarded a trophy for his more than 700 career-wins. In 1996, Melvin married Tina Reynolds, wife and loving companion of twenty-seven years. In his later years, Melvin enjoyed hosting family gatherings, writing, and watching various sports with his family. Throughout his life, Melvin was a faithful believer of Jesus Christ and always reminded his family not to forget their prayers. All his loved ones will remember him with deep affection, and his warm energy and love will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virgie; his father, Arduth; and his brother, Gerald.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Tina; his sons, Lynn of McKinney and Wynn of San Antonio; his sister, Cindy McClendon (Byron); and his brother, Eric (Nancy). He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Joshua (Hope) of Josephine and Lyndsey (Jaime) of Berkeley, California; his great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and numerous extended family members who he loved.

Services for Melvin Reynolds will be held at 11:00am on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster, Texas. A graveside will be held in the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Colbert, Oklahoma at 2:30pm following the service.

Cemetery Details

Colbert Garden of Memory Cemetery

N3655 Road
Coblert, OK 74733

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 16. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Ginger Philpot (Zimmerman) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin Leon Reynolds.



Ginger Philpot (Zimmerman) - January 17, 2025 at 05:42 PM

FG

“I was a senior for Coach Reynolds first year at Fort stockton. He was so instrumental in changing my life off and on the court. I had an off period at the end of day and it turned out to be my time to sit with coach and discuss basketball and life. We became friends and discussed coaching together some day. My mother saved all the local paper articles and recently passed them to me. I have posted a picture of the first article of his first game. My condolences and my thoughts and prayers to coach and his family. I agree with the others he was the best coach ever.



Felix Gonzales - January 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM

AM

“April Martinez lit a candle in memory of Melvin Reynolds



April Martinez - January 16, 2025 at 09:08 AM

AM

“ I remember Coach Reynolds from playing on his team in 2001-2002 at Seagoville High. He was a great coach and was always there for his players whenever we needed him. You will always be remembered with me Coach. 🙏❤️

April Martinez - January 16, 2025 at 09:07 AM

NR

“ I am married to Melvin's brother Eric. Melvin was a very special person. He spread gods love to his family and everyone he met. He was always very kind and loving to me and our family. When I read the memories from his past students below it brings a smile to my face because it shows how important and loved he was as a teacher and coach. Melvin touched so many people's life and he will be in our hearts forever.

Nancy Reynolds - January 15, 2025 at 07:52 PM

PM

“ When I was younger my Uncle Melvin would always call before my first day of school to wish me a good first day and give me words of advice and encouragement for the upcoming year. In later years I would get random phone calls from him, just to see how I was doing, and he ended every phone call telling me "Jesus loves you and so do I". He will truly be missed

Paul McClendon - January 15, 2025 at 05:27 PM

BM

“ Melvin is my brother-in-law (I'm married to his sister Cindy) and I always think of his quirky sense of humor and love of telling 'Dad' jokes. Often we'll hear a joke and say "that sounds like a Melvin joke". One example: "a skeleton walked into a bar and said "I'll take a whiskey and a mop". He was a good guy and always wanted the best for people.

Byron McClendon - January 15, 2025 at 11:58 AM

JF

“ Joshua Simons and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melvin Leon Reynolds.



Joshua Simons and Family - January 15, 2025 at 10:04 AM

JF

“ Joshua Simons and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Leon Reynolds.

Joshua Simons and Family - January 15, 2025 at 10:04 AM

ME

“ You were the Best Coach! I can still hear your voice in the classroom and in the gym. Blowing on your thumbs will always be remembered. Some of the things you taught me in high school have always been remembered in my heart and mind. Thanks for being the best. Rest in Heaven. You will be forever remembered and missed. A million thanks for everything 🙏

Mella - January 15, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ I am so saddened by the news. I was thinking about him a few weeks ago. Coach Reynolds was the best coach and mentor anyone could ever have. I made it through Seagoville High School and basketball team because of him. He will definitely be missed! Thank you for all you've done. I am so grateful for all the things you've taught me. You're truly a man of God. May your legacy continue to shine! Rest in heavenly peace, coach.



