



## Mr. Max D. Harding Sr.

April 8, 1932 - July 19, 2015

On July 19, 2015, Max Dale Harding, Sr. (Coach Harding) passed away at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Bossier City, LA.

He was born to Max and Opal Marie Harding on April 8, 1932 in Greggton, TX. Max was a 1950 graduate of Pine Tree High School. After high school, he played football for one season at SFA before he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1951. Max was deployed to Korea on combat duty on April 13, 1952 and served in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division and was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in action. After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps he finished his college education at East Texas State University. During this time he married Patricia Ruth Cunningham and began his teaching and coaching career. Over the next forty years he coached and taught at various school districts throughout East Texas.

Max was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife Patricia; precious grandson, Jarrod Holmes; brother-in-law, Joe Francis; and his special dog, Candy Harding. He is survived by his son, Max Harding, Jr. and wife Shelia; daughters, Sara Harris and husband Bill, Gail Buchanan and husband Mark, Susan Palmer and husband Doug, Lisa Holmes and husband David, Becky Harding and Lynne Rains; eleven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren; sister, Sally Francis of Longview; nephew, John Francis of Baton Rouge, LA; niece, Beverly Dinkle of Yorba Linda, CA.

Visitation for Mr. Harding will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 from 6-8:00 p.m. at Hawthorn Funeral Home in Carthage. Graveside services will be Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Youngblood Cemetery in Beckville.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to Youngblood Cemetery, c/o Mrs. Gordon Gray, 4757 State Hwy 149, Beckville, TX 75631.

# Cemetery Details

## Youngblood Cemetery

4748 FM 124 W  
Beckville, TX 75631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 21.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
[info@hawthornfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@hawthornfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Service

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

Youngblood Cemetery  
4748 FM 124 W  
Beckville, TX 75631

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Coach Harding was a coach at Kildare High School in the mid 50's. My father A.J.Halbrook was superintendent and we all lived on the school grounds I remember him and his family very well, especially Sarah, Gail and Susan. My condolences to all of the family

Lana Halbrook Cox - August 26, 2015 at 11:30 AM

DL

“ Max Dale was my cousin. His mother was my father's sister and Max's father was friend of my father. I heard many stores about Max Dale over the years and I got meet him at a family reunion in Clayton OK.

I am honored and please to have bee his cousin.

Daniel Joe Leathers - August 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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“ Rest in peace Coach Harding. I enjoyed having you as a teacher, coach, and coaching with you. Thank you for your service to the United States.

Coach Chad Boatwright (Henderson) - July 22, 2015 at 02:42 PM

RB

“ He was a great coach and teacher, I had him for history my sophomore year. He always made those classes interesting and fun. He coached me in football and basketball, a fine coach who set good examples for his teams.

Rick Brooks - July 22, 2015 at 10:07 AM

Lisa  
Harrison

“ Lisa Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Max D. Harding Sr.

Lisa Harrison - July 21, 2015 at 10:20 PM



PA

“ Patricia Allred sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Max D. Harding Sr.



Patricia Allred - July 21, 2015 at 02:20 PM

JA

“ Sorry for your loss. I went to high school with Max Dale.. His sister, Sally, was a dear friend. I spent many nights at their home in Greggton. May God be with you during this time.

Janet Roche Anderson  
email: kevinanderson925@gmail.com

Janet Roche Anderson - July 21, 2015 at 10:42 AM

CS

“ Chuck Hart & Bunny Scott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Max D. Harding Sr..



Chuck Hart & Bunny Scott - July 20, 2015 at 08:09 PM

PB

“ I have so many fond memories of Coach Harding of all the hours in his class learning history, he made it so enjoyable to learn & of course we had some fun too. I have not seen him in many years, but you never forget teachers like him. I pray that God gives the family peace and comfort during this time and in the days to come.

Pam Bridges - July 20, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Max D. Harding Sr..



July 20, 2015 at 12:12 PM