



Bob Lee Burkes

December 6, 1939 - April 16, 2008

Bob Burkes passed away at the age of 68 on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 as the result of an accident. He was born on December 6, 1939 in Grady County to Charles and Lou Marie Burkes. Bob graduated from Lindsay High School. He married Sarah Sims at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma on June 25, 1960. He was always a country boy at heart.

Bob was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lindsay and belonged to the Masons and the Historical Society. He spent most of his days doing what he loved most, raising cattle and working his land. He did take occasional breaks from farming, but never got away from his roots. Sporting his best pair of overalls, he loved to go and search for antiques. Whether on the side of the road or at a local auction, Bob saw value in things others did not. In addition, he also enjoyed fishing and spending time outdoors. Most recently, he and his wife Sarah have enjoyed time together traveling with Christian companions from Lindsay and various parts of Oklahoma.

Those who will cherish Bob's memory the most include his wife, Sarah Sims Burkes, his son Robert Lee Burkes II and wife Debbie, and his daughter Charlotte Burkes, all of Lindsay, Oklahoma. In addition, Bob leaves behind grandchildren Randy Whalen and wife Norma of Brownsville, Texas, Kelly Brown and husband Jason of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Terri Whalen of Dallas, Texas. The joys of Bob's life were his great grandchildren and farming.

apprentices: Kell, Kaleb, and Kotton Brown of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Nikki, Randy, and Austin Whalen of Brownsville, Texas.

Bob is preceded in death by his in-laws, Hal and Lois Sims and his parents and two sisters, Emma Jean Spies and Charlene Nichols. Bob is survived by sisters Loretta Olson and Laveta Lutomski and brother Marshall Burkes.

Bob was a simple man who valued his land and hard work, served his community, and wholeheartedly loved his family. Furthermore, Bob always had a huge smile, a generous heart, and a willingness to help those in need. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Services for Mr. Burkes will be on Friday April 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay. Interment will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

The family requests that those who desire to give a gift in Bob's memory donate to the Historical Society for the preservation of Pikes Peak School, or to the First Baptist Church of Lindsay.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Sharlotte, My love and prayers are with you and your family. God knows our sorrows and he is our comforter. He will carry you through this.*

Deanna Staggs Jensen - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Bob. I know he will be greatly missed. I know what it is to loose a loved one so suddenly and unexpected. I lost my wife to a sudden heart attack in Sept. of 2007. Time does heal, but there is always that empty feeling that is hard to deal with. God bless you. Ask for his help and he will answer.*

Terry Shoemake - April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Sarah & family:

We send our sympathy and prayers for you during this time of great loss to your family and all of us that loved Bob! So many happy memories we have with Bob. Alaskan Cruise, Denali Park, Mountain Dew,

new overalls and white shirt. Yes, we have many fond memories of Bob Burkes.*

Dave & Janice Daniel - April 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear Sarah, So sorry to hear about

Bob, Bob and you meant a great deal to me. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I know this is a very hard time for you but God will get you thru this hard time. Love John and Patti*

John Wiershing - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Sarah,
Don wanted to let you know how sorry he was to hear about Bob and that you and the family will be in his prayers.

Bernice(Largent)Shipman - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dear Sarah, Robert, and Sharlotte,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I just wanted to tell you how special Bob's funeral was. I was expecting sadness and shattered lives, but our precious Jesus gives a peace that passes all understanding. I am so excited that Bob is in heaven. I bet my dad and him are catching up. Hope to see you soon at the lake. Thank you for being such good family.
Love, Cindy and family

Cindy Marshall Jeffrey - April 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Sarah: Many years have passed since we were in school together, but I will never forget you and Bob...So sorry to hear of his untimely death..May God comfort you during this time and guide you in the future.

Linda (Banks) Renick - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Sarah, Robert,Debbie, Sharlotte and families,
We were so sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Bob was a kind and generous man. I know how much he loved all of you. I know he was proud of all of his children and grandchildren. I know you'll all miss him very much. You have your faith, your wonderful memories, and your love of him forever in your hearts. Rely on these when times are tough. You will see him again one day soon! Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Love, Angie, Dennis, Joshua and Kaitlin

Angie and Dennis Yates and family - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ We are so sorry for your lose and we know that the Lord is with you and your family.

Phillip (PJ) and Tammy Hewes - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ (Tribute Text Not Available)

HELEN BADERTSCHER - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ SARAH I WAS SO SAD TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. WE HAD SO MUCH FUN ON THE CRUISE WITH YOU AND BOB. WE LOOKED FORWARD TO DINNER EACH NIGHT, BECAUSE WE KNEW BOB WOULD KEEP US ENTERTAINED. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

HELEN BADERTSCHER - April 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sarah, Sharlotte, and family, I cannot even start to tell you how very sorry I was to hear about Bob. You all hold a special place in my heart. I hadn't seen you guys in awhile so when I ran into you a few months back when we were eating I will treasure. I got a hug from you all and a chance to talk to you for a few minutes. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. I pray that God will comfort you and give you peace.

