



William Troy Young

August 18, 1965 - January 18, 2020

On Saturday, January 18, W. Troy Young unexpectedly passed on to be with his Lord and King. A faithful father of four, beloved husband and cherished son, Troy's family is heartbroken by this loss but rejoice in knowing that he now knows perfect peace.

A counselor and a lifelong resident of Oxford, Troy's legacy is measured in the countless lives he impacted with his practical wisdom, adventurous spirit and authentic, self-sacrificing love. An avid outdoorsman, mountain-man and guide, he was affectionately known as "Granddaddy OMOD, Hawkeye, El Jefe and the Real-Deal."

His family asks that you join them not only in grieving, but also in celebrating Troy's life and his embarking on the greatest adventure of all.

Troy graduated from Oxford High School ('83), then attended the University of Mississippi ('88), after which he earned a master's degree from Texas State University and a master's degree from Denver Seminary.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Gilkerson Young; his four sons, Tristan, Coleman, Blake and Timothy; his parents, Jerry Young and Judy East Young; and countless friends he called his brothers. He loved well and was well loved.

A visitation will be Thursday, January 23, 2020, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Coleman Funeral Home in Oxford, MS. A funeral service will be on Friday, January 24, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at Lawndale Presbyterian Church (1500 Lawndale Dr, Tupelo, MS 38801). Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Troy's favorite mission: Peru Mission – <https://pmission.publishpath.com/give>. Designate your gift to "Hinterland Ministry" and comment "In memory of Troy Young – Celendin."

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Memorial Cemetery

Oxford, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford
601 Commerce Parkway
Oxford, MS 38655
(662) 234-3900
info@colemanfuneralhome.com
<https://www.colemanfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lawndale Presbyterian Church
1500 Lawndale Dr
Tupelo, MS 38801

Tribute Wall

GW

“ I send my best hugs and kisses to all of you. I beg you to be strong because Troy is in very good company. We will all be with him one of these days.

Cousin Gwynne

G Woodward - January 26, 2020 at 08:27 PM

RN

“ Dear Jerry and Judy: You are in our prayers. We just couldn't believe it when we learned that Troy had passed away. We thought of all the wonderful memories from the South Eleventh-South Lamar neighborhood days. We were unable to attend the visitation or services because we were in Metairie, LA attending the funeral of the mother of our daughter in law, Rebecca Brown. Her obituary appeared along with Troy's in the January 23 Eagle. May God bless you. We would love to visit with you two, so let's stay in touch. Don't forget that grieving is the price we pay for loving someone, but it's worth it.

Robert and Sandra Northern

Robert and Sandra Northern - January 26, 2020 at 09:01 AM

RH

“ Jerry and Judy:

I am saddened to learn of Troy's untimely passing from Barbara. I did not know Troy, but obviously he was a fine man, and follower of Jesus Christ.

You and the rest of the family are in my prayers.

Bob Herring

Robert Herring - January 25, 2020 at 07:07 PM

 Robert
Watson

“ *Jesus is our high priest who can sympathize with us. He is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. We pray that He will be your comforter at this time. Our hearts are heavy for the family. We are so sorry for your loss. Our condolences, with love and prayer,
Robert and Najwa*

Robert Watson - January 24, 2020 at 11:30 PM

DA

“ *Jerry, Judy and family. our sincere condolences to you on this bereavement time for Troy. Abide in His love and rest assured that you will see him again in Christ, Donald and Frances Allen*

Donald Allen - January 24, 2020 at 12:08 PM

MR

“ *Dear Troy Family- Troy was such an amazing man, husband, and father. I knew him growing up and just remember his kindness, compassion, and sincerity. I am a better person for knowing him. My love and peace to his family. Much love, Michelle Reidy.*

Michelle Reidy - January 24, 2020 at 11:48 AM

AT

“ *Troy was a great friend to me back in the day in Oxford. My heart is heavy for his family. Rest in peace brother.*

Allyn Taylor - January 24, 2020 at 09:09 AM

DR

“ I have known Troy's parents all of my life and regret I never had the pleasure of knowing Troy. He had to be a wonderful person because his mother and father are the best. My sincere condolences to the whole family during this difficult time. I am sure he had a great life and is now in a better place.

Daniel Roy - January 23, 2020 at 05:27 PM

BH

“ *Jerry & Judy*
Your family is in my prayers. So sorry for your loss. *Bonnie Hill*



Bonnie Hill - January 23, 2020 at 01:32 PM

BT

“ It was with a great deal of sadness that we learned that Troy had been called home and that we will no longer benefit from his presence here on earth, but am joyful that he is now sitting at the feet of Jesus where we are sure that he will continue his ministry. We will continue to celebrate his life and the impact he made on many. Our prayers go out to his beloved family and all of his loved ones that are grieving his absence.

Bob and Wendy Thorne

Bob Thorne - January 23, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of William Troy Young.*



January 23, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ *Yes I remember troy from high school playing football...although he was couple graduated class before me he and I became friends and used to talk about various things and even he was in high school play and I work as extra stage hand or crew. I'm glad that we became friends in school and re found you on fb and at times communicate...so my friend your going to well missed...charger O for life ...RIP*

Andrew cook - January 22, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *John, Marla, Wes & Krista Johnson purchased the Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket for the family of William Troy Young.*



John, Marla, Wes & Krista Johnson - January 22, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Friends with Troy from high school. Kind soul then and certainly shined a light over many lives since. Sharing prayers and blessings about my friend.*

Anne Goforth Hernandez

Anne Hernandez - January 22, 2020 at 07:22 PM

CG

“ Tremendous loss of a man that was the "real deal". Met him when I was 16 and thought he was the coolest college student I had ever met. He was a close family friend and know he and my Dad are enjoying catching up. My heart hurts for his family. See you again one day, my friend.

Clay Goff

Clay Goff - January 22, 2020 at 06:49 PM

MK

“ I'm so sorry, Mr Jerry...❤️



Machelle Karsten - January 22, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of William Troy Young.



January 22, 2020 at 11:53 AM

GB

“ Georgia B, Canton & Sabrina, Hugh & Blake Boyles purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of William Troy Young.



Georgia B, Canton & Sabrina, Hugh & Blake Boyles - January 22, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MW

“ Troy Young. *"Cheerful in all weathers. Never shirked a task. Splendid Behavior."*
Mercy...what a friend. Blessings to you Stephanie, Tristan, Coleman, Blake, and Timothy.

Mark Watson

Mark Watson - January 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JY

Very sad to hear this news.

James Young - January 22, 2020 at 02:08 PM

QP

I'm so very sorry to hear of Troy's passing, Judy & Jerry. Take care & God bless y'all. Quay

Quay Parks - January 23, 2020 at 07:47 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Holben purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of William Troy Young.*



Lisa Holben - January 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM

-C

“ - *Everyone at Crossroads purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of William Troy Young.*



- Everyone at Crossroads - January 22, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Very few people leave such an amazing legacy and impact in the lives of so many before they enter their heavenly home. Troy Young was a man among men, a mentor to me and the reason I’m in Oxford, at Ole Miss, and at Grace Bible Church. I will never forget day he offered me the job at OMOD and the peace I had as I drove back to Georgia and told my family and friends I was moving to Oxford. I will never forget the privilege of being able to babysit the four boys so that Troy and Steph could have a date night every once in a while. I will never forget the very first day of Grace Bible Church in the back yard of the Young’s home. I will never forget them lovingly taking in my cat Wicket so that he could have a better life on the farm. I will never forget my wedding day at which three of the greatest men I’ve ever known (My Dad, my Uncle Art, and Troy) stood at the altar with Hunter and me. I will never forget the mission trip Troy convinced me to go on to Mexico City that changed my heart for a people who had few material comforts but much joy. I will never forget. Granddaddy OMOD, you will always be in our hearts and your legacy on earth as His good and faithful servant. We love you Stephanie, Tristin, Coleman, Blake, Timothy, Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Judy.
Love, Shannon Richardson (Hunter, Emma, & Meg)*

