



Taylor Webb

July 29, 1948 - July 2, 2019

James Taylor Webb, also known as “Dad,” “Pop,” “Coach,” and “Bowie,” 70, of Decatur, TX, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in Decatur. He was born July 29, 1948, in Austin, TX, to James and Doris (Taylor) Webb. Taylor married Teresa Parrish on April 10, 1976, in Bridgeport, TX.

Taylor is survived by his wife, Teresa, of Decatur, TX; two sons, Jarrett Webb of Weatherford, TX, and Blaine Webb of Houston, TX; granddaughter, Taylor June Webb; brother, Tracy Hall of Wylie, TX; nieces Jessica Estrada and Rachel Tyson; and nephews Jason Friesen, Justin Friesen and Zane Tyson. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Doris; and sister, Karen Friesen.

Taylor was a family man, fiercely protective of his wife of 43 years and his sons, and was their steadfast rock in troubled times.

Professionally, Taylor was a wrestling coach and teacher in Plano, TX for nearly 40 years and started the wrestling program at Plano Senior High School. He was known for his strong and steady, yet fair, discipline and demanded his wrestlers show respect to others.

He was quoted many times as saying, “Boys, you may mess up a test and get a bad six weeks grade, but there is no excuse for poor behavior in class.” Probably his greatest gift as a coach was not his win/loss record, but rather his ability to seek out kids who were losing themselves and giving them a place to find structure. This changed the lives of numerous boys, allowing them to become better men, husbands and fathers.

As a father, Taylor taught his boys the same way -- Be respectful of others, stand up for what they thought was right and work hard to achieve the goals they set for themselves. He would often sacrifice time away from his personal hobbies to coach and teach his boys to have a great work ethic.

Taylor has been described as a world class competitor, whether in wrestling, baseball, or golf, but his favorite sport was rodeo. He competed successfully as a CRA, IRA and PRCA steer wrestler, and then as a team roper later in life. While competing only part-time in bull dogging, he was able to win numerous rodeos and jackpots. Including 10 Texas Circuit Finals qualifications, the Mesquite Rodeo Year-End champ multiple times, where his boys also learned to be world class competitors in the calf scramble. He won the West of the Pecos Rodeo, and also came out first in the last Byron Walker Skeeter Memorial Bulldogging. He also won numerous team roping jackpots along the way. The friendships and memories he cultivated through these times were some of his most cherished.

Visitation will be held 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Sunday, July 7, 2019, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Monday, July 8, 2019, at Denton Bible Church Chapel in Denton, TX, with Pastor Tommy Nelson officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cal Farley Boys Ranch or the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Phyllis Stout and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ I'm so sorry to just now learn of Coach Webb's passing. I was fortunate to have wrestled for him at PSHS and he was one-of-a-kind. His toughness was legendary, as was his unrelenting focus on teaching us how to behave like men. I'll never forget going down to Houston with some college buddies and having the very welcome surprise of seeing my coach bulldogging at the National Finals Rodeo. Godspeed Coach Webb.

Chuck Curtiss - February 02, 2024 at 10:24 PM

DD

“ Never knew a man with so much to teach others, but willing to learn from everyone.

D. Quent Ditzenberger - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ So sorry to just now here this! Taylor and were great friends and ciated together many yrs. Taylor and I played little league baseball together in Tyler. He will be greatly missed one of a kind. So many memories!!

Gary Moseley - August 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Happy birthday in heaven sweet friend!

Leisha Tilley Fife - July 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BC

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Bobby Clay,

Plano, Texas

Bobby Clay - July 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *When Taylor was a student at Russell High school, I was fortunate to have him in one of my English classes. He was a handsome young man who was a very formidable student. He was a pleasure to teach because he was willing to learn and tried to do well. He and his family were faithful members of our church, Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal -no doubt getting the grounding for his life beliefs here. Blessings to those he left behind.*

Dolores Eatnest - July 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Taylor family, I just heard word of your loss today. My deepest condolences to the whole family. I knew Taylor through the City of Plano he has a coach at the high school and I was a police officer I began to personally know Taylor as we pursued our team roping skills. Many times at Steve Iricks home and arena where I met Jarrett. He was a good man who made a great impact to a lot of children and adults that interacted with him.*

Larry Bartek - July 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Teresa, Jarrett, Blaine and Tracy, my heart and prayers go out to all of you, Taylor will be missed. We had the opportunity to see and catch up at the unfortunate funeral for my sister in law, Karen. I was one of the lucky ones to survive cancer, all I can say is Cancer Sucks, how sorry I am that Taylor had to go through it as well. Prayers to everyone in the family.

