



Arthur Miller Reeves, Jr.

March 23, 1923 - August 8, 2009

Arthur Miller Reeves, Jr. was born on March 23, 1923 in Stephens County, Oklahoma. He passed from this life and went to be with his Lord on August 8th, 2009 at his home in Erin Springs, Oklahoma at the age of 86.

He attended Quesada School while living in Seminole County (from 1929 to 1932), as well as Burroughs High School (from 1937 to 1938) and Elmore City High School where he graduated in the class of 1941. Thereafter, he worked at the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp in the Paradox Valley of Colorado. Moving to San Diego, California, he worked in roofing and was employed in an aircraft factory where he helped build the mock-up of a B-24 Bomber. For 31 months, he served in the U.S. Navy as a signalman aboard the U.S.S. Cassin, DD-372, as it sailed the Pacific Ocean. Returning to Lindsay, OK, he assisted his father and brothers in their house-moving business.

Mr. Reeves married Wanda Lea Decker on July 28th, 1946 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Beginning in the Spring of 1949, he worked for the Latex Construction Company of Houston, Texas, first as a master carpenter and later as a foreman. For six years his job took him from one town to another, across East and West Texas, Kentucky and Nebraska, along with his wife and daughter, Pat. Returning once again to the Lindsay area, he established his own business, Lindsay Builder's Supply, which provided lumber and

hardware to the local community for thirty years. During this time, he also built many custom houses and commercial buildings.

Mr. Reeves was a member of Erin Springs Baptist Church since 1966 where he served on the stewardship committee and managed the construction of the church's sanctuary. He was also a member of the local Rotary Club, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the Garvin County Finance Authority as well as past president of the Lindsay Industrial Foundation.

Mr. Reeves greatly enjoyed attending Western Swing concerts with his wife, visiting his cabin in Bridgeview, fishing on Lake Texoma, coon hunting with friends and caring for four mules and many hound dogs.

Preceding Mr. Reeves in death were his parents, Arthur Miller Reeves, Sr. and Mary Mandy (Cook) Reeves, his brothers, John, George and James and his sister, Trenna Nation. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Lea (Decker) Reeves, his siser, Marydel Barnes and brother-in-law, Bill Barnes, all of Erin Springs, Oklahoma, as well as his daughter, Pat Walke and son-in-law, Greg Walke of Las Cruces, New Mexico and grandson, Adam Walke of El Paso, Texas along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services for Mr. Reeves are set for ten o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, August 11th, 2009 at Erin Springs Baptist Church in Erin Springs, Oklahoma. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma with full military honors by American Legion Ball Smith Post 23. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Erin Springs Baptist Church Kitchen Fund. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dear Wanda, I just checked this web site and learned of Junior's death. I am so sorry and have you in my prayers. You and Junior were good friends to Mom and Dad. Dad always spoke of Junior with warmth and respect. God bless you and your family

Jeanette (Ardrey) Williams - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Wanda,

My memories of you and Junior will always be of the lumber yard. I remember standing there by the nail bin with dad, peeking up over the counter. I thank the Lord for having been able to grow up knowing you and for the love you've always shown to everyone around you. You two have meant so much to mom and dad over the years. On their behalf, I thank you for your love. Junior was a good man, a Godly man. I'll miss him. My prayers are with you and your family. May God bring you peace and patience; You'll be with him again one day. With love, Randall, Geneva, Donny, & Randy

Randy Dutton - September 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dear Wanda, Pat and Family, I just heard of Jr's passing. Kim and I both want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Love You Guys!!! Betty and Kim

Betty Kelly - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Dear Wanda and Pat, I'm so sorry to learn of Jr.'s passing. I want you to know you and Pat are in my prayers. I've thought of all the good times I've had growing up in Erin Springs and you all were a big part of that. I hope God will give you comfort. Love, Wayne

Wayne Mills - August 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Pat....sorrow is the sweetest of all emotions, the Japanese say, because it is as deep as the love you have had. We'll celebrate life when you get home. Love you! K

Kay Shade - August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Wanda and Pat,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Jr. was a great man and he did so much for so many people in Lindsay. Treasure the wonderful memories you have and know he is home now. Pat, please know that you had a wonderful father and you have a precious mother. My Thoughts and Prayers are with You and All the Family,

Love Always,

Lanette Roe

Lanette Roe - August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Wanda and Pat, Just learned of Junior's passing this morning. I am sorry for you loss. Please know that I am thinking of you during this time.

Jana Mills Gibson

Jana Mills Gibson - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Wanda and Pat:

I learned about Jr. and wanted to let you know how sorry I am. I have many wonderful memories of Jr. when he and Dad partnered in the land deals, coon hunting, and other activities. Please know you are in my prayers as you cope with this difficult time.

May God Bless you!

David

David Mills - August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I have known and loved Jr. my entire life. He was a part of my family by marriage but it never seemed that way.

He was so good to my boys. When they were little he would show them his dogs and mules, which they loved. He also told them a few coon hunting stories. He had some good ones.

We all admired him for many things but especially for his wonderful Christian example.

Wanda, Pat, and family, please know that I will keep you in my prayers during this

difficult time.

I love you all.

Shirley Miller - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Wanda, just wanted to say I just found about Junior this evening. So sorry for your loss. I know that Joe always liked working for you and Junior, and I liked to come and visit with y'all at the lumber yard when Joe was working for you. Take care and God bless you and your family. Were thinking of you.

cindy ramming - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Wanda, We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless your family. Best wishes, Larry and Jeannie (Spradlin) Hodges

Jeannie Hodges - August 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Wanda and Pat, you two have done an amazing job in caring for Jr, and done so tirelessly. May God bless you in the days ahead.

betty White - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ (Tribute Text Not Available)

Glen Fox - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Wanda and Pat...I heard the news a few hours ago, and it's like a huge chapter in my family's life has lost another major player..Dad in 2007, and now Jr. People reading this would never know about the good ol'days down at the lumber yard with Jr. lining all the men out starting around 7 every morning. John Henry, Calvin, James, Dad, Herbie,Loyd, along with all the helpers that would come and go, but those 5 men were a bunch of steel drivin' dudes. And one can never leave out Jim managing things. Dad always appreciated the fact that his check was there every Friday, and that was every week for 54 weeks in the year for a period of over 20 years. Jr. humbly replied one time that he felt that was just his part of the deal. I owe such a great deal of what I know about my craft to those good men, and Jr. was the one who kind of started it all behind Mr. Reeves. I'm glad that Andrew and I got to visit with you and Jr. before he made the transition. Hope you enjoyed the fresh fish. He's in a better place now without any pain. He lived a full, wonderfull life, and I don't know of anyone who could have touched more people in a positive way. May God bless you and keep you in your loss. Glen Fox

Glen Fox - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Wanda, I am so sorry for your loss. Know you are in my prayers. Junior was such a good God fearing man and I know he is in heaven with my April.*

Diana Gray - August 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM