



Mr. James Youngblood

August 6, 1934 - February 14, 2025

Funeral services for Mr. James Youngblood, 90, of Waskom, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the New Hebron Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Miller and Rev. Paul Easter officiating. Burial will follow in the Panola Mt. Zion Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5-7:00 p.m. Friday night at New Hebron Baptist Church.

Mr. James Alton Youngblood was born August 6, 1934 in Carthage, Texas. He passed this life peacefully February 14, 2025 at his Waskom home. James was one of four children born to the marriage of Blanche Bellamy and James Turner Youngblood. He was a native of Panola County, graduating Carthage High School with the Bulldog class of 1953. He married his love, Helen Virginia Kirkland on June 3, 1954. They shared 70 years together raising three sons and a daughter. Mr. Youngblood owned and operated the Thriftway Grocery in Bethany for 37 years. He served as President of the Panola-Bethany Water Supply for over 50 years. In addition, he oversaw La-Tex Golf Club for over 20 years. One of his greatest joys was serving as song leader and deacon at New Hebron Baptist Church. James loved Jesus, his family and his many friends. His favorite pastime was the game of golf. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Margarete, Louise and Jean; son, James Cleburne Youngblood.

Mr. Youngblood is survived by his loving wife, Helen Youngblood; sons, Randall Wade and Virgil Jay Youngblood; daughter, Darla Dee Youngblood; grandchildren, James Christopher Youngblood and Elizabeth Marie Dougan; great grandchildren, Josie Lynn Youngblood, Kaylee Marie Youngblood, Murray Alexander Dougan; numerous other family members and a host of friends.

The family would like to acknowledge the extraordinary care he received from Dr. Thereasa Rinderle, the entire staff at Christus Highland and the staff at Heart-to-Heart Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Panola Mt. Zion Cemetery

1167 CR 328
DeBerry, TX 75639

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

New Hebron Baptist Church
4353 FM 451
Waskom, TX 75692

Service

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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4353 FM 451
Waskom, TX 75692

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Just heard about Mr. Youngblood’s passing.I offer my belated condolences to Mrs. Youngblood ,Wade, and the rest of the family.I thought a lot of him and respected him not only as a golfer but a good man.
It was always a joy to see him on the course at Latex and to ply in the scrambles he got up.
He’s at peace now in heaven.He’s playing on fairways with no rough and every putt is a birdie.
He’s playing will be missed by all who knew him.

Mike Cross - February 25, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Youngblood.

February 21, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Youngblood.



February 21, 2025 at 12:49 PM

DC

“ Danny, Jessica, Garner, and Camilla Cox purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. James Youngblood.



Danny, Jessica, Garner, and Camilla Cox - February 21, 2025 at 07:52 AM

TL

“ The Lamberts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Youngblood.



The Lamberts - February 19, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Youngblood.

February 18, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Youngblood.



February 18, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James Youngblood.



February 18, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Youngblood.

February 18, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. James Youngblood.



February 17, 2025 at 12:56 AM

JC

“ My heart is saddened to hear of the passing of one of my closest friends! He was a man on impeccable character and a personality that never met a stranger! I first met James many years ago when coach Jack Roberson and I went to latex to play golf, we went to James store and Jack introduced me to him, Jack had taught him in school! That began a long lasting friendship with James that I always will treasure!

He was a true servant of God! A wonderful Christian man and it showed by the way he conducted his everyday life activities!

He loved golf and I can visualize Coach Roberson, Coach Bill Tatum and his classmate Jacke Davis waiting in heaven for James so they can play a foursome! My prayers go out to wife Helen, son Wade and other family members! He will be missed by all who knew him!

He was the best of all the rest! Rest in peace my brother in Christ!

John Crisp - February 16, 2025 at 10:31 AM

WH

“ James Youngblood was a fine man I knew the family sense I was a kid always helped members of the community with any needs took up donations for families that had deaths are some other type of emergency always had his pipe with the sweet smelling tobacco helped many young people with jobs at the store always supported the football program with drinks and and stuff at our football games and I could go on and on he was just a good Christian man who loved life and loved his family dearly my heart felt prayers are with Mrs Helen, Darla, Jay, Wade and all of there families he will be missed

Winston Horton - February 16, 2025 at 06:55 AM

RS

“ I remember living in Bethany and shopping at Thriftway, also, Mr. Youngblood refereeing our football games.

Randall Saxton - February 16, 2025 at 06:03 AM

GS

“ James Youngblood was such a big influence in our families lives, it would be hard to put into words. In short; he employed my siblings and I as teens teaching us during that employment many useful lifelong attributes. He was instrumental in getting our father medical direction when no one else could reach Daddy and at a time when my family was struggling, opened Thriftway to us for anything we needed. James was truly God's man! God bless you all in knowing he is in the presence of the Lord. My prayers are with you

Gwen Singleton - February 15, 2025 at 01:46 PM