



## Jaye L Woodyard

October 20, 1936 - August 24, 2021

Jaye L Woodyard, age 84, died on August 24th, 2021. Jaye L was the only child born to Travis and Helen Carr Woodyard on October 20th, 1936 in Humble, Harris County, Texas.

Jaye L was retired from DuPont Pioneer Hi Bred. He took pride in delivering seed to the local farmers upon request. He worked hard to assure that service was the best thing Pioneer provided. Prior to Pioneer, he was a truck owner-operator where he spent many a hot summer day taking farmers' harvest to the Rice Belt warehouses.

Sports were always an important part of his life. He was an outstanding athlete in his younger years. In 1952, he played on the all star team that finished third in the Babe Ruth World Series, played in Trenton, New Jersey. During the 1960's, he was coach/athletic director at St. Philip's Catholic School where they won numerous basketball, football, track and softball championships. He was the coach of the 1961 El Campo Little League All Stars who finished as runner up champions in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In 1963, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the El Campo Chamber of Commerce for his contributions to the youth in the community. He was a baseball player/coach at Wharton County Junior College before

attending (then) Southwest Texas State University where he was a counselor/supervisor at the Gary Job Corps in San Marcos, Texas. He continued to work with young boys and girls at the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department as a counselor/supervisor.

He was most proud of the Jaye L and Carolyn Woodyard Family Pavilion, an open-air building, at Legacy Fields in El Campo, dedicated to parents and ball players to gather and celebrate life and Little League baseball and softball.

Jaye L was preceded in his death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and his three children, Richard, Jayne Drozd and Jeffery. Affectionately known as "PeePaw", he is survived by his grandchildren, Jordan, Jarett, Avery and Walker.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, August 29th at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services begin at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 30th at Triska Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories in El Campo.

Pallbearers will be Jarett Drozd, Gary Gensler, Shane Jay, Kenny Drozd, Matt Weatherly and Donald Oldag. Ray Dvorak will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in the memory of Jaye L can be made to the El Campo Little League Association or the El Campo Boys & Girls Club.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home  
612 Merchant Street  
El Campo, TX 77437-3440  
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## Funeral Service

**AUG 30.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Jaye L was such a big influence on so many of our young boys and is to be commended in teaching these boys life skills besides coaching them in sports. It will be so upside down without him and a new life will begin for you all. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family. He is with all the souls gone before and we will be reunited again forever.*

*Love to you. Toodie*

Maureen Brady - September 02, 2021 at 12:53 AM

GR

“ *Gerald and I are praying for your family.* 🙏💜  
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Gerald & Neta Ripple - August 29, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jaye L Woodyard.*



August 28, 2021 at 09:57 AM

JA

“ I remember Jaye L from wonderful El Campo school days. His life can be a lesson to everyone to be a mentor to young people in sports. My thoughts and prayers go out to Carolyn and their children.

Jan Ammann - August 28, 2021 at 09:37 AM

TC

“ Thomas and Darlene Hendry Yucca Valley C purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jaye L Woodyard.



Thomas and Darlene Hendry Yucca Valley C - August 27, 2021 at 01:57 PM

RH

“ Dear Carolyn and Jaye L's family: I remember Jaye L with great fondness when we were young teenagers riding Triumph motor cycles. Although I was a couple of years younger, Jaye was a good friend. I remember visiting him in El Campo when he was coaching a team at a church in about 1962 and once came to your house to visit Jaye L and only Carolyn was home. I grieve with you in this difficult time. Thomas (Tommy) Hendry

Rev. Dr. Thomas Hendry - August 27, 2021 at 01:42 PM

TW

*Dear Carolyn & Coach Woodyard's family  
I always bragged to my teammates in college that I had the best ever little league coach. I remember those little league "Giants" days and specifically how Coach Woodyard would have us drop our gloves and run sprints on days we didn't practice hard. Not only did Coach Woodyard teach us baseball skills, he taught us the value of hard work and dedication.  
Praying for God's healing during this difficult time.  
Respectfully,  
Tommy Wendt*

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**Tommy Wendt** - August 30, 2021 at 09:33 AM

GG

*I have wonderful memories of Coach Woodyard,...He coached the LL Giants...1st year in existence,1961...50 years ago.He picked me at tryouts...I played catcher..I think we won two games that year, but the W-L record meant nothing compared to the incredible coaching of Mr.Woodyard. He instilled in us "boys" the character traits that would shape each of us to become "men of integrity"....I remember him arriving at practice in his black 1958 Ford...always offered to p/u or take home any player that needed a ride. Great Memories! Thank you, GOD for Mr. Woodyard! My prayers are with everyone in Mr. Woodyard's family.....Respectfully, Glenn Green*

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**Glenn Green** - August 31, 2021 at 01:13 PM