



## Dr. Robert Lewis Case

December 15, 1941 - June 22, 2006

Robert Lewis Case December 15, 1941 - June 19, 2006 Robert L. Case, 64, of Huntsville, TX, beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother, died on June 19, 2006. Bob died unexpectedly while working in the backyard at his home. Bob was born on December 15, 1941, in Chicago, IL, to Lewis and Ruth Case and grew up there. A beloved teacher and educator, Bob graduated from Western Illinois University in 1963. He continued his education at the University of Illinois, earning his MS in 1964, and his PhD in 1969. Bob had a distinguished and enjoyable career at Sam Houston State University, working there from 1983-2006, and serving as the Kinesiology Department Chair for 22 years. Bob was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, and enjoyed fishing, racquetball, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Linda Case, of Huntsville, and six children, Jennifer Gibson, Josh Gibson, Justin Gibson, Craig Case, Corrine Minor and Caryn Sonderman, three grandchildren, Jordan, Jackson, and Brooklyn Gibson, his parents, Lewis and Ruth Case, his sisters, Jennie Anderson and Ruthie Norris, and many other dear friends and family members. Memorial services will be held at First Baptist Church, Huntsville, TX, on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 4:00 P.M under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials be given to the KickStart Foundation at [www.kickstart.org](http://www.kickstart.org)  
Kick Start



# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Robert Lewis Case*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear family of Dr. Case,*

*I wish to send my deepest sympathy at this time in your lives. Dr. Case was one of my teachers at SHSU. He was such a wonderful teacher and had a great spirit about him. I admit, I took every single class he had to offer, you just can't beat a great college professor. My family even met him at a hoops for heart basketball game one semester. My father made a horseshoes hat/coat rack for the silent auction. I knew Dr case really liked it, so my dad gave it to him, he had it hanging behind his door in his office. Dr. Case always made time for his students and he always made the best out of every situation. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. God Bless you and Dr. Case.*

*Lindsey*

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**Lindsey Tlustos** - August 13, 2006 at 09:15 PM

KC

“ I am finding out about your loss a week after and am in total shock. Dr. Case was the first person I encountered when I transferred to Sam Houston State. He has been my strength since my transfer in 2003. I remember telling him in my initial conversation with him that I am not sure how to face what is ahead and he said why? All you need is determination. With that answer I have been more determined than ever to complete my education at Sam Houston-- something that I spoke with him about in the last month. He has been my mentor throughout college and I never once left his class worried about anything. When I had my son, after having all those contractions in his class, he is was one of the first to congratulate me and encourage me to keep going. The one thing that stands out the most from that semester is him telling me "Karen you remember that you are not going to college for yourself but for those kiddos of yours." He was more correct than ever and those words he spoke continue to be encouragement to me today. My husband and I very sorry for your loss as the Lord has taken such a great man to join him. It will de very difficult and hard to enter the HKC and not see Dr. Case physically, although he will be with each of us spiritually. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Karen Cavallin and Family*

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**Karen Cavallin** - June 27, 2006 at 09:58 AM

JB

“ To Bob's family,

*The University will never be the same without Bob's smiling face here. Betty and I share your pain. May God bless all of you.*

*The celebration of Bob's life was beautiful.*

*Jerry and Betty Bruce*

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**Jerry Bruce** - June 27, 2006 at 09:11 AM

DA

“ Mrs. Case- Linda and family,  
I was saddened to hear about Dr. Case. Still can't call him "Bob". Dr. Case was very helpful to me when I first came to Huntsville for my first big job after finishing my Ph.D. I always felt he took a little pity on the California girl and hired her close friend to help me out! Dr. Case, on top of everything else, was a great role model for our profession. Kinesiology encompasses the body, mind, and spirit and Bob modeled excellence in all three. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time and always.

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**Diana Avans** - June 26, 2006 at 02:50 PM

GS

“ Dear Linda, Jennifer, Josh, and Justin: I was so sorry to hear of Dr. Case's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Although I did not have him as a professor while I attended grad school at SHSU, I ran into him often in the HKC. I will always remember his warm and cheerful smile. He will be missed! Love to all,  
Gene and Glenna Stewart

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**Gene and Glenna Stewart** - June 26, 2006 at 10:33 AM

RT

“ Dear family I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Bob Case. My deepest sympathy and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Ruth Tarver** - June 24, 2006 at 06:50 PM

DS

“ *Mrs. Case, Jennifer, Josh, and Justin*  
*We are so sorry for your loss, as you know, Mr. Case was such an amazing man. He was always interested in others lives and willing to lend a helping hand when he could. He will be missed by many but will continue to look over us to make sure we are ok. We hope your memories can help you get through this difficult time. Sincerely,*  
*D'Anne, Chad, and Samantha Spence*

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**D'Anne Emmett Spence** - June 23, 2006 at 01:39 PM

CF

“ *Dear family,*  
*I pray the Lord will give you rest and strength. Dr. Case was very encouraging and helped me become proactive instead of reactive to my disease. As many have stated he was always smiling, interested in his students and a true Christian. I feel blessed to have known him.*  
*In Christ,*

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**Chris Anne Fondren** - June 23, 2006 at 12:58 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Dr. Case's passing. I, along with so many others appreciated his column in *The Huntsville Item*. I happened across these comments on [www.theoldcoach.com](http://www.theoldcoach.com) and thought I'd pass them along:

*What a huge loss for Sam Houston....Dr. Case helped and encouraged me so much when I decided to go back and finish my degree and fulfill my lifelong ambition of being a coach when most were telling me I was crazy. He will be sorely missed by many. Prayers go out to his family and the Bearkat family.*

*Man i agree that guy was always so helpful, i am in complete shock, Dr. Case always had a smile on his face and was always willing to listen that is for sure. He always had a way to make you feel welcomed and important when you walked into his office. Even when i would go back to visit over the last 15 years and i ran into him he would make me feel at home.*

*I agree with what all of you guys have said. Dr. Case will be missed. He was always willing to help students out & really made you feel like he cared about your education. He was a truly good man. I had the pleasure of interning at Gibbs Elementary for Ms. Linda Case and I can honestly say that she was one of the nicest, sweetest people I've ever met. My heart goes out to her and the rest of the family.*

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**Russell Burnett** - June 23, 2006 at 09:34 AM

DH

“ *Bob will be missed as a friend and teacher at SHSU. He was our best 2nd baseman in church league softball for the 13 years we played together. What good memories. God bless you.*

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**David Henderson** - June 22, 2006 at 07:09 PM

TF

“ Linda, we are so sorry for your loss and the community's loss. Please know that we are thinking and praying for you and your family. For the six or seven years I was able to join the "Wednesday Lunch Group" at the gym, Bob always had a good story and joke for me. I will miss him but will always remember his friendship. God bless,  
Trey Wharton and Family

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**The Wharton Family** - June 22, 2006 at 10:33 AM

NB

“ Bob was a good friend. When I started being a regular with the gym lunch crowd, I discovered him to be warm and caring and genuine. We had some great conversations on the bikes, and I think of his generosity of spirit often. Peace and warm wishes to all who will miss him.

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**Nancy Boykin Bounds** - June 22, 2006 at 09:49 AM

ML

“ Dr. Case was a great person and AWESOME teacher. He helped me with the death of my brother in 2004 with heart failure and I will be forever be grateful. God knows best and I am just happy to have met this great man. He was sincere, humorous, and had an interest for improving cardio problems. To the family, look toward the hills that with cometh your help because God is still on the throne!

*I love you and another ANGEL has received his WINGS:)*

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**Mahogany Lee** - June 22, 2006 at 08:08 AM

KS

“ My association with "Dr. Bob" came about by his passion for racquetball. I was the volunteer coach for the SHSU Racquetball Club and Bob was the faculty sponsor. Every club member got to know Dr. Case as a neat guy who cared for them and their club, a good player and who was always there to help. SHSU sponsored for 3 years a statewide racquetball tourney and to this day the players who were there talk about the fun they had. Bob Case made sure it was organized, fun, and showed off SHSU. My coaching assistant, John Bryant, and I will both miss Bob and his unique sense of humor and his willingness to go all out for the students involved in the club.

*My thoughts are with Linda and children. I know Bob will be missed by many, but I am looking forward to the day of meeting up with Bob and playing racquetball again.*

*G. Kyle Smith*

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**kyle smith** - June 21, 2006 at 08:45 PM

KC

“ Ms. Case & Jennifer,

*KC and I were sadden to hear about your lost. We wanted you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*KC and Kari Collins Cook*

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**Kari Cook** - June 21, 2006 at 07:40 PM

NJ

“ Dear Case Family, what a shock to read about our friend, Bob Case today. He was such a gentleman. When I was the Alumni Director at SHSU, he was always so very helpful to us in the office. Bob Case will be missed by all of you and the SHSU Family. Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones of Lovelady.