Janice (Smith) Griffin - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

R(

“ Sharlotte, Sorry to hear about your father. Our prayer are with you.

Regenia Sikes (Belt) - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Sarah, Robert and Sharlotte sorry to hear of the loss of your husband dad. I know he will greatly missed. You all are in my prayers and thoughts. May God give you peace through this diffucult time. Darrell, Vicki, Curtis and Brandon

Vicki Robertson - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Sarah and family: I am so sorry to hear about Bob. I know how difficult a sudden loss like this can be. I pray for God's grace to help your and your family through this tough time. Patrice

Patrice Littlejohn McClure - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sarah, Robert, and Sharlotte...know during this time of tremendous loss that you have the best of thoughts and the sincerest of prayers from your community, your church, your friends-and may the God of all comfort and understanding be more real to you during this time than ever before.

BEV BARKER - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Sarah, so sorry about Bob. I will never forget our trip to Branson. We had so much fun. I also remember when you and Bob were dating that I always thought you were the cutest couple, and when you married, I said to myself there is a marriage that will last and be happy. I've moved so much over the years that I haven't been in touch, but today you're on my mind and in my heart.

God be with you.

Geri Cutler - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Sarah, Robert and Sharlotte, I am so sorry for your loss. I do understand the pain you have. Please know that our thoughts and our prayers are with you. May the Lord walk with you and help you through these difficult times. Love, Karen

Karen Cunningham Horton - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sarah, Robert and Sharlotte...I came to the sad realization how far away geographically I am from you guys when I heard of Bob's accident. I want to give each of you a great big hug and just be there for you, hopefully doing something to provide some comfort in your loss. We have shared so many laughs, tears, trials and triumphs along side each other. I remember one time being stuck way up high in the garage of your house when you lived next to Susie?.I was so scared and Bob talked to me settled me down then helped climb down. I remember Bob doing that several times as I got older. His no-nonsense approach to some of the mega-problems Robert and I got ourselves into will always be a reminder of how great Bob was to be around. Robert, you and I have seen a lot together?good with the bad and I miss you, I miss the laughs and living life large..or at least we thought we were living life large. So even though I am far away, my heart is with you and I share your tears and will always cherish the times I was able to share with you and your family. May God bless you in time of need. John C.

John Cunningham - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ At the time of loss of a dear loved one, it is difficult for us to realize WHY? but just remember God needed him more than us on earth.. and there will come a time when you will walk hand in hand again. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God bless!

Pamm Tucker Hicks - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Sarah, Robert and Sharlotte and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bob was a great family friend. He was a generous, supportive and kind person that provided me with some of my fondest childhood memories, as well as my family. May God give you peace and understanding during this difficult time.

Love you all, Kathi

Kathi - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Sharlotte...you and your family are in my prayers.

Clara

Clara - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Robert and family, Thinking of you in your time of sorrow. Brenda

Brenda Braudrick, National Oilwell - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Robert, sorry to hear about your dad my thoughts and prayers and with you and your family during this difficult time. Deborah

Deborah English - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Sarah, Robert, and Sharlotte. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you. When I married into the Lacy clan, Bob did not hesitate to take me in as a family friend. As Kathi said, he was one of the most generous and kind men I have had the pleasure of knowing. Many enjoyable hours my family and I have spent hunting and fishing were thanks to Bob's (and your) generosity.

Sam - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Hi Mrs Burkes,

I was in your K1 class in 88-89. You were one of my favorite teachers and I've always held the fondest memories of you. When mom told me of your husband passing I became so sad for you. You have my prayers and thoughts. Take care of yourself.

Sara Thornburg - Kelly - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sarah, Sharlotte, Robert and family, My prayers are with all of you guys during this time of loss.

Shirley Shamblin - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Robert & Family were sorry for your loosing your dad,he always had a smile on his face & seamed like a great man,our thoughts & prayers are with you all.

Michael Roady & Family - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Sarah,

we are all so sorry to hear of the sudden loss of Bob, he was a good kind man willing to help anyone he could.He will be missed by all.

If there is anything we can do please let us know.

Don & Ethelynn Cheek

Ann Hightower

Don Cheek jr. - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Dear Sarah and family,

Our hearts go out to you, and our love and prayers are with you.

Edward Morrison, Vickey and Ken Dunham - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Sara, Sharlotte, and Robert,...you have our deepest sympathy. We are praying that you will find comfort in the wonderful memories that you have of Bob. May the Lord bless each of you and bring peace & comfort to you. Love Mickey & Linda

Mickey & Linda Newby - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ Charlotte, Sarah and Robert

My thoughts and prayes are with you at this time of loss.

nita - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sarah and family, A sudden death is so hard, because you feel like you didn't get to say goodbye, but just remember all the goodtimes. You don't get over it, but it does get easier to deal with it. Just believe in God's grace, He will see you through it. Love ya, Betty

Betty Foster - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM