

Coach David Pyle

January 5, 1936 - May 18, 2026

Coach David Ross Pyle, 90, of Carthage, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2026, in Temple, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Charles Dodson officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00–3:00 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in Ash Creek Cemetery in Azle, Texas.

David Ross Pyle was born January 5, 1936, in Bedias, Texas, to Claude Eagle Pyle and Mary Erma Pyle. He was the older of two children and grew up with a strong work ethic and deep appreciation for family, faith, and community. David graduated from Tomball High School in 1955 and continued his education at Blinn College and Sam Houston State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. He later pursued postgraduate studies through Prairie View University.

On June 8, 1963, David married the love of his life, Celia Ann Conwell. Together they shared 45 wonderful years of marriage and raised two sons before Celia preceded him in death in 2008.

Known affectionately by generations as “Coach Pyle,” David dedicated 35 years of his life to education and athletics. His coaching career included service with the school districts of Smiley, Nocona, Tomball, Midlothian, Alvarado, Hubbard, Klein, Magnolia, Tenaha, Carlisle, and Carthage ISD. Through his leadership, mentorship, and encouragement, he left a lasting impact on countless students and athletes.

David was a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association and faithfully served as a Gideon. He also loved serving at Central Baptist Church, where he warmly welcomed others as a greeter. His strong faith, servant's heart, and genuine kindness touched many lives.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Celia Ann Pyle; his parents, Claude and Erma Pyle; his son, Vince Pyle; and his sister, Claudean Schultz. Left to cherish his memory are his devoted son, Craig Pyle and wife Sara of Little River; daughter-in-law, Annette Pyle Harris and husband Carl of Carthage; grandchildren, Caitlin Limones and husband Miguel of Waco, Robert Pyle of Carrollton, Emily Pyle of Bryan, and Cody Pyle of Carthage; and one treasured great-granddaughter, Evangeline "Evie" Joy Limones. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, former students, ball players, and many dear friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Paul Bishop, Jeff Griffin, Vernon Mize and James Wills.

Coach Pyle's legacy will live on in the lives he shaped, the lessons he taught, and the example of faith, dedication, and compassion he shared with all who knew him. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Gideons International at www.gideons.org

Cemetery Details

Ash Creek Cemetery

Azle, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
220 W Sabine St
Carthage, TX 75633
(903) 693-7181

Funeral Service

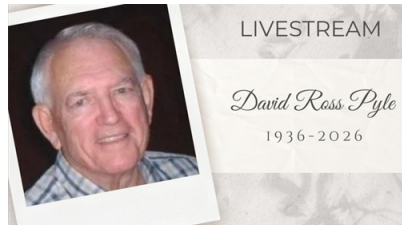
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Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Coach David Pyle



Hawthorn Funeral Home - May 22 at 06:24 PM

FF

“ From Mary Ann’s work family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Coach David Pyle.



From Mary Ann’s work family - May 22 at 11:43 PM

JC

“ Jeff Clark purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Coach David Pyle.



Jeff Clark - May 22 at 05:42 PM

JC

“ Jeff Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach David Pyle.

Jeff Clark - May 22 at 05:42 PM

PT

“ Parkway ARCH team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Coach David Pyle.



Parkway ARCH team - May 21 at 03:44 PM

PT

“ Parkway ARCH team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach David Pyle.

Parkway ARCH team - May 21 at 03:44 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Coach David Pyle.



May 21 at 03:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach David Pyle.

May 21 at 03:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach David Pyle.



May 20 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach David Pyle.

May 20 at 05:00 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach David Pyle.



May 20 at 02:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coach David Pyle.

May 20 at 02:34 PM



“ Scotty & Dawn Robin and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Coach David Pyle.



Scotty & Dawn Robin and family - May 20 at 06:17 AM



“ Scotty & Dawn Robin and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach David Pyle.

Scotty & Dawn Robin and family - May 20 at 06:17 AM