Ron and Terri McKown - July 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ So sorry to hear about Taylor's passing. Our families were friends for the past 65 years or so. I always thought that Taylor was indestructible. I am so sorry for your loss.

stephen mcknight - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I was also a wrestler at Russell High School, and Taylor was famous for perfecting the "Fireman's Carry" a wrestling move that helped him win many matches, when in between classes' in the Restroom Taylor would always line up his belt buckle with his shirt buttons so they would remain in a straight line as he looked into the Mirror! We miss you Taylor Webb, thanks for being a great Mentor".

Lonnie Augustine - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I just wanted to let you know how deeply sorry I am for your loss. Coach Webb will always be a hero in the eyes of my son Raymond...my husband and I believe he helped mold our son into the wonderful man he is today...and we are grateful! Coach Webb's kindness touched our family in so many ways. He coached more than wrestling...he coached young boys on how to become good men! Forever thankful we knew Coach Webb!

July 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Taylor was my teacher, mentor, and most of all friend. He took me to many rodeos and bulldogging with him when I was just a kid. Lots of great memories. I send all my love to the family. Peace be with you.

Don Coppedge - July 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Taylor came by my place about aMonth ago He was one of the best and.will be missed by all have one ready for me when i get thereHappy trails podne

Jodie Vance - July 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Bret an I will always remember the good time we had together with Taylor

Paul Pels - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. Many fun memories of Taylor. Praying for your families. RIP Taylor!

Diane Fitzpatrick - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I had the honor and privilege of coaching with Taylor for nearly a decade in the 90's. He was truly a mentor for me in my first coaching job out of college. He was like a father figure for me. I could not ask for a better one. I don't have a whole lot of ways to express what he has done for me and my family, but I know that he was a great influence on everyone that he worked with. His athletes are the benefactors, as well as I am. We are all better men because of his influence. I think his family for sharing him with us. Our prayers are with you all in this difficult time. God bless you.

Bob Swearingen - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Taylor always had a smile for us! Theresa and boys and family, sorry for your loss and deepest sympathies. What a friend!

Robert Wright - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Bless your families weary hearts but they know you wont hurt or be in pain any more. Thank you for all the lives you and Mrs. Webb have touched over the years. Coach Webb You will be missed.PHSH Sr 77

Ava Harris Casas - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Mrs. Webb and his sons, I worked with Taylor at Shepton HS and Jasper HS. I did not know him very well, but I taught several boys that adored him. He was always a motivator to get them to work harder, be respectful and responsible. I am so sorry, I did not know Taylor had cancer. I would have reached out to him if I had known. He is going to be very missed by both your family and his Plano ISD Family. I am so sorry, I will keep him in my prayers along with you, his family. So sorry, Shay Westlake

Shay Westlake - July 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss.

Diane Chilton-Harper - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

L-

“ He was one of the best teachers ever. He cared about his students .I never forgot him .So sad he is gone God bless his family and watch over them. Rip Coach Webb you will be missed.

Lana Harris -Maitland - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Sweet Teresa, my deepest sympathy my dear friend. Praying for you & family.

Kathy Smith - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ One of the nicest guys Ive ever met. The world could use a lot more Taylor Webbs.

July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ So sorry for your loss!

Edna McAdoo Coyle - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Heartbroken to hear about Taylor. He was a tremendous friend and loved his family fiercely! Taylor always had a story to tell when he came to the bank and I'd get an update on the boys and Teresa. He had a heart of gold and our family thought a lot of him. Blessings and love from Leisha, Taylor, Cody and Colton

Leisha Tilley Fife - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Coach Webb molded me into the man I am today. I became a wrestling coach because of his inspiration. As a husband and father now, I realize the sacrifices he and his family made in order for me to be successful. He has always been and will continue to be in my heart. I hate that I can't be at the funeral, though I know he would much rather I be here at wrestling camp. I will miss you.

Ryan DeLaVergne - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RC

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Robert Carney,

Ledbetter, Texas

Robert Carney - July 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Im so sorry for your loss, Taylor was a wonderful man*

LuAnn Knost - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Taylor touched a lot of lives... as a coach, a mentor, a friend, a father, a competitor. He was a classmate and teammate at Russell High School and I could never best him on the wrestling mat. I admired him greatly. We went separate ways after high school, but I discovered him again 30-some years later, riding hard out of a bulldogging chute at a Grand Prairie rodeo. Same friendly smile. Taylor made much of his life and left a lasting impact. He will be missed.*

Dave Berry - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *What a good ride.*

Calvin "Toe" Simmons - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *Taylor was a competitive teammate who I enjoyed playing with and respected. RIP old friend.*

Terry Voos - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Taylor graduated with me in the class of '66 in Russell, Ks. I will forever remember him walking down the halls of our High School and on the wrestling mat of our gym. Our class will miss him but will not forget him. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. God bless your family as you go through this valley of healing from your loss.

