



JD Owens

November 12, 2013

The Fisherman's Prayer I pray that I may live to fish Until my dying day And when it comes to my last cast, I then most humbly pray, When in the Lord's Great Landing Net, And peacefully asleep That in His mercy I be judged Big enough to keep. JD Owens JD Owens, an avid fisherman, was caught in the Lord's Great Landing Net on Sunday, November 3, 2013 after a valiant battle against cancer. The tackle box of JD's life was filled with hundred of friends and family members. We will all miss his love, humor, intelligence, beautiful smile, kindness, compassion, tolerance, infectious laughter and big bear hugs. JD often stated he wasn't dying, he was living. Man did he live the last year of his life! He went fishing with four bass pros, between October 2012 and April 2013 courtesy of friends who had friends! He loved being on the water with his dear friends and family. He viewed the lake and bay as cathedrals, where he was able to observe the beauty and wonder of God's Handiwork. Last month, he had dinner with Bass Fishing's Elite: Kevin VanDam, Kelly Jordan, Gerald Swindle and Terry Scroggins. JD also had the pleasure of talking about music with Josh Ward that night. One of the highlights of JD's life happened when Kevin VanDam handed him his phone, and JD talked to Bill Dance. If you're a fisherman or know even a little about fishing, you understand the magnitude of that night! JD wanted to share how much the cards, phone calls, visits, and love offerings meant to him this past year. When your tackle box of friends is as big as JD's it's impossible to thank everyone individually, but know that he loved all of you. Please join us in a celebration of his life on November 12,

2013 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for a time of visitation then for a memorial service at 6:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas. JD has asked that you wear fishing attire; nothing fancy or black. True to his nature, he has asked in lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to: Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or on their website www.woundedwarriorproject.org or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or on their website: www.StJude.org. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *JD Owens*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was fortunate to know J.D. I can say, he was my friend.*

Dusty Gallagher - August 11, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *There is so much that I could say about JD; I am not sure there is enough space available here. My husband, Charles and I have been close friends with JD and Laurie for nearly 30 years. JD was one of the kindest, gentlest, most loving men that I have ever known. He had a smile that could light up your heart and a great, booming laugh that made you happy just hearing it. He was so interesting to talk to because he was so well read and intelligent. We all four spent a lot of hours laughing, talking, even crying together over the years and it was never enough. JD showed great courage during his illness and was an inspiration to everyone with the way he lived each day with joy. We are going to miss you so much my friend, but I know that you are waiting for us by that riverbank smiling that smile. We love you and will carry you in our hearts forever.*

Darlene Mann - November 16, 2013 at 06:32 PM

MH

“ J.D. and I first met in the late 1990's as a co-worker and always admired him for his love/ knowledge of life. We would have countless conversations regarding family, fishing, his old gray truck, the oil related field (both came from their), the ol' work place, and anything that was the flavor of the day. I will always remember J.D. for his big smile, huge hands, and was very blessed to have him in a chapter of my life! May Our Lord bless his family always!

Martin Hughes - November 12, 2013 at 12:23 PM

AC

“ You will always be Jimmy Doyle to me and I know you wanted to be called JD. I was 10 when you were born and all of my cousins were boys to that point.

I know what a wonderful and kind person you have always been and I thank you for being there for us when our daddy died.

Love to Laurie and all of the family.

Ann Carr - November 11, 2013 at 07:45 PM

MO

“ Although I have not seen JD for several years, my memories of this very talented artist are very precious. He was one of the most interesting persons I have had the pleasure of talking to. His love and devotion for Laurie was so real and so deep, it was an inspiration for those who were around him. I am so glad he was able to fulfill many things on his bucket list and I am very sure he is going to teach many in heaven a little bit more about fishing. Laurie, my deepest condolences.

Mary Osborn - November 10, 2013 at 09:15 AM

RG

“ JD was my brother I had the honor of having him in my life for the last thirty five years. JD was the best uncle to my kids and a great friend to my wife. He and Laurie sherd that unconditional love that they had for each other with my family. JD often talked to Cody Brittany and Kaden about growing up, history and fishing and JD new a lot about all subjects . We all loved this man very much and will struggle to go on each day without JD in our day to day lives but know we will se him again. Until then my brother we will se you again. Rest in peace knowing that we will be hear to love and take care of Laurie.

Rusty Gallagher - November 07, 2013 at 08:59 PM

DR

“ JD Owens was a great man and everyone who knew him loved him. He was larger than life and made everyone around him laugh. He always looked at life as an adventure. I am sure he would want all of his family and friends to laugh while they can and go on as many adventures as life will allow you. Until we meet again my friend!

Debbie Ray - November 07, 2013 at 10:56 AM

JH

“ How does one write or say words that are proper and fitting about a man who was larger than life, deeply loved those who loved him and embraced all with compassion, understanding and tolerance for those who are intolerant. Jeanette and I humbled to be loved by this man. ONE CANNOT RETURN ENOUGH LOVE TO ONE WHEN HIS LOVE IS GREATER THAN THE LOVE GIVEN !

Jeanete and Ben Hoyt - November 06, 2013 at 03:59 PM