



James Boyce

August 31, 1944 - June 19, 2008

James Bennett Boyce of Oakhurst, San Jacinto County, Texas passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2008 in Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas. James was born August 31, 1944 in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. He was the son of Mary Virginia Bennett and Charles Ward Boyce, Jr. He was married to Ynette Aden, his high school sweetheart, in Stephens Creek, San Jacinto, Texas in 1965. To this union two sons were born. James was the valedictorian of the 1962 graduating class of India Grace High School in Coldspring, Texas. He obtained a B. S. from Sam Houston State College in 1967 and an M.Ed. from Sam Houston State University in 1972 in Huntsville, Texas. James attended Texas Tech University Medical School in Lubbock, Texas from 1984-1986. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints since 1974, he served in many capacities throughout the years: Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 1046, Young Men's President, Elder's Quorum President, and was at the time of his death a member of the High Council of the College Station Texas Stake assigned to the Madisonville Branch. He was a Master Mason of the Mt. Moriah Lodge #37 AF & AM. James retired from Goodrich I. S. D. as superintendent of schools in 2003 after 34 years in education. He was an administrator in Huntsville I. S. D. James taught math, physics, chemistry, biology and outdoor education in Coldspring-Oakhurst C. I. S. D. He, also, taught biology in Abernathy I. S. D. He served as president of the Texas State Science Teachers Association and president of the Texas Outdoor Education Association. He was a member of the Physics Honor

Society. James was, also, an avid genealogist. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, backpacking, canoeing, and raising pecan trees. He authored many scientific papers. After retirement he worked at Region VI Educational Service Center in Huntsville as a grant writer and field service agent. Anyone who met James for any length of time always went away with a James Boyce story – "I remember when James/Mr. Boyce and I..." He loved to learn. He had a unique gift of explaining complex things in simple terms to those who were willing to listen and learn. He was a life long educator. He loved mankind no matter their status in life, religious affiliation or color of their skin. He dearly loved his wife, sons, brother, daughter-in-laws, grandchildren, and niece, Becky Boyce Flarity. He is survived by his wife, Ynette, and two sons Charles Aden (Terri) Boyce and William "Bill" Marshall (Jenn) Boyce; brother, John Charles (Lunette) Boyce all of Oakhurst. "Pawpaw" is survived by his grandchildren all of Oakhurst whom he adored: William "Will" Legro and twin sister, Virginia "Ginny" Ann, Katie Lynn Boyce, children of Charles & Terri and Porter Dawson Boyce son of Bill and Jenn Boyce. Preceding him in death are his parents. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 18, 2008 from 5-8 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas. Funeral services for Mr. Boyce will be at 10:00 a. m. Thursday, June 19, 2008 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas, with College Station Stake President David Prier of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints conducting. Interment will follow at Raven Hill Cemetery in Oakhurst with graveside services conducted by Bishopric Counselor Jerry Don Toole of the Huntsville 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Additional Masonic graveside services will be conducted by the members of Mt. Moriah Lodge #37 AF & AM, Coldspring, Texas. Serving as pallbearers: Gene Ballew, Jr., Brian Bennett, Kenneth E. Bennett, Jim Bennett, Zane S. Bennett, and Clay Webb. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Raven Hill Cemetery Association, 2891 US Hwy 190, Oakhurst, Texas 77359. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Boyce*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Sorry I got here so late, news travels a little slowly at times to get back over twenty years. What a wonderful legacy of a man who was so generous with his time and wisdom. I remember fondly the time spent with the Boyce family, especially the time we went dove hunting and brought home more watermelons than doves. And the ward Christmas party ya'll helped organize and James MC'd. Your time in Lubbock III Ward was very influential upon so many. May you find peace and comfort through the eternal truths of the Gospel.*

Norman Burge - July 29, 2008 at 09:46 AM



“ *Apreciado Charles, lamento mucho la muerte de tu padre, espero que te encuentres bien y tu familia también. El evangelio nos enseña que solo es un paso, aunque en la vida necesitamos y disfrutamos de las buenas cosas junto a los nuestros. Descanse en paz y disfruta de tu familia en estos momentos. Con mis mejores deseos me despido.
David Aguilera*

David Aguilera Luna - July 24, 2008 at 05:10 PM

JM

“ If there was anyone in Texas deserving of the title 'teacher extraordinaire', it would be Mr. Boyce. He was always more than a textbook teacher, wanting whatever he taught his students to be used in our lives for our greater good. One of his qualities that made him so unique was his resourcefulness. He could get his hands on more information and materials from who-knows-where and bring them to the classroom to help benefit our education. I remember one day he taught us about natural 'survival foods' by having us boil water lily roots and make acorn cookies (and yes, we did eat them). His zest to teach others was like his quest to learn more...and now he knows more than any or all of us do. May the Lord bless and comfort the family at this time of loss.

James McNabb - July 01, 2008 at 04:56 PM

JC

“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear of James' passing. He was clearly my favorite teacher of all times. I feel I was inspired to visit James just a few days before his passing. His sincere belief was that we will all be together after this life -- a belief that I hold dear to my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with Ynette and the boys in this time of grief.

Jim Cline - June 30, 2008 at 03:29 PM

JH

“ I was so saddened to hear about James' death. What a tragic loss. He was so good to everyone, which is a rare and beloved trait. He helped me install a wood stove in our little house in the woods and I was so grateful that Ynette would share him with my family. Learning of his death and reading the condolences makes me homesick for your family and those we left behind in Huntsville. May your heart find peace at knowing how fortunate and blessed you both were to have found each other.

Judith Wood Hegewald - June 28, 2008 at 09:31 PM

AS

“ *A good man who taught me to be the man I am today... You will never be forgotten...*

A Former Student - June 27, 2008 at 10:45 PM

MH

“ *I did not hear of James passing away until after the service. I had the privilage of knowing James through his work at school and away from school. He had a very sincere heart and was alway cheerful. I never had a time that he was not available for me when I called him for anything. He was a friend and had the interest of his students. I want to express my sincere best wishes to all the family. He was the type of educator that everyone should take an example from. Keeping you in my prayers.*

Marvin Hyvl - June 22, 2008 at 07:25 PM

TB

“ I have had several great teachers during my school years but one that stands out and was very special, one I will always remember is Mr. Boyce. He was not only a good educator and mentor but also a great person and friend. By touching one person he touched generations as I have taught my son the same things he taught me.

One of my favorite “Mr. Boyce Stories” I like to tell is when he sent someone with a note to the class I was in (World Geography, I think) and the teacher said “Tommie Burks, Mr. Boyce would like to see you”. When I got to his Outdoor Biology class he said “I need your help outside” where he had his class and a deer hanging from a tree. It was an illegal deer donated to the school by the game wardens. Mr. Boyce handed me a knife and told me to go ahead start skinning the deer. He would then turn to his students and describe in detail what I was doing to properly skin a deer. I think I skinned ten deer for him one year. And I really didn’t mind since it got me out of World Geography. I will deeply miss him. I pray your sorrow is short and may Mr. Boyce soon see the face of God.
Tommie Burks, class of ‘78

Tommie Burks - June 21, 2008 at 09:03 AM

WC

“ Yvette, Charles, and Bill I was sad to hear of James's passing. He was a wonderful man. I have enjoyed telephone conversations with him over the years after meeting him in the early 70's and helping to introduce him to the church. I will always remember the warm welcome I always felt as in your home. I was a lumberjack before I came to Texas as a missionary and I felt so comfortable in your home. I remember James letting me sharpen his chain saw. You had a fish fry one time and introduced me and Elder Phillips to southern deep fried battered catfish and hushpuppies. They were great. Charles you probably don't remember, but I loved doing magic tricks. You were a great subject. You were enchanted that a quarter could disappear out of the palm of my hand and be pulled out of your ear. Yvette, you and James have had a great positive influence on me, my family, and parents. It was so good to talk and remember experiences with you today on the phone. James's service and viewing must have been a wonderful memorial to the life he lead. I was so glad to hear that. I will miss being able to talk to him on the phone. I wish you the best. May God's choicest blessings be with you, your fine sons; Charles and Bill, and their families.

Wayne Calder - June 20, 2008 at 05:28 PM

JF

“ Our hearts ache for your loss. May God keep you in His loving care, now and always.

John Patrick Family - June 20, 2008 at 10:03 AM

RA

“ *Bill and Charles,*

After reading all these condolences, I now regret even more not having met your dad in person. All I got were two or three extremely generous phone conversations with him where he described the exact locations of the pecan trees on my property and how to take care of them. Look forward to seeing you guys again in the Fall--or sooner. Give your mom a big hug for me and holler if I can do anything for you.

Robert Alexander - June 20, 2008 at 08:46 AM

V(

“ *Dear Sister Boyce, Charles, Billy & family,*
I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear James. I was unaware of his death on June 14th. Please if I can do anything at all, don't hesitate to call me. My love goes out to you all.

Valerie (Bilodeau)Gomez - June 19, 2008 at 07:08 PM

RD

“ *Ynette, Charles & Billy*
The service was beautiful and very moving and touched many lives for our Savior. May God bless and keep you all safe and in his loving care. We love you.

Ruverna & Robert Dunning - June 19, 2008 at 05:33 PM

AF

“ *The Entire Boyce Family,
My heart was heavy with sadness to learn of the worlds loss of such a GREAT man and teacher. No teacher's class and teachings ever stuck with me as his did. I still talk with my friends and now my children of all the things I learned from this extraordinary person. I remember him showing me a picture once of childs face that was formed in the stars....later I painted that picture for him to hang in his office. I was honored to hear just last year from his wife, that he still has that picture after 26 years! I couldn't help but think when I heard of his passing that now he is up there with that constilation of stars looking down on all of us! Never will he be forgotten.*

Anderia Freed - June 19, 2008 at 03:39 PM

SC

“ *Dear Boyce Family, it is with a heavy heart that I send my condolences. Huntsville High School was a better place when he was there. A great teacher, administrator and man. He will be missed.*

Steve Clements

Steve Clements - June 19, 2008 at 11:06 AM

DP

“ Dear Ms. Boyce and Family,

I write with a heavy heart to hear of Mr. Boyce's passing. He will always be Mr. Boyce to me - as I remember him as a young, brilliant, creative, impassioned teacher - who along with Ms. Forrest and other Coldspring HS teachers open the door of the possibility of science for me and so many of my classmates. Many experiences, degrees and lessons have come and gone since those days in 1972-1976 in Science, Physics and Trig - but those days and Mr. Boyce's influence are everlasting in my memory and everpresent in my daily work life. I hope you and your family take comfort in knowing that Mr. Boyce's influence and imprinting has had a deep and lasting impression on the lives of his students and subsequently many others his students have taught, provided services for or parented.

I'm sorry that I didn't have the change to share these feelings with Mr. Boyce, but hope they bring some comfort to you.

With my most sincere condolences,

*Laura Palmer, PhD
Chair, Professional Psychology and Family Therapy
Director of Training, Counseling Psychology Program
Seton Hall University
S. Orange, NJ 07940
Coldspring HS Class of 1976*

Dr. Laura Palmer - June 19, 2008 at 11:03 AM

AL

“ Charles~

I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I remember him as a kind man and I do remember that he loved his pecan trees! He must have been such a remarkable teacher! It is quite a legacy to be remembered by so many people whose lives he truly left a mark on! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I wish you comfort and all of the sweetest memories of your Dad.

April (Heard) Little

April Little - June 18, 2008 at 06:59 PM

AA

“ Dear Boyce Family,

I was very saddened by the news of Mr. Boyce's passing. I am a graduate of HHS and I have many fond memories of Mr. Boyce as my vice-principal.

I can remember visiting with him after school while I waited for my parents to pick me up, he was always interested in how my day went offering congratulations when things went well and words of encouragement when they didn't. Mr. Boyce was my educator in not just the classroom but in life, he was my friend and will be missed. My deepest sympathy goes out to your family in your time of grief

Andrea Alexander - June 18, 2008 at 05:40 PM

JH

“ Terri & the Rest of the Fam,

Our condolences to you all. We'll be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jenn & Brian Hartman
Bryan I Ward*

Jenn Hartman - June 18, 2008 at 05:39 PM

NJ

“ Dear Boyce Family, so very sorry about the loss of James to all of you. Our paths crossed while I was the SHSU Alumni Director (1977-1992) and again while he was at Region VI. A loss to all! Sincerely, Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady.

Norma Dell Jones - June 18, 2008 at 05:08 PM

GG

“ Ynette, Charles, and Bill. We just don't have the words to express how sad we are for and your family. Huntsville ward has lost such a wonderful man and there will always be a seat in the back row on the right that we will picture James sitting next to Ynette with his grandchildren around him. James has had such an impact over the years on our family. My last memory will be of James showing me a beautiful book containing his life story and how thrilled he was of how it turned out. He wanted to inspire both Gary and I to get going and write our's and he jumped right in to say he could help in any way. He was just that kind of man. Always offering his help and knowledge. We will treasure all the memories we have over the years with gratitude in our hearts of knowing such a great man. Our heart and prayers are with you. With much love, the Gibson family

gary and jean gibson - June 18, 2008 at 04:14 PM

KA

“ Mr. Boyce was truly one of a kind and he will be missed. I never had to be afraid if I was called to his office because he was always fair and never judgemental.

Karmyn - June 18, 2008 at 03:58 PM

MS

“ Dear Ynette and family. I am truly saddened to hear about James. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mary Helen Morrison Seago - June 18, 2008 at 03:45 PM

JJ

“ I learned what a great man James Boyce is while walking the streets of Northern Spain with his son, Charles. While serving as a missionary, Charles taught me a lot about what his Father had taught him. He had a great impact on many people and his legacy will continue to influence many for good and righteous purposes. We hope and pray your family will experience the peace which passeth understanding.

jl5ph

Love, Jeff and Melinda Jensen

Jeff Jensen - June 18, 2008 at 03:42 PM

AS

“ My life is tremendously enhanced for having known James Boyce. His passion for teaching made me believe that I really loved, of all things Physics. The impact that he had on my life is beyond measure. His ability to always uniquely meet every student exactly where they were was nothing less than amazing. I thank God for the opportunity for having been his student and for taking the time after I became an adult to make sure he knew his impact on my life. My prayers remain with the Boyce family and hopefully you can take comfort in knowing that not only does James Boyce live on through you but through each and every student he impacted during his career and much too short life. Love and Prayers..... Ann (Alexander)Stone, class of 1972 Coldspring High School.

Ann (Alexander) Stone - June 18, 2008 at 03:17 PM

BM

“ Ynette my heart just broke when I heard the news of Mr. Boyce's passing. I fight through the tears to write this. He was way more than a teacher, he was a great friend. I have so many wonderful memories. My high school days would not have been the same without him. My son Bill majored in Biology at Baylor. When I told him the only way I passed Biology was all the 95s I got for bringing in all those bullfrogs. I told him we did it a little different than he did in his class. We caught them, dissected them, battered them and ate them with fries and hush puppies. Mr. Boyce was either very brave or maybe a little crazy to take on the task of helping us set up the infamous "Rod & Gun Club". Fifteen kids with high powered rifles. He was braver than I would have been. Mr. Boyce as you no too well loved to tell stories. His stories took of a life of their own and grew to wild adventures. I will share one he always told on me. We were hunting in Ozona maybe my junior year. We had just gotten through making a big drive trying to scare some deer out of what we called "Big Canyon". There was about a dozen of us walking up a hill after we completed a drive and we looked back toward the canyon and there were two Havalina hogs running across the field behind us. Well all of us turned around and opened fire. While everyone was firing away I sat down and steadied myself for an easier shot. I ended up dropping both the hogs. It was a pretty good shot of maybe 200 yards. Well, over the years as Mr. Boyce told that story the yardage increased. I think the last time I heard him tell it last year it was up to about 500 yards. I will never forget all the nights sitting out under the stars around the camp fire as he pointed out all the star constellations. I know you are in much pain now but you know with your faith you will see him again some day. He will have a wonderful place prepared for you. Thanks for sharing him with me. He was loved and admired by many.

Mr. Boyce may the deer all have monster racks and the fish always be biting. I will never forget you. Thanks for all the memories.

Bill McGraw - June 18, 2008 at 01:39 PM

FW

“ Dear Boyce Family,
I wish to express my sincere condolences for the loss of a great person. I had the privilege of being a student of Mr. Boyce when he was not only a teacher but also a principal and then later he became a member of the ARB board at the appraisal district in which I got the interact with him on a daily bases during this time of the year. Myself and along with my co-workers will greatly miss him. My thoughts and pray are with you.

Fran Barlow Willett - June 18, 2008 at 01:19 PM

DD

“ The Boyce Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. James was a friend and fellow superintendent. I always knew that I could call upon him any time I needed some help. He would always respond in a cheerfull manner and be ready to help any way he could. I will miss him as a friend and a fellow educator.
Douglas Devine

Douglas Devine - June 18, 2008 at 11:49 AM

TF

“ Dear Ynette, Charles, & Bill,

Our heartfelt condolences go out to you at the sad time. We loved James and will feel his absence deeply. You are all in our prayers.

The Bumbaugh Family - June 18, 2008 at 09:40 AM

CP

“ Dear Ynette, Charles, and Bill,
What a loss! James was always bigger than life. He definitely leaves his mark behind. What comfort there must be in all of these wonderful condolences. He touched the lives of so many of us. My heart aches because I won't be with you on Thursday. Richard, Robert, and Pam will represent our family. You all have been part of our extended family for so many years! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love, Carla

Carla Potter - June 17, 2008 at 10:22 PM

JG

“ It's a very rare person who can make you feel good about yourself just because he himself is so comfortable in his own skin. Mr. Boyce was that kind of teacher. He knew how to bring out the best in those of us who were lucky enough to take Biology in CHS in the 70's. The frogleg era. Gary Johnson passed because he knew where to get extra frogs to help out those who couldn't get one. I didn't think I could pass the class, but I made my first A in a Science class because he taught about life itself as much as a subject in school, and made it fun. "Go with your first guess and you'll be right 85% of the time". He was a brilliant and gifted teacher who believed in us, so we in turn, believed in ourselves. Later in life, I found he and his family to be a joy to know as well. A full circle. Ynette and family, the Skyvara family will truly miss him.

Janet Skyvara Gunn - June 17, 2008 at 09:38 PM

JA

“ *What a wonderful man James was, and great example to me, I will miss serving with him on the high council, and our meetings will not be the same. I know how dedicated he was to his family and church, which meant the most to him. May your family be bouyed up by the spirit during this trying time, and know that families will be together forever through the atonement of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

Jerry Anderson - June 17, 2008 at 06:19 PM

NV

“ *To the Boyce Family: Mr. Boyce will truly be missed. His contributions to Huntsville ISD and the ability to reach the students were remarkable. He changed my life for the better. May the Lord give you peace and strength at this time. God Bless.*

Nicole Venette - June 17, 2008 at 05:47 PM

DF

“ *The thoughts and prayers of my family are with all of you. It was a special experience every time we got to see and visit with James. Even though he didn't make it over to the church in Bryan that often, every time he did it was a special treat for me. We often would both have meetings to go to, but were often late getting there, as we found that we always just had to share a few hunting and fishing stories or talk vegetables and pecans. May the good Lord bless and comfort your family during this time.*

Derrold Foster - June 17, 2008 at 04:57 PM

DQ

“ To the Boyce family,

I was blessed to get to know Brother Boyce at church. We served for a short stint on High Council and he was our high council representative while we were in Madisonville. I always looked forward to his talks in church. With his "southern drawl" he always taught the gospel of Christ in an easy going and humerous way. When he told a story, we listened. He was a great example to me of how a true follower of Christ should be. I am sure he is busily engaged in the Lord's cause and might even be telling a great story or two to those around him.

May God bless you during this time. Thank you for sharing him with us!

Sincerely,

Dan Quinn

Dan Quinn - June 17, 2008 at 04:44 PM

JO

“ *Just one story. One summer day some 30 years ago, we had a bat in the house and our Jim was in Iowa. What to do?! We called James Boyce and he came to help us.*

We'll miss all the laughs at the Christmas Eve parties. I'll miss seeing Katie Lynn is his arms on Sundays. I'll miss most knowing he was always there to call on if we needed him. Surely a brother.

Judy Olson

judy Olson - June 17, 2008 at 03:53 PM

RC

“ Ynette, as you can clearly see by the previous posts, Mr. Boyce had a life lasting impact on more people than he even knew. While I had only had him for one class at Coldspring back in the middle 70's, it was more of the Rod & Gun Club time we spent together that he had an impact on me. He was the kind of teacher that taught more than what was in a book. I guess because of his love and compassion for teaching life lessons I have and will always refer to him as "Mr. Boyce". Words can not comfort you now, but memories will replace the pain in your heart and know that he's waiting for us in a better place, probably with some frog legs ready to share. My prayers are with you and your family and with all who's path crossed the path of Mr. Boyce. Ron

Ron Crozier - June 17, 2008 at 01:34 PM

DC

“ Yenette and Family my love and prayers to you all. A lot of years of reunions and gatherings are in my memory. My prayer is tht youo will be blessed daily.
One memory I have is that we were at a gathering and guess who could not remember his name, I was sooooo ashamed for that. But will alwlays remember all our times together. Still praying.

Love ya Dorothy Capers

Dorothy Capers - June 17, 2008 at 01:23 PM

AH

“ I only knew James through his brother John. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time of greif. May the Lord Jesus Christ be your Comforter during this time.

Anita Hill - June 17, 2008 at 01:14 PM

SG

“ James is dearly missed in our Leadership and Development Department. He was such an energetic and happy person. He used to tease me when we left work on Thursdays. When he said goodbye he always would comment how this was his Friday and the rest of us still had one more day to come in.

Shellie Geer - June 17, 2008 at 12:42 PM

BL

“ Dear Boyce Family,
You don't know me but I knew James. I was a co-worker with James for the past 3 1/2 years at Region VI. He and I both developed back problems at about the same time and he recommended the surgeon that operated on me. We use to talk about our "war wounds" and how blessed we were that our surgeries were a success. He always had a story to tell.
I offer my sympathy to your family and count myself blessed to have known James. He will be dearly missed.

Beverly Lassiter - June 17, 2008 at 12:33 PM

KF

“ To all of Mr. Boyce's family, I send heartfelt condolences. He was taken from this life way too soon. I have first-hand knowledge of his fairness and caring for the children of Huntsville High School. I send tribute to you the family of such a good man. My prayers and thoughts are with you. God bless you all.

Kay Fountain - June 17, 2008 at 12:28 PM

RF

“ Dearest Boyce Family...our hearts go out to you. Brother Boyce and our family goes back several years. He will be remembered for times starting from my childhood, mother and dad, church to seeing our children through High School. He never met a stranger and would help anyone he could. You do not come across too many people like Brother Boyce. He has been there for our family so many times. We are now here for you. May God comfort you in the days ahead.

Ray & Judy Twardeski and Family - June 17, 2008 at 11:59 AM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Boyce. No one will ever know how much Mr. Boyce influenced our lives. I never knew at the time sitting across from the principals desk how much impact he would have on my life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Cheryl Tommy & TJ

Thomas & Cheryl Shepard - June 17, 2008 at 11:17 AM

DD

“ Know that you are all being lifted in prayer during this difficult time. What a privilege it is to see by watching you what it really means to be a family. May God work in and through you all and give you peace.

David, Lori, J. & Ellie Dunaway - June 17, 2008 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ Dearest Boyce Family,
I have known James for about 9 years. He was a fellow superintendent and friend. James was an outstanding man who deeply loved his family. I still remember him sharing his experiences about his wife and children. He was a special man whom I admired for his passion of life and his profession in education. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. My prayers are with you. God Bless.

James Stansberry
Medina Valley ISD

James Stansberry - June 17, 2008 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ It was my great honor to have taught James (and Charlie) at SHSU. We stayed in contact and I was always amazed what James was able to do throughout his life. We learned computers together in the early days. He was a great family man, educator, and friend. God bless him.

David Henderson - June 17, 2008 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ Dear Ynette and Boyce Family, I was deeply sadden to hear of your loss. It has been a joy working with James Boyce here at Region VI for the last four years. He was always available to assist me with grant opportunities for my program. He had a deep passion for his work and really enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. He will be truly missed. It is my prayer that God's grace and love will strengthen and comfort you in your hour of bereavement.

Janice Burke - June 17, 2008 at 09:51 AM

RP

“*Mr.Boyce was a great person. I was blessed to have him as my principal in HS and as an employee at Region VI. We all are devastated at Region VI. Our hearts and prayers our with Mr.Boyce and his family. Mr.Boyce was a wonderful man that was always so full of energy and joy. I can never say I ever saw him lose his cool or even mad. He was a wonderful principal and did all he could for us students when I was in school. He never gave up on one student and had an impact on all of us. I'm really going to miss him so much, but I know he is in a better place smiling down at us. Sometimes it's so hard to let go of such a great person that has touched us all. I just want to say thank you for all you have done for me Mr.Boyce when I was in HS. You truly have taught me valuable lessons in life and lead me on the road to becoming a man. Thank you for always believing in me and never giving up on me. My heart and prayers goes out to the Boyce family.*

Ryan Price - June 17, 2008 at 09:33 AM

CR

“*Ynette, boys, and John, I can only tell you how much I will miss James. I considered him a very good friend, and spent many years eating lunch with him at the "teacher's table" at HHS. He was consistently upbeat and happy, and just being in his presence was uplifting. Smart? Yes, he was very smart and had lots to share with all of us. We shared books on a subject we both found interesting, and I have a wealth of "James Boyce" stories I will hold dear forever. My favorite saying of his was on the subject of why we are fat. He always said it was because our ancestors survived the winters because genetically they had the ability to store fat to make it through winters and famine. I just loved that saying, and have quoted it often. I will miss his joyous presence. May God give you peace.*

Cindy Rohe - June 17, 2008 at 09:32 AM

KK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I think about Mr. Boyce often and all of the things that I learned from him as a principal when he was my superintendent. While I agree he is the smartest person that I have ever known -- he knew the details on everything!!! I really wanted to share how kind and thoughtful he was...when Hannah died right after her birth...Mr. Boyce made the arrangements for the teachers on my campus to attend her funeral. Of course someone else told me that he did this for my family because he never would have told you himself. He always led by example and I still use those models each day. I am a much better person because of his impact on my life. I know that his impact on others will continue to touch the lives of many, so his legacy will live on. May God bless your family.

Karen Kaspar - June 17, 2008 at 08:57 AM

LS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out the family. It was not only a pleasure having James Boyce as a high school principal but an honor to have worked with him at ESC, Region VI.

Lupe and David Schneider - June 16, 2008 at 11:54 PM

JH

“ Ynette, Charles, Bill and family. It is hard for us to think of this world without James Boyce in it. How fortunate we will be to be with him in the next. He was the very best of friends. Our thoughts, love and prayers. Don and Jan Harris

Jan Harris - June 16, 2008 at 11:03 PM

EC

“ When I think of my days at Coldspring, the first teacher that comes to mind has always been James Boyce. I have always appreciated the teaching and encouragement that he gave me. I will always have great memories of him as a neighbor, teacher and mentor to me. I appreciate it that he was such a kind person who shared both his kindness and great knowledge and intelligence with me. My prayers are with Ynette and family.

Elizabeth Capps Campbell - June 16, 2008 at 10:58 PM

AM

“ I am very sorry to hear such sad news. WE all have fond memories of Mr. Boyce. I remember him as my high school principal back when I got caught kissing my boyfriend in the hall. He taught me in his non-judgmental way, the appropriate behavior of a respectable young lady. And just last month at Ginny's dance recital, Mr. Boyce offered his help on grant paperwork that I was struggling with. Once a leader...now friend, he will be sorely missed. His solid character and great wisdom has inspired me through the years. May your own memories of Mr. Boyce bring you comfort and solace in this difficult time. Your father will be remembered.
Alisha Mlcak

Alisha Mlcak - June 16, 2008 at 10:21 PM

TM

“ My prayers go out to Mr. Boyce's family. If I could give you gift right now, it would be the gift of time. Time is the only thing that will help to lessen the pain of your loss.

He was a wonderful person & a wonderful teacher! I failed biology in 3 different schools. He made it so interesting with his manor teaching, that I passed his class with a high "B"!

*Not a day goes by that I don't recall a lesson that he taught me!
We'll miss him and his impact on the world around him.*

God bless you all.

Terri (Banagis) Mentch - June 16, 2008 at 10:03 PM

GG

“ I remember James had a special place in his heart for inmate students at the Walls. He taught remedial math as I remember and positively affected many of them. He will be greatly missed.

Greg and Dani Gathright - June 16, 2008 at 08:55 PM

SW

“ To the Boyce Family, When I think about my high school teachers, one of the first ones that comes to mind is James Boyce. To this day I remember so much that he taught me in Freshman Biology. He had a gift of making the information stick and his class was never boring! I will never forget eating the "mystery meat" that he cooked and then finding out that it was fried armadillo. My senior year (1982-83), Mr. Boyce was our principal. I worked for him in the office on the only PC on campus entering attendance information. He sat next to me and very patiently explained how the PC worked. In 1992 (I think) I ran into Bill - literally on a rainy morning in the Avenues. He was heading to high school. When his father arrived and I saw that it was James Boyce I think I started crying (again). Mr. Boyce hugged me and everything was okay. What a wonderful man who made a lasting impact on all he encountered.
Love to his family,
Sarah Lewis Woods

Sarah Lewis Woods - June 16, 2008 at 07:57 PM

MB

“ I had the privilege of working with James Boyce for the past six years at ESC Region VI. He was always available to anyone who needed any advice or help. In fact, he had just spent several hours with me just last week explaining retirement and the best options for me. He was still a teacher...even to us "old" guys! He made something that seemed so complicated to me...seem very simple! I always enjoyed stopping by his office and listening to his stories. He was also a great listener! I especially loved his stories of his grandmother and her take on politics, as well as his stories of his grandchildren and his entire family. He loved you all very much and was very proud of each and everyone of you! Region VI is a richer place for having someone of James Boyce's caliber and he will be greatly missed. May God grant you the strength needed at this time in your life.

Mark Brady - June 16, 2008 at 06:45 PM

SM

“ *My heart has ached for you these last days since learning of the accident. James has been on my mind each and every day. My thoughts and prayers are still with you.*

I will sorely miss his cheerfulness and positive outlook on life. I will just miss him.

Sandra McLeroy, ESC Region 6

Sandra McLeroy - June 16, 2008 at 06:08 PM

CO

“ *James and I never met, but I've had the great privilege of working together with his niece, Becky, for quite a few years. My deepest sympathy goes out to Becky and all of the Boyce family. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

Charlie O'Brian - June 16, 2008 at 05:55 PM

KD

“ *Dear Boyce Family,
Our hearts have ached for you these last days. Our prayers have been with you. Despite the heartache we feel, we each have a special "James" story to remember with fondness and love. Know that we love you.*

Kevin, MarShan, Jillian, and Dane - June 16, 2008 at 05:30 PM

VS

“ *I am very sorry about Mr. Boyce. My prayers are with you & your family. May God bless & comfort you in this time of sorrow.*

Vanell Street - June 16, 2008 at 05:08 PM

RS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Mr. Boyce was more than a teacher, he was a person who made a difference! I will always remember his smiling face standing in the hall at Coldspring High and his amazing ability to communicate with everyone.
My prayer for you today is that you will feel the loving arms of God wrapped around you.

Rhonda Ellisor Sherman - June 16, 2008 at 03:52 PM

JJ

“ Ynette,

Our family was deeply saddened to learn this morning of James' death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family. My father had many students during his years in education that he was very proud and found of, but I don't believe any ever ranked as high on his list as did James. I still remember his call to me when James was accepted to medical school. You would have thought he was telling me about his own son. Few people were aware, but my father had always wanted to be a medical doctor rather than an educator and I believe he saw his dream coming to reality through James. Dad was always intrigued at James's teaching abilities and methods when he came to Coldspring ISD. He and my mother were so proud of James, but never more for Dad than when James became the Superintendent of Goodrich ISD. The world has lost a brilliant mind and educator, but our family has lost a dear friend. God bless you and your family.

Jimmy, Mary Cathy, and Stella Jones

Jimmy, Mary Cathy, and Stella Jones - June 16, 2008 at 02:48 PM

JM

“ We are sorry to learn of James's passing. He was a great educator and many people in the Huntsville, Coldspring and Goodrich areas are much better off because of his life.

