



Merrill Reynolds

July 22, 1961 - August 4, 2011

Merrill Gene Reynolds, 50, of Gentry, Arkansas, died August 4, 2011, in Springdale, Arkansas. Born July 22, 1961 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, he was the son of Fred Reynolds and Wanda Bailey Reynolds. He received his truck driver license from Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, and was currently a truck driver for Tyson Foods, Springdale. He married Jeannie Sanders in Holdenville, Oklahoma on July 3, 1993. Merrill was a member of the First Baptist Church, Gentry, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Reynolds. Survivors include his wife Jeannie of the home; one son, David Reynolds and wife Heather of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; one daughter, Jamie Reynolds of Neosho, Missouri; his mother, Wanda Reynolds of Hot Springs, Arkansas; one sister, Donna Smith of Hot Springs, Arkansas; two brothers, Tom Reynolds of Arizona and Melvin Reynolds of Oklahoma; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pallbearers will be Randy Cripps, Mark Evans, Charles Jones, Hank Kilgore, Tony Morris, and Carl Jones. Honorary pallbearers will be Donny Millsap, David Millsap, Gerald Edmondson, Perry Horton, Vester Cripps, Randy Barrett, and Brent Mills. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2011, at the First Baptist Church, Gentry, with Gary Cripps officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7, 2011, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Many thoughts and prayers to you at this time. The short amount of time that I knew Merrill, it was obvious that he loved you all very much and was very proud of you all.*

I think of when we would go to lunch and how he would smile when his daughter would come over just to give him a hug and visit for a moment.

Prayers always to you all!

Tracy Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

LH

“ *Jeannie & family... am so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace & comfort at this difficult time.*

Lana Hurt - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

RE

“ *I was so sorry to hear what happened to Merrill. There wasn't a anyone more kind or caring than Merrill. We got to be good friends while we were at the Hudson building. If you're family needs anything don't hesitate to ask!*

Reba - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

TW

“ *Merrill was a wonderful man. He was a true Friend to our family. He will be missed.*

Tracy Wyche - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

RH

“ We are sorry we can not attend,Your family will be in our prayers.
May God be with you and your family.

Rex and Shirley Harper - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

BB

“ Jamie, we are so sorry for you loss. May God give you and you
family comfort now and always.

Billy and Beth Baker - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

PD

“ MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME

PAM DOWNUM - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

MD

“ Merrill was a wonderful, one-of-a-kind person. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you.

Michelle Bolinger Musal & Teresa White Dunlap - September 19, 2012 at 01:09
PM

EC

“ Merrill was a great guy . He had the best attitude! He was hard
working. He will be greatly missed. May God be with you and your
family.

Elizabeth Creason - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ Merrill was a truly good person, and I considered him a good friend.
I had the opportunity to work with, and around Merrill for many
years. I'm sad for losing him, but I know he is in heaven.

Jay McLemore - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

SC

“ We will miss seeing Merrill from now on at our rodeo and other functions at the arena. We've all been friends since we were kids back in the FFA rodeo days. He was such a kind and good man and we will never forget him. Every year he could be found directly to the left of the announcer's stand visiting with Mr. Jerald during our rodeo. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Siloam Springs Riding Club - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

RW

“ The family is in my thoughts and prayers..

Regina Webster - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

LR

“ I am saddened to hear of Merrill's passing. He was always such a joy to talk to when he worked at the Cherokee farm. One of the best farm managers we had. Please accept my condolences.
Lesley

Lesley Rodgers - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

DB

“ I had only known merrill for about a month but I enjoyed talking with him
every time he came into my office,he
was interesting and interested.My
condolences to his bereaved family.

douglas bowling - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

KS

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Merrill was a very good man. He was Keith's boss for several years and mine also as a board member for the Gentry Public Schools. He was also a dear friend to both of us. He would come in the admin office and when Keith had been sick he never failed to ask how he was doing. I never forgot that. We are so sorry for your lose and what your family is going through. May God Bless you All.

Keith and Tamhra Shawver - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

SC

“ Merrill was a friend and a fine individual. He will be missed by all.

Stephen Copley - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

RP

“ So sorry for your loss, Merrill will be greatly missed. May God comfort you in this time of need. God Bless You.

