



K.L. Breeden Jr.

August 16, 1927 - November 15, 2018

Kleber Lipscomb Breeden, Jr. was born on the Breeden family homeplace in Terrell, Texas on August 16, 1927, to Kleber Lipscomb Breeden, Sr. and Minnie Miller Breeden. As the oldest of three children, K.L. had a brother, Peter M. Breeden, and a sister, Sally B. LaRoe.

K.L. attended Terrell public schools and graduated from Terrell High School in 1946. While in high school, K.L. enjoyed playing football and participating in Future Farmers of America. After graduating from high school, K.L. attended Southern Methodist University, majoring in business and insurance. K.L. was a leader in every activity in which he was involved. While he was at SMU, K.L. was Cadet Colonel and Corp Commander of the Air Force R.O.T.C. After graduating from SMU, he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

While young men, K.L. and Dewey Samuels became Scout Masters of Troop 391 at the First United Methodist Church in Terrell. Many of K.L.'s fondest memories were the years he and Dewey spent scouting. Throughout the years, K.L. always cherished his relationships with former scouts. During that time, he had a young scout named Jim Bob Wynne. While visiting Jim Bob in Poetry, he met the feisty Joanne Wynne, Jim Bob's sister. K.L. and Joanne later married at Poetry United Methodist Church on August 15, 1953. The next year, James Wynne was born, and three years later came along David Lipscomb.

K.L. liked to say he was born into trucking. His father started out as an owner-

operator and founded K.L. Breeden & Sons in 1933. Eventually, K.L. and his brother Pete drove for their father. K.L. began working at Refrigerated Transport, Inc. for Mack and Cy Weller in 1952. Cy became K.L.'s mentor and lifelong inspiration. The Breeden Family owes a lot to Cy Weller. K.L.'s devotion to the trucking industry was displayed throughout his career. K.L. was active on several trucking association boards. He served as Chairman of the Texas Motor Transportation Association and on the executive committee of the American Trucking Association for many years. With Joanne by his side, K.L. enjoyed traveling the world with his colleagues from the trucking industry, making many lasting friendships along the way.

In addition to his business endeavors, K.L. was very active in the growing community of Terrell. K.L. served as President of the Terrell School Board, Director of the Terrell State Bank, Board President of Boles Children's Home, and was a leader in numerous other worthy organizations. K.L. was proud that his grandfather, Peter Curley Breeden, was a founding member of the Church of Christ in Terrell. K.L. served several terms as elder and loved the church with all his heart.

K.L. had a very deep love for his family, and every addition only made his love and commitment grow deeper. As his sons married and had families, they enjoyed many family trips to Lake City, Colorado during the summer. K.L. also loved being outdoors, spending many hours in the country checking on the "girls" (his cows) and all the various activities involved in caring for them. Nearly every Saturday, K.L. and Bill Massingill would hop in the truck and ride around checking on the cows.

Throughout the decades, K.L. made multitudes of friends. He and Joanne developed a strong relationship with a travel group known as the Vicars led by Tom and Rose Snow. K.L. and Joanne traveled the world with the Vicars and made many memories lasting a lifetime. Whether through work, church, community, or family, K.L. was a loyal, trustworthy friend. His word was strong, and one could always believe and trust that K.L. would make every effort to stand by his word. He was strong in spirit and action; gentle in care and

compassion.

K.L. passed away peacefully on November 15th on the same Breeden family homeplace where he was born, surrounded by his family. At 91 years of age, K.L. led a life full of joy, hope, challenge, success, sorrow, and pride. However, his greatest accomplishments can be measured by the care and love K.L. gave to his family. He was a business leader, a church leader, a community leader, but most of all, he was a family leader. K.L. will be dearly missed. K.L. was preceded in death by his parents, K.L. Breeden, Sr. and Minnie Breeden; his brother Peter Breeden, his sister Sally LaRoe, and other aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his dear wife, Joanne W. Breeden; sons and daughters-in-law Wynne and Liddy, David and Kristen; grandchildren Wynne, Jr. and wife Lacey, Emma and husband Matt Kirk, Harrison; Peter and wife Mackenzie, Graham, Laura, and Leslie. He is also survived by his treasured great-granddaughter, Watson Jean Breeden (Papa's girl); brother-in-law John LaRoe; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim Bob and Yvonne Wynne; nephews, Bruce Hershey and James Robert Wynne; niece Ginny Hershey-Lambert; great-niece Danielle Wynne, and many other special cousins and family members.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to:

Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ

407 N. Rockwall Street, Terrell, TX 75160 or to The National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org or to the charity of your choice.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 19, 2018 at Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ.

Mr. Breeden's family will be receiving friends from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at the Family Life Center of Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM.

Family Life Center- Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ

Celebration of Life

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ
407 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of K.L. Breeden Jr.*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - November 16, 2018 at 05:16 PM

JT

Awesome Tribute to such an honorable Man .Never met Him but always wanted to .God Bless You All Thanks so much for sharing

James P.Cobb .Cobb Transport - November 17, 2018 at 11:44 PM

NW

*Dear Joanne and family,
So sorry about KL.May he rest in the arms of Christ*

Nancy Woolsey - December 27, 2018 at 06:02 AM



“ *K.L. Breeden Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

SP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Breeden family. So sorry for your loss.
Sherry Paczosa, Nationwide Insurance*

Sherry Paczosa - November 19, 2018 at 01:23 PM

GC

“ As a classmate of K.L. from the high school class of 1946, I am recalling many good memories of him and am glad to read the tributes to his wonderful life. May you be comforted by remembering how well he lived and his many accomplishments.
Ghita Brockway Carter

Ghita Carter - November 18, 2018 at 04:03 PM

CB

“ *Christopher and Colleen Bichler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



Christopher and Colleen Bichler - November 18, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 18, 2018 at 02:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 18, 2018 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ *The Breeden family and Terrell have lost a great man. I pray that God wraps his loving arms around the family and gives them peace as they move forward. I am blessed to have known K.L. Breeden Jr.*

Jerry Burr - November 18, 2018 at 12:26 PM

 Amy Sutton

“ *Oh Breeden family i am so sorry! He was such a precious man and always so loving and kind to all he met! I will never forget how part of the family he always made me feel anytime i saw him! My thoughts and prayers surround each and every one of you as i know how much he meant to your entire family. If i can do anything please let me know*

Amy Sutton - November 18, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 18, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Condolences to the family and friends of K.L. Breeden Jr., I am very sorry for your loss. Thanks for serving our great nation sir, your sacrifice and spirit shall never be missed.*
Barry Harding

Barry Harding - November 17, 2018 at 07:49 PM

TF

“ *The Miltzer Family purchased the Lovely One Sp
athiphyllum Plant for the family of K.L. Breeden
Jr..*



The Miltzer Family - November 17, 2018 at 04:26 PM

RD

“ *There are no words that can express how deeply sorry I was to hear
of Mr. Breeden's passing. He was a very kind man that I truly
respected and admired. I know God has a special place for him in
His house and one day he will be reunited with his loved ones. My
thoughts are with the family and I pray for their peace as they mourn
their loss.*

*My deepest sympathy,
Rita Decker*

Rita Decker - November 17, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 17, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 17, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *JJ Lara & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*

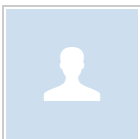


JJ Lara & Family - November 16, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ *Wynn , I'm sorry for your loss.*

Kenneth Boyd - November 16, 2018 at 10:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 16, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..* ”



November 16, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..* ”



November 16, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *167 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - November 16, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 16, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ *Being a young scout, I remember Mr. Breeden as a great Scoutmaster to me and so many others. He and Mr. Samuels set a fine example in our Troop. Mr. Breeden will be greatly missed.*
-Butch Ables

Butch Ables - November 16, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 16, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ *Just the sweetest man! Always a smile and a sweet hello. He will be missed. Ken and Alice Ritter*

Ken and Alice Ritter - November 16, 2018 at 01:05 PM

GH

“ *What a kind, and gentle man Mr. Breeden was. It never ceased to amaze me with all the people he knew, and I would not see him for months or sometimes a year and he always knew who I was, and always greeted me with that KL smile and a hand shake. I will miss those moments a lot. I remember when he came to Clarksville for our 10th anniversary at CRL, it was big celebration and Mr. Breeden said the blessing over the meal, and the manner and sincerity and passion for what he said and stood for in that prayer forever touched mine and a lot of others hearts that day. I wanted to stand up and clap for the man. A solid honorable Christian businessman who will sorely missed by all who knew him. May God/Bless and keep his family. GH*

Greg Howard - November 16, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 16, 2018 at 11:43 AM

DH

“ *In my years of ministry, I have been blessed to work with a number of godly men like K.L., but he was one of my favorites. A decisive and determined leader who was also kind and extremely generous. I know how much he meant to both is physical and spiritual family. He will be deeply missed. Praying for all of you
Daryl Hayes and family*

Daryl Hayes - November 16, 2018 at 11:25 AM

ME

“Mindy Ester purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..



Mindy Ester - November 16, 2018 at 11:21 AM

DG

“Dwaine & Suzette Gibbs purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..



Dwaine & Suzette Gibbs - November 16, 2018 at 11:17 AM

RD

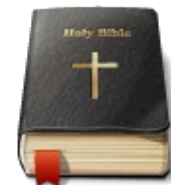
“Robert David purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..



Robert David - November 16, 2018 at 11:04 AM

DM

“Debbie Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of K.L. Breeden Jr.



Debbie Martin - November 16, 2018 at 10:49 AM

DM

My heart, prayers and love go out to Joanne, Wynne and David and the rest of the family. I've known K. L. A all my life, as I have grown up with Wynne and David. He was most definitely a true man of God. His family was his life. I send mine and Doug's condolences to all of you.

Debbie Martin - November 16, 2018 at 01:03 PM

DM

“ *Debbie Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of K.L. Breeden Jr.*



Debbie Martin - November 16, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



November 16, 2018 at 10:35 AM

CR

“ *Charles and Elaine Robertson purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..*



Charles and Elaine Robertson - November 16, 2018 at 10:22 AM

MI

“ I remember being at one of my first start up in Indianola MS , was still a bit green and one morning I came downstairs at the hotel for breakfast and KL , Wynn and David were sitting at a table and invited me to join them. I admit that I felt way out of the comfort zone cause why in the world would they want to speak to me . I spent an hour at that table talking about everything from farming , kids, grandkids etc . I will never forget that breakfast as they made me feel like a real person not just an employee. He was such a sweetheart and I am blessed for knowing him

Mindy - November 16, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of K.L. Breeden Jr..



November 16, 2018 at 08:37 AM

RR

“ What a sweet and kind man. The world he's left, and the heaven he's entered, are much brighter because of his example. Prayers for the entire family. Praise God for the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ. Rex Reese

Rex Allen Reese - November 16, 2018 at 07:52 AM

TD

“ He is a very generous and humble man. He was an encourage to me. Prayers are lifted!

Terry Davis - November 15, 2018 at 11:36 PM

SC

“ *What a wonderful picture of KL. He will be missed by so many of us. Respected, admired, loved, leaving so many good memories to family and friends. No man could ask for more.*
To Joanne, the boys, all the family, our hearts break for you. We love you and support and pray for you through this sad time. May God continue to walk with you each day. Until we meet again.
KL.

May God bless and be with you and your sweet family.

Art and Stephanie Crothers

Stephanie Crothers - November 15, 2018 at 08:23 PM

PC

“ *Fred Chilcoat had a great respect for KL. He always told me that he was a great person and friend. I believe that he led his family along the same way.*
I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of everyone at a time like this. My prayers go up for all of you. Love to all. Patricia Chilcoat

Patricia Chilcoat - November 15, 2018 at 07:30 PM

TR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of pain. God Bless you. Teri Dodson Rohe*

Teri Dodson Rohe - November 15, 2018 at 06:47 PM

VD

“ *What a Christian example K. L. Has been to us all. No words are adequate to honor him because his life and his family (church and blood) will reflect that in years to come. We will forever remember him for his good life, his kindness and his love for God. Truly angels rejoiced today as he passed from this life into God's glory. Our deepest sympathy to all, Tom and Virginia DeLong.*

Virginia DeLong - November 15, 2018 at 06:15 PM

 Jinx
Clower

“ *My deepest condolences to the Breeden family*

Jinx Clower - November 15, 2018 at 02:48 PM

SB

“ *A true Christian man, inside and out. He loved God, his family, his church and his friends. Prayers of love and peace to Joanne, Wynne, and David and all of their families. Don and Suzie Burnes*

Suzie Burnes - November 15, 2018 at 08:19 AM