Joyce & Jimmy Merchant - June 16, 2008 at 12:59 PM

BC

“ Dearest Ynette, Charles, and Bill
My heart is deeply saddened to hear of the loss of James. I and countless others will always carry a piece of him in our hearts. He made the World a better place and will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Bob Caskey

Bob Caskey - June 16, 2008 at 11:51 AM

JB

“ Dear Ynette and Family we just want you all to know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. We are just a phone call away if you all need us for anything. Love Shirley and Family.

James Boyce - June 16, 2008 at 11:38 AM

RR

“ Dear Boyce Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Boyce. He was a great man and helped to mold the lives of many young people. He will be greatly missed by all. May you find strength in the Lord to help you through this difficult time.

Rhonda Reddoch - June 16, 2008 at 11:04 AM

LE

“ *Mr. Boyce was an inspiring and unusual teacher. Not many teachers would have students dissecting frogs one day and eating frog legs the next – along with earthworm cookies and fried raccoon. He took us on a backpacking trip in the piney woods and camping in Big Bend. He taught us animal anatomy by having us boil meat off the bones and glue the bones back together. I remember that not so fondly because possum meat boiling off bones does not have the best smell. Mostly I remember his caring for his students and going the extra distance. He instilled a love of science in me that carried over to college. I majored in Biology and met my husband in a Biology class. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Laura Lewis Everett - June 16, 2008 at 11:01 AM

DY

“ *Dear Ynette,
I just want to tell you how sorry I am today to hear the news about James. He was along with Pop Foster the two teachers who helped change my life forever. He was always quick to offer his help to any student who went to him and asked for it. He also will always be remembered by me, as he helped me pass Biology by turning in Bullfrogs for a grade. I will never forget the man. My prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely Donald G. Yarbrough*

Don Yarbrough - June 16, 2008 at 10:14 AM

DD

“ Dear Boyce Family,
I had the priviledge of having James for Chemistry and Physics in the late 60's at Coldspring. I had never had a teacher that had the ability to inspire and challenge me to be inquisitive about learning. Even though I have received a terminal degree, I still consider Mr. Boyce the most inspiring teacher I have ever encountered. I am so sorry for your loss and your family will be in my prayers!

David Durdin - June 16, 2008 at 10:07 AM

RT

“ Ynette, Charles, & Bill
Our family shares in your loss. James was without a doubt the smartest man I ever knew. I often recount to my friends his countless abilities and accomplishments. I feel blessed to have shared his presence on my journey through life.

Roger & Patty Tedford

Roger & Patty Tedford - June 16, 2008 at 09:24 AM

CD

“ I am so sorry for your loss...all of our loss...James was a wonderful man and someone I really admired. He had a true gift for teaching and I learned a lot from him. I had never really cared for science, at least not until I took his class. He made it interesting and fun, and that is rare gift. May God bless and comfort you.

Connie Durdin - June 16, 2008 at 09:10 AM

LC

“ Dear Boyce Family, I had the pleasure and honor to have James Boyce as my superintendent while I was teaching band part-time at Goodrich I.S.D. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness.

Lowell Clark - June 16, 2008 at 12:20 AM

DT

“ Ynette, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Know that God is with you and that he will give you the strength to carry on with your life. I do know what you are going through and I am only a phone call away. Dorothea Tarver

Dorothea Tarver - June 15, 2008 at 09:32 PM

DW

“ My sympathy and prayers to the family of James Boyce. I enjoyed working with him at ESC VI. He will be missed.

Deanna Wickes - June 15, 2008 at 07:17 PM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Know that you and your family are loved.
Jeanette Jordan

Jeanette and Murray Jordan - June 15, 2008 at 05:36 PM

MB

“ Dearest Boyce Family, Our lives are truly blessed for knowing such a man as James Boyce. We love him and we will miss him. We love each of you Ynette, Charles, and Bill. You are an awesome family and have touched and blessed the lives of many people. We are here for each of you. You are in our daily thoughts and prayers. May you feel the peace and comfort that can only come from our Father above. And may you know how much He loves you.

Michael & Anita Bell - June 15, 2008 at 03:18 PM

PK

“ Dear Boyces,
It has been a privilege & a joy to know James Boyce! He will be missed by many & never forgotten. His humor, upbeat attitude, intellect & integrity are apparent in all of his family members. We love you all very much and will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. You are a very special blessing in our lives.

Philip, Bambi, Ren & Brittany Kiser - June 15, 2008 at 01:26 PM

BF

“ So glad we got to be together just a few weeks ago. We are with you now in heart and spirit. Love to all, Becky and Joe

Becky Flarity - June 14, 2008 at 09:20 PM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Our hearts are saddened but we find hope in that we shall all be together again.

Steve & Carol - June 14, 2008 at 07:46 PM

MA

“ Ynette

We love you and the boys very much.

Manley and Edith

Manley Aden - June 14, 2008 at 07:24 PM