Angel Dau - January 15, 2025 at 03:45 AM

“ Coach Reynolds was one of the most influential faculty members I had during my time at Ft Stockton HS from 1987 to 1991. He ran a disciplined basketball program that not only taught us the game of basketball but also life lessons for adulthood.

I have so many fond memories of him as coach as well as teacher. He demanded excellence and toughness yet, without using profanity or a whistle. He ran us hard during conditioning drills so we could run down our opponents. He truly loved his players and wanted us to push through adversity and play beyond our defaults.

I remember him saying if he was only about winning state titles, he'd move to Dallas to coach at a school where he would just have to roll the ball out on the court. But, he loved coaching and developing young men the right way so spent many years at FSHS doing just that. Mastering fundamentals and playing as a team were more important than fancy shots & accolades.

Even though it has been 34yrs since I played for Coach, his influence and words of wisdom have stuck with me. I quoted him often to my twin boys as they were learning the game of basketball and even ran many 3-man weaves with them in his honor. Coach Reynolds was one of a kind and his memory will live on in all the lives he touched.

Here is a '91 FSHS team photo taken in Crane, TX at a tournament as well as a picture of my letter jacket and the Panthers "proud and promising" t-shirt he got us all that I kept all these years. Thanks Coach Reynolds for pouring into us all those years ago and laying a foundation for success. You were a great man who left a big legacy. Rest in peace Coach!



Paul Rauscher - January 15, 2025 at 12:44 AM



“ *Best Coach ever hands down! Coach Reynolds was my father-like figure I needed in high school. His wife was so sweet and they both used to take me home every night after a basketball because my mom worked all the time. I really appreciate the love they both showed me back then* ❤️



Barbi Clark - January 14, 2025 at 10:31 PM

JE

“ *Coach Reynolds was a beloved Educator and Basketball Coach at Seagoville High School. He kept us laughing inside and outside the classroom. He taught me so much my senior year in his Economics class. He was surely a treasure and will be missed by many.*

Jasman Evans-Maloy - January 14, 2025 at 09:04 PM

GP

“ *Hate to hear of his passing. Coach was truly one of the best. Always so happy to see you with some joke in store. Still hear him say "follow thru" anytime I shoot a basketball. Prayers and condolences for his closest loved ones.*

Ginger Philpot - January 14, 2025 at 08:53 PM

ER

“ Years ago I went deep sea fishing with Melvin, my kids Jeremy and Kevin, Josh, Wynn and Lynn. The night before the trip we decided to eat Mexican food. The next morning before we got on the boat I told Melvin to take sea sickness pills. Melvin told me he was not taking it because I did not know how tough he was. He did not take it. We're on the charter boat, about half way out to where we're going to fish. The boat captain told me the older gentleman in the cabin (Melvin) was not doing good and we were about to lose him. A few minutes later Lynn sat down next to me and said dad is really sick. I decided to go check on him. I opened up the cabin door to go in. Before I could say anything to him and without hesitating Melvin said Eric this is no time to mess with me give me that medicine. I had to tell him that the sea sickness medicine doesn't work after you're on the boat at sea. Also the Mexican food dinner probably was not a good choice. Over the years I would always tease Melvin saying he was too tough to take the pills and remind him how sick he got. Jesus loves you and I do too. Rest in peace brother. Love Eric.



Eric Reynolds - January 14, 2025 at 08:33 PM

CM

“ Melvin was a great brother who enjoyed encouraging and helping others. He rarely missed an opportunity to share a joke with others. He loved people and his favorite question when meeting someone new was , “where did you go to high school?” He said people usually like to share this information and chances were he probably knew someone who went to school there, taught there or coached at your high school. Enjoy your reunion with Mom, Dad and Bo (Gerald).

Cindy McClendon - January 14, 2025 at 03:35 PM

VJ

“ *Melvin was like a Big Brother to me! He was a great motivator and role model! He lived the way he Coached!
He has touched many lives! He inspired others to do their best!
We'll meet again!*

Junior

Vernon Reeves Jr - January 14, 2025 at 03:32 PM