



Pastor Tim Mabe

January 5, 1953 - August 24, 2020

Timothy Ray Mabe of Wills Point, Texas, passed away August 24, 2020. Tim was born January 5, 1953 in Commerce, Texas to John Franklin and Ruby Jewel (Smith) Mabe. He was preceded in death by his parents, beloved brother-in-law Joe Higginbotham, and father-in-law Colonel Jack Cobb.

Tim grew-up surrounded by the love of his parents, siblings, and extended Mabe family in Brashear, Texas. Raised on his parents' dairy farm, he continued to raise cattle throughout his life. After graduating from Sulphur Springs High School, Tim was called into the ministry. He attended Dallas Theological Seminary and began his pastoral work at Scatter Branch Community Church. He went on to pastor at First Baptist Church of Pecan Gap and Shady Grove Baptist Church. Tim received his Bachelor of Arts in History from East Texas State University in Commerce and started his teaching career at Greenville Christian School. He went on to teach English and coach in Campbell, Texas. In 1993, Tim moved with his family to Wills Point where he helped lead and grow Oak Grove Baptist Church. His love of teaching flourished when he became an English teacher at Wills Point High School. He spent many wonderful years there sharing his passion for the humanities with students and faculty. Tim's thirst for knowledge led him to The University of Dallas where he received a Masters in Humanities. Upon receiving his masters, he became a professor of English and Humanities at Trinity Valley Community College. Tim also enjoyed his many years as pastor

at Locust Grove Baptist Church in Hiram, Texas where he remained on as associate pastor.

On September 12, 1987, Tim and Jill Mabe were married. In addition to raising their six children, they were blessed with thirteen grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Jill; his children: Emili and husband Jody Jarvis, Jodi and husband Don Madden, Kathryn Mabe, John David Pope, Julie and husband Chris Orona, and Scott Mabe; his grandchildren: Austin, Hannah, and Aiden Jarvis, Grace Bailey, Jackson Petty, and Zach Madden, Landon Mabe and Holden Killian, John Michael and Addison Pope, and Braden, Aubrey, and Jillian Orona; sister: Pat Higginbotham; brothers: Mike and wife Linda, and Scott and wife Connie; mother-in-law: Jacque Cobb; sisters-in-law: Joy and husband Roger Tadlock, and Judy Land; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews and a host of friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Tim loved God, his family, and his vocation of teaching. Full of joy, he delighted in being called Papa by his grandchildren. He was an avid bird watcher, voracious reader, and believer of firm handshakes. He loved and cherished those around him unconditionally.

“This is my mind and heart to you, “You’re here and I’m glad.” – Tim Mabe

Funeral service will be at 2:00pm, Sunday, August 30, 2020, at Russell Memorial United Methodist Church, 201 S. 4th St., Wills Point, TX, 75169 with interment to follow at Locust Grove Cemetery. Pastor Tim will lie in state from 1:00pm to 7:00pm, Saturday, Aug. 29, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with his family receiving friends from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. In accordance with current guidelines set forth by the State of Texas, face coverings/masks are encouraged during the service and visitation.

The service for Bro. Tim will be live streamed from Russell Memorial United

Methodist Church. The stream will be found at www.rmumc.net/worship and on the church Facebook page and Youtube channel.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to one of these organizations:

Texas Baptist Homes for Children at www.tbhc.org

American Transplant Foundation at www.americantransplantfoundation.org/give/

Hope Pregnant Center at www.hopepc.com

Cemetery Details

Locust Grove

Wills Point, TX 75160

Previous Events

Calling Hours for Paying Respects

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Russell Memorial United Methodist Church
201 S. 4th St
Wills Point, TX 75169

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Tim Mabe*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *This is my grandfather. I miss him so dearly. My family thanks you for the condolences -HK*

Holden Killian - January 14, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Mr Mabe is one of the most influential teachers I have ever had. He came to class everyday with a smile on his face and you could see his passion for teaching and his students instantly. He taught me so much and helped me work hard in school again. Thank you, Mr. Mabe. Prayers to family and friends.*

Emily Miller - November 07, 2020 at 04:38 AM



I had him for Humanities and English. He was my favorite teacher ever.

Priscilla Ruth Moler - August 13, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ *He was my favorite teacher I have ever had, his last words to me was you're going to go far in life. I am devastated and hope he is watching over me from heaven.*

Tia - November 03, 2020 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ You were such a great teacher and an amazing man of God. It was a pleasure to have had you as my English teacher and to have know you. Rest In Peace & In Love Mr. Mabe 🙏❤️ Raydren Hall

Raydren Hall - August 31, 2020 at 10:10 AM

AC

“ Bro Tim, you were such a joy to be around! I loved seeing your big smile and getting a hug when I went to Locust Grove Baptist Church with my friend and yours, Marie Terry! When I was ill, you included me and my family in your church prayers! Thank you for being the same genuine, caring, man no matter what day it was! Your work here on earth is done! You touched so many lives! RIP, I look forward to seeing you again someday in Heaven!

Andra Casillas - August 31, 2020 at 01:50 AM

SD

“ A beautiful service,, certainly fitting for such a godly man.

Scott and Sharon Dresh - August 30, 2020 at 07:17 PM

GR

“ I was one of Professor Tim Mabe's English students at TVCC. He was a terrific instructor and a great man of God! I am grateful to have been able to spend time with him. My wife and I, and our Sunday School class at Lake Point Church in Rockwall TX prayed for Tim and family as he was going through his transplant experience. On the day he went to go be with the Lord, I had prayed that Tim would receive a miracle from our Savior, and recover his health and wholeness in all of its completeness. The Lord graciously answered that prayer. He will be sorely missed. The funeral service was a wonderful and uplifting tribute to this humble servant of God. Christ gets all of the glory!
Greg (and Katherine) Rhine of Garland TX.

Greg Rhine - August 30, 2020 at 04:48 PM

PM

Amen

Priscilla Ruth Moler - August 13, 2023 at 07:26 PM

BD

“ Mr mabe was my high school English teacher he was the most amazing man, he taught me so much about life and how to never give up on my dreams!

Brianna Daugherty - August 30, 2020 at 04:12 PM

SH

“ I have such sweet memories of Br. Tim Mabe and family. I grew up under his teaching at Pecan Gap and Greenville Christian School. I still remember remember him drawing examples of predestination on the chalk board as he taught us Romans! He and this family definitely shaped my life for the better. Such a privilege to have known such a genuine person. As Christians this is just a temporary pause before we are him again. Prayers and comfort to all those temporarily parted from him