Rick & Diana Pike - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Blake & Brenda West

Brandon Tate

Tara Tate

Blake & Brenda West - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

JB

“Merrill will be missed by his family as well as his friends. Our families go back many years and we have so many great memories of the years past. You are in our prayers during this time of hardship. It is difficult to understand God's timing and there are no words found to explain the hurt and pain. By faith we put our trust in God and his plan for our lives and look forward to meeting up again with Merrill in Heaven. God has promised there will be no more tears in Heaven.

John & Belinda Butts - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

DS

“Sorry for the lose of a good cousin and man. he will be greatly missed in this world. It is not good bye, but intell we see each other in heaven with our Father. I Send my thoughts and prayers to the famiy.

Danny E. Reynolds Sr. - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

BA

“I knew Merrill for quite along time, about 25 years. I was a driver for the hog department. He was a swell guy . I very sorry about your lose, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Bill Andrews - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

TS

“Merrill will be missed by so many and my heart goes out to his family. Lots of fun memories back in school and then seeing him as a father, husband, and strong community member when I moved back to Gentry. My prayers go out to Jeannie and kids..... The old saying that you should be thankful for everyday with loved ones is so true. We never know what tomorrow will bring but it is so good to know that God will see us through it all.

Terri and David Swicegood

Terri Swicegood - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

SH

“I am deeply saddened to hear of Merrill's passing. He was a wonderful man who could always make everyone laugh. I remember the road trips to razorback games that I experienced with him, Melvin & others. Our prayers go out to all the family. May God be with you.

steve hall - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

BS

“Give me a hand and you have a friend. Give my child a hand and you have my heart.” Merrill gave my son and daughter, Eric Saunders and Jodye Pool, a hand and special friendships while they were teachers at Gentry. They thought so much of him for his honesty, fairness, common sense and personality. The world is a better place because he walked here. God bless each of you as you remember Merrill who lived his life with purpose and passion. And thank you for sharing him and his time with my family.

Bev Saunders - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

TB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family in this time of loss. Merrill's memory will always be near my heart as we shared many great times together over the years. From the football roadtrips to the countless hours we have spent talking on the phone after I moved away. Merrill was a great family man that was always willing to volunteer his time to help anyone that needed it. He was there for my family after my mother died. He would stop at Dad's ever so often and check on him. Dad says he will always treasure those times with Merrill. I know his reward will be great in Heaven by his beliefs and the way he conducted his life on earth. I will miss you my dear friend.

Terry Butler - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

CE

“ I am a friend of Merrill's from school. My mother, JoAnn Hall, was a friend of Merrill's mother. My brother, Steve Hall, was friends with Melvin. We all are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Cheryl (Hall) Evans - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

DH

“ Merrill was a wonderful supervisor at Cherokee City back in 2005 when i was employed by Tyson. I sure wish there where people as wonderful as him. I will miss him dearly. He was the kind of person who really cared about other people. He gave me advice once about my daughters.....put them girls in softball its good for them...lol

Danyell Henson - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

DB

“ It's difficult to put into words the sense of loss we feel for Merrill's passing from this life into the next. Merrill loved a lot of things with Jesus being at the top of the list followed closely by his family and then friends.

From knowing him both personally and professionally, I saw him as a good man, a good husband, a good father, a good son, and a good friend.

For his family especially I can say he loved you much because he told me so on more than one occasion. I suspect you already knew that.

God had to make him a physically big man because he had a big heart inside.

May Jesus give you His Peace that passes all understanding.

Dr. Randy C. and Ms. Regenia Barrett - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

DH

“ To the family of Merrill, we will miss him. He was a great man. He seemed always have a smile on his face. His garden he was making for his wife shows how much love he had for his wife. I have fond memories of David playing baseball in school with my son Joe. Merrill really was hoot sometimes watching him argueing with the ump. My prayers are with Jeannie and family..may God bless you all and help you thru this difficult time. I do know he was a good christian man and is in Heaven.

Damon and Kathy Hummingbird - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

RB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It is a tribute to Merrill that each time I have heard him mentioned over the last two days, the sadness of his friends has always been tempered by the the phrase "he was a great man and I'll miss him, but I know where he is and I'll see him again." He has been hailed as a community and school supporter and a good christian man. He will be missed.....but we know where he is. "we do not grieve as those who have no hope."

Renee' Shields Bradshaw - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM

CM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts hurt to know the grief the family is going through. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You've got many great memories to cherrish, keep them close. God Bless You.

Clay and Kimberly Meeks - September 19, 2012 at 01:09 PM