Shannon Richardson - January 21, 2020 at 11:06 PM

BG

“ *Troy was my first counseling experience, while he was in his last year of training at Denver Seminary. He helped me process a lot of things and walk me through my separation and eventual divorce. I like to think that Troy kept me "sane" in that very tough time and allowed me to care for my kids. I can't wait to see you again, brother.*

-BG

BG - January 21, 2020 at 05:42 PM

UH

“ *Uptown and Heartbreak purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of William Troy Young.*



Uptown and Heartbreak - January 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM

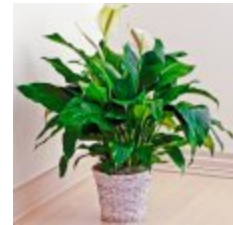
KU

“ *Very few times have I question our Heavenly Father. But this has truly broken my heart. You were what I always wanted to be, may god hold you and love you like you always told me. I'm sad for all of us, and thrilled that your touching Gods awesome face. Kevin*

kevin underwood - January 21, 2020 at 12:01 PM

TS

“ *Texas A&M University Recreational Sports purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of William Troy Young.*



Texas A&M University Recreational Sports - January 21, 2020 at 10:44 AM

RC

“ *There will be great memories by many of Troy here in Oxford, on the tennis courts, at Ole Miss, during Turner Center activities, and seeing Troy and his fine family in church and around Oxford. I am honored and humbled to have known Troy and am grateful for his life and many accomplishments. Prayers for the family and friends.*

Randy Corban - January 21, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MR

“ *Ludis and I are so very sorry, for your loss. You are in our prayers.*
Mike Reaves

Mike Reaves - January 21, 2020 at 07:22 AM

TD

Troy and I worked together at SWT back in 1994 when he first arrived to work in the Outdoor Pursuits Program.

Awesome man, he'll of a softball player and kind and caring colleague.

I pray with and for his family as I know he was a "GREAT DAD" and citizen.

Unfortunately I am unable to travel to his home going celebration for medical reason but please know that not only did his leave an impression on the many students he mentored and supervised but also his friends and colleagues.

I'm am sad that he has gone home to Glory but rejoice that he is with the King!

Peace be with you all.

Tony Daniels

Tony Daniels - January 21, 2020 at 02:21 PM

RC

“ *Judy and Jerry, We were so saddened to hear Troy had left this earth. What a fine young son, man, father. He was called to be a wonderful minister through the years, and counsel many, in all walks of life. How proud you had to be of your precious son. I never knew his sweet wife, or his boys, but I know what a wonderful family he had, when I would see him and talk with him. Larry remembers him as a little boy in school. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and the weeks to come. God was ready for Troy to come home.*



*Love,
Becky and Larry *(Mr. C.)*

Rebecca Christman - January 21, 2020 at 06:06 AM

BK

“ *I was so sad to hear this news! Troy was a fine Man, and a very good friend. I know he will be missed by many! My thoughts and Prayers are with the family.*
Brent Kinniburgh



Brent Kinniburgh - January 21, 2020 at 12:27 AM

MG

Judy, there are no words to express my deepest heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your son. I pray for God to help comfort you and your husband, and all of Troy's family during this very sad and hard time. My love to you always.

Margaret C. Gill - January 25, 2020 at 12:46 PM

CW

Judy and Jerry— today I was inspired to look up Troy to see how his Grace Bible Church was faring and was shocked and saddened to see that he was gone! Life is unfair, and I grieve for your untimely loss. Consolations abound in the sure knowledge that he is with his Savior and that you have four grandchildren to comfort you.

In deepest sympathy

Caroline Willis

Caroline Willis - July 04, 2020 at 07:51 PM