Beth Smith - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ RIP Taylor , You are on the last Trail.

Steve Mohr - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sending our love and prayers to each of you. We are so sorry for your loss, Taylor was a stand up Man, truly a blessing to everyone he met. Thankful he is out of anguish and praying that brings you peace. Gods blessings we pray for each of you, Ron and Darlene Sanders

Ron Sanders - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

Mark & Mary, Brandon, and Rebekah Vickers Family - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My son, Alec was one of many boys who benefitted from Coach Webb's firm but compassionate discipline. Losing his Dad at a young age Alec needed that type of role model in his young life. I remember seeing the respect in his eyes as he was consoled and encouraged by this wonderful man. He always made sure "his boys" were healthy and taking care of themselves as well as working hard on their education. What fun it was to watch Coach slip off to the side, grab his lasso and give it a few twirls as he concentrated on his boys. He exemplified the self control and good sportsmanship that is needed so badly in sports today. I am grateful from the bottom of my heart for the incredible role Coach Webb played in my son's life when it was so desperately needed. Sympathy and blessings to the Webb family, Sincerely, Janie Kimball Warden

Janie Kimball Warden - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Great guy !! Prayers to the family!! Lots memories.

Kenny Hollinger - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sad to hear of Taylor's passing. He spent many summer hours working for us on our farm when he was in high school. He was such a nice young man and a hard worker. We truly enjoyed having him around. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Betty Boxberger - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Theresa my heart hurts for you and the family. Taylor was a joy to work with at Williams High School Just want you to know that you are in my prayers.

TRENA DAVIS - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Taylor. My husband and I are both graduates of RHS and knew Taylor very well, Taylor being in the Class of 66 with me. May God be with you doing this trying time. Prayers for you and your family.

Bill and Marsha Rome - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Taylor was a friend in high school and later became family through marriage. He will be missed by all who knew him and his lovely wife Teresa and sons. God bless the family and sincere thoughts and prayers are being sent .

Monte and Connie Krug - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Theresa & boys so sorry for your loss Laran

Laran Sigler - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ A great man and teacher. Mary said best teacher she Ever had .
RIP our Friend

Byron & Mary Walker - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Taylor was a classmate of mine in the Class of '66 at Russell High. He was so cute/handsome! He was a friend to so many in school. Great wrestler. I think he only returned one time for a class reunion. I could be wrong. I had hoped to see him at our 50th as we are all getting to that age. I want to send condolences to his wife, his sons and their families and to all who knew him as a wonderful coach and male mentor. I feel honored to have known him and to call him my friend. RIP Taylor.

Sharon Steponick Thiel - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Hard to believe a man like you is actually gone, you're the kind of person we think will live on forever!. We at PHS admired and respected you as a teacher and Coach. My Biology class with Coach Webb was always fun and entertaining with all his rodeo stories. We all loved you very much! Rest in peace my friend....

Kathy Beck - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Childhood family friends. Ill always remember his beautiful smile and impish glittering eyes . Dreamy hunk to those of us girls younger than he. Picture is typical of his joyful antics.

Barbara White - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ A true 'one of a kind'. Was a fellow team member on the RHS wrestling team, and a person I called friend, especially during out high school days. We definitely lost a great one here. RIP my friend.

Harlan Steinle - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

S)

“ Prayers for the family.

Sharon Adams (Brawner) - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ r.i.p. coach webb u will always be in my heart prayers for ur family u were like a father to me may god bless u knowing u are in that big blue sky god has u. u were a great coach god speeded to u sir.prayers for the family of coach webb god has u. may ur family find comeft in a time like this . rom 8 28 39

erin frushour - July 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ RIP my friend. You will always be in my heart.

Rene Miller - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Taylor will be missed very much at the Trails of Frisco golf course. He was a very good golfer and coach but most of all he will be remembered by many people as being an exceptionally good person. RIP partner. Prayers go up for the family.

Joe Philpott - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Coach Webb from high school. With Taylor Webb you always knew where he stood on matters and he was straight up honest. Gotta respect that.

July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ A Man of character and integrity, he stood up for what he believed!
A great mentor to many , he will be greatly missed. Family and
friends are in my prayers !

Jamie Taylor McRae - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of this great man. I have many
wonderful memories from Plano High School. He was a true
genuine person. Im sure his family will miss him dearly. RIP Coach
Webb

Toni Ramsey - July 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM