



## Melvin Loyd (ML) John Jr.

August 13, 1935 - February 8, 2009

Melvin Loyd (ML) John Jr., went to be with the lord while being at his home in New Waverly, Texas surrounded by his family and friends on Sunday, February 08, 2009 after a courageous battle with diabetes and, heart issues. ML was an extremely loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother who will be extremely missed.

He was born on August 13, 1935, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. To Melvin John Sr. and Euza Key John. He graduated from Pine Tree High School, and attended Kilgore College. He also took bible classes at LaTourneau University. He proudly served as a pipe fitter for the United States Navy. Shortly after serving his country, he met the love of his life, Rita, and married her on October 16, 1959. Together, they raised three children and ML was a loving and devoted husband and father. He worked many long and hard hours as a dedicated employee with Texas Eastman in Longview, Texas. It was in 1977, when he decided to make a change in scenery and move his family to New Waverly, Texas They owned and operated A&J Price Rite Grocery Store. They made lots of loyal friends that tuned into everlasting friendships. Students from the local high school would work there and begin their career in life. ML was a mentor in many individuals' lives. He taught them the skills of running and maintaining a business. He took them under his wing, as they were one of his own children. He volunteered many hours in the community; he served on the New Waverly City Council, the New Waverly School Board, and was also

a Peace Officer with the State of Texas. ML had a deep religious faith that inspired everyone that was blessed in his presence. He shared his devout love about the Lord Jesus Christ to many. He ministered the word, and shared the gospel to any that would hear. He loved God and was an active member in the Abundant Life Tabernacle church.

ML Loved the outdoors, from watching the grandkids show animals or being at the ballpark and maybe an occasional trip to the deer lease. In addition, he was creative in making iron works and woodcrafts with his hands. He had a passion of working with his hands, he loved to work on muscle cars from tearing them down to nothing to getting them out on the road to run full throttle. He was a Lifetime member and Founding member of the New Waverly Coon Hunters Association.

He is survived by his beloved wife Rita John of 49 years; children Schannette Slott and husband Gerald Slott, Angela Williams and husband Chuck Williams, Melvin Loyd "Bull" John III and wife Sharon John; grandchildren Joshua Slott, Jacob Slott, Garrett Coleman, Ashley Sustaire, Jena John, Lacie John, O'Shae Williams, Heather John, and Kyia Williams; great-grandchildren Abby Coleman, Ashton Coleman, Keara Sustaire and best friend "Shot Gun" Fred John and wife Kathy John; and numerous nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Melvin John Sr. and Euza John, and brother Payton John, Aunt Robbie John and cousins Tressa John and Pam John.

The family would like to extend sincere appreciation for the kindness and love given by Cindy Roberts, Gene Alt, Regina Johnson, and Sandy Arrowood.

ML will lie in state Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and the family will receive friends Tuesday, February 10, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 10:00 am in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas followed by a burial at the family cemetery.

While all his family will miss him and many people he touched, the love he shared will last a lifetime; he was truly and inspiration to everyone.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

“He fought a good fight, He has finished the course, He kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Loyd (ML) John Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *RITA, i DONT KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER ME, WE HAD THE MALT SHOP NEAR PINE TREE. MY BROTHER BUD WILLIS, WENT TO SCHOOL WITH M L,PEYTON AND GALON FISHER. I JUST READ ABOUT M.L. IN THE PAPER TONIGHT AND WANT YOU TO KNOW MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU AND ML WERE A SPECIAL COUPLE AND WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. i SEE ROBBIE AND THE GIRLS ONCE IN AWHILE. LET ME HEAR FROM YOU WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. iF THERE IS ANY THING CAN DO FOR YOU LET ME KNOW*

**gloria anderson** - February 12, 2009 at 10:51 PM



“ *Rita and family-  
So sorry to hear about ML's death.We thought he was a great guy.  
May God bless each of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, Ken and Margie*