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**Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones** - June 21, 2006 at 07:29 PM

AR

“ Dear Case Family,  
My condolence is with you and the family. I am sorry to hear about the lost of your husband. I had him for several health classes and he always entered the classroom with a smile on his face. If you were to see him in the hallway he always spoke and had a great big smile on his face. He will be missed by many of his students and former students. He has brought laughter and joy in many students life's that will be cherished forever.

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**Angie Rodriguez** - June 21, 2006 at 07:27 PM

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**Angie Rodriguez** - June 21, 2006 at 07:27 PM

DH

“ Dear Linda, Betty & Family, I know this is a very difficult time for you and the family right now. I have you in my thoughts and prayers. Just know that your friends and your faith will get you through this ordeal and the days ahead.

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**Donna Haney** - June 21, 2006 at 05:14 PM

EH

“ Dear Case family, I was one of Dr. Cases students. Dr. Case taught me how to golf, fish, and many other things. In teaching all the mentioned... safety was his largest concern. I loved seeing his smiling face when I would drop off a paper in the HKC. He will be greatly missed and my deepest sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones.

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**Emily Hamilton** - June 21, 2006 at 05:07 PM

EL

“ I did not know Dr. Case personally but after he was finished with a class and I would enter for my class, he was always so nice and would ask me how I was doing. That meant a great deal to me. My condolences to his family and friends. He was a genuine treasure.

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**Erin Ortiz Lambert** - June 21, 2006 at 03:16 PM

RR

“ *Linda and family,  
Barbara and I have you in our hearts and prayers in your deep and unexpected loss. We have such warm memories of the Christmas visit you made with us and the good time we shared together. Your faith, your family, and your friends--along with lasting memories--will sustain you in the difficult days ahead. We are grateful to be among your friends.*

*Ronald and Barbara Rich*

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**Ronald and Barbara Rich** - June 21, 2006 at 03:13 PM

CD

“ *Your husband, father, grandfather touched so many lives, he will be fondly remembered by so many. I only worked with him for a few months but remember best his wry and amusing sense of humor and his thoughtfulness for his wife, Linda, who he spoke of often. My heartfelt condolences.*

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**Cindy Dixon** - June 21, 2006 at 02:20 PM

GF

“ *Linda I am really sorry for what has happened. I know that he was a good person. I can't speak for everyone but if there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to ask.*

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**Gustavo Perez & Family** - June 21, 2006 at 01:42 PM

CD

“ Dear Linda, Jennifer, Josh, and Justin,  
Christopher and I are truly sorry for your loss. Mr. Case was such an amazing role model for all of us. Jennifer I will never forget how happy you were for your mother when she and Bob married. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Christopher, Cathy, and Riley Davis

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**Cathy Collins Davis** - June 21, 2006 at 01:22 PM

MS

“ I work for Bentwater fitness center and I live in Bentwater. We had the pleasure of knowing Bob before I took the job. Bob was such a great man.

He was such a joy to be around and gave people the desire to be healthy! We are so sad with you and our thoughts are with you!  
What a lucky family you are to have had him as a father, son, brother and friend! Love you BOB!!  
Monette and Brian Smith

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**Monette and Brian Smith** - June 21, 2006 at 01:03 PM

SH

“ Dr. Case ment a great deal to me. I was one of Dr. Case's students at Sam Houston. While in college I faced many challanges, but thank God for his merciful angles that were there. Dr. Case was truly one of God's special people. He helped me in such a way that I will never forget. Days when i needed a father figure, he was there. When i needed just a person to listen to me, he was there. Dr. Case was a special person to me. He believed in me and trusted me enough to invest in me. I remember when my car was broke down and i had to go to work in Houston. Dr. Case took me and stayed until it was time for me to get off. This is just a small example of how dedicated we was to his students and to people who he believed in. To the rest of his family my thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda, I will always remember the many shows and Jump Rope performance the 3 of us did together for the American Heart Association. As Board Membber of USA Jump Rope I would also like to offer my condolences. Dr. Case for many years was the faculty sponsor for USA Jump Rope Texas/ Southern Camp. Since I was 11 years old I attend this camp that he sponsored. Because of his love for sports and youth, I chose to attend Sam Houston. Only God knew that he, linda, and I would become close.

May God keep you and your family in his love and care. Love  
Always,

Shaun Hamilton

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Shaun Hamilton - June 21, 2006 at 12:22 PM

CM

“ Linda and Jennifer, I am so sorry for your loss. Mom called me and told me the bad news. It's been years since I have talked to you but I think of you often and my prayers are with you. I know your faith in God will get you through. As you already know Bob Case was an AWESOME man and the world is a better place for experiencing his greatness. You have a wonderful family that will let his memory live on. I love you, and again you are in our prayers.

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**Charee Berry Moore** - June 21, 2006 at 12:07 PM

BM

“ Ryan & I are sorry for your loss. We want you all to know we are here for you! You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Brandi & Ryan Myers

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**Brandi Myers** - June 21, 2006 at 11:19 AM

NF

“ Mrs. Case, Jennifer, Josh and Justin, I learned this morning of the loss that each of you are grieving over with the passing of Dr. Case. I know each of you loved him deeply and will miss him tremendously. I along with others will always remember Dr. Case's upbeat and positive outlook on life and his passion to try and keep all the rest of healthy and exercising. Jennifer, I know it has been a long time since I have seen or visited with you but I have always remembered the times we and others shared together through our childhoods into highschool and beyond. I always remember when your mom and Dr. Case became a couple and how excited you and your brothers were. Just remember, Bob is smiling down on each of you now and will be watching over and protecting you for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Nate Fountain

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**Nate Fountain** - June 21, 2006 at 11:16 AM

DF

“ Mrs. Case and family: We are truly very sad to know that Mr. Case has passed away. He was such a wonderful man and he truly cared a lot about his friends. He always gave my family and I a happy smiled. We always had great sense of humor and talked about his cars all the time. He knew he could always count on me and my family. God bless you all. Mrs. Case if you need anything please let me know. Rod, Camila and Duarte Family

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**Duarte Family** - June 21, 2006 at 11:08 AM

KM

“ Dear Linda and family,  
Charlie's mom called this morning to tell me about Bob. I am so very sorry about his passing, he was such a great man.  
I will be praying for ya'll. Take comfort in knowing that he is with Jesus and is watching over you.  
Charlie & Katrice Matchett & boys

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**Katrice Matchett** - June 21, 2006 at 11:04 AM

BF

“ I have just recently met Linda as she is the newest member of the Galleria Rotary Club in Houston. Although we hadn't yet met Bob, my husband Ray & I extend our most sincere sympathy to Linda and her family. As persons of faith, we know that all life is eternal and the bonds we share with those we love cannot be broken by death. We pray that God will comfort the family as you grieve for your loved one.

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**Bev Fitzgerald** - June 21, 2006 at 10:58 AM

AS

“ Dear Mrs. Case and the family Bob loved so much,

*Bob gave me the courage to try a triathlon at age 72. He always told me that I could do it. He will be missed by so many of us that he helped to live better lives.*

*May you find strength now, also. Anne Sigler*

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**Anne W. Sigler** - June 21, 2006 at 10:03 AM

TB

“ *I shall keep with me wonderful memories of Bob's contagious smile, cheerful spirit and zest for life. Bob, you already are missed. Thanks for your friendship.*

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**Terry Bilhartz** - June 21, 2006 at 10:01 AM

KR

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Dr. Case was always ready with a warm smile and a quick wit. Both will be greatly missed.*

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**Kathy Roberts** - June 21, 2006 at 08:58 AM

BW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.*

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley** - June 21, 2006 at 08:11 AM

LW

“ Dearest Linda and Family,  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss. Dr. Case was such a vibrant part of our community and college. He truly cared about others. May God bless and comfort you.....  
Leanne and Mac Woodward

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**Leanne and Mac Woodward** - June 21, 2006 at 08:08 AM

CE

“ I was shocked when I found out about Dr. Case. I just saw him yesterday teaching his inovative games class. Be reassured that he is now in the presence of Jesus and feels no pain.

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**Charlotte Efird** - June 20, 2006 at 03:32 PM

BS

“ Ed & I are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts are prayers. Please give me a call if there is anything you need or if I can do anything for you. We Love You!!

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**Barbara & Ed Saenz** - June 20, 2006 at 10:22 AM