**Ken/Margie Morgan** - February 11, 2009 at 03:38 PM

DG

“ Rita, Schan, Angela, and Bull... so many years have passed and I have so many fond memories of your father when you lived on Woodland Street in Longview. He was such a sweet man. I know all too well what you are going through right now having lost mother two years ago this month. There is no way to describe the pain you are feeling with his loss. Know that he isn't in pain anymore and there is another Angle in heaven keeping an eye on all of you. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Sincerely,  
Denise (Bailey) Grubbs

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**Denise (Bailey) Grubbs** - February 11, 2009 at 02:34 PM

CR

“ I met ML many years ago when I was managing a deli here in Huntsville. He was always so kind and had such a fantastic smile. I know he loved his family and the Lord, because he was not ashamed to share that with others. Your entire family is in my prayers.

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**CRYSTAL** - February 11, 2009 at 10:52 AM

DS

“ You have all been a part of our lives from way back. We share in your pain and know how hard it is to go through all this. Remember we are always with you in prayer. M.L. always had a smile on his face and never met a stranger. God bless you all.

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**Danny & Pat Slott** - February 10, 2009 at 04:05 PM

FC

“ Melvin & Sharon, I'm sorry you are having to go through this loss. I will be there for you in any way I can. I love you.

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**Frances Collier** - February 10, 2009 at 01:23 PM

CW

“ *Angela, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that this is probably the hardest thing that you have ever gone through. However, I know that you have comfort in knowing that he is with Jesus now and that there is no more pain. Please let me know if you need anything. You know that you can call me at ANY time. I LOVE YOU!!*

*To the family, please know that you are all in my prayers.*

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**Casie Wade** - February 10, 2009 at 11:24 AM

BS

“ *Rita my prayers are with you and your family. I know M.L. left many memories for you to cherish. What a happy and joyous time he is having in that wonderful mansion in Heaven.*

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**Barbara Shelly** - February 09, 2009 at 07:30 PM

DU

“ *Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you at this ever so sad time. May God place his comforting arms around you.*

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**Danny and Pam Upchurch** - February 09, 2009 at 06:36 PM

JL

“ *WE ARE MUCH THE BETTER PERSON FOR GETTING TO KNOW UNCLE ML. WHAT WE KNEW ABOUT HIM AND HIS LOVE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IS ALL WE NEEDED TO KNOW. AND EVERYTHING ELSE WE KNEW WAS A BONUS. AUNT RITA, YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS, STAY STRONG AND LEAN UPON THE LORD. YOU CAN CALL ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!!! WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.*

*Jimmy, Bonny and Dana Nixon Livermore*

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**Jimmy & Bonny Peacock and Dana Livermore** - February 09, 2009 at 05:33 PM

TG

“ WE BOTH THINK OF YOU AS OUR FAMILY. ML WILL TRULY BE MISSED. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU AND REMEMBER IF ANY OF YOU NEED ANYTHING, WE ARE JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY. WITH ALL OUR LOVE TO YOU, TIM & MOM

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**TIM & LEILA GRAHAM** - February 09, 2009 at 04:58 PM

KS

“ PaPa was a loving ang generous man, who will be missed every day. Your family will be in our prayers. Knowing that he was at home, with those he loved and who loved him, is a blessing above all others. You did what was right qand noble. We loved him and continue to love you.

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**Kim Stevens** - February 09, 2009 at 04:52 PM

EC

“ Thinking of you druing this time of loss.  
PaPa was a great man that knew and loved The Lord and was not ashamed of it. May you be renewed in the strength and love of our Lord.  
Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ellen Cooper** - February 09, 2009 at 04:21 PM

LH

“ To all of you, you will continue to be in our prayers. May God hold you in the palm of his hands during this difficult time. Love, Lisa, Makenzie & Madison Hayman

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**Lisa Hayman** - February 09, 2009 at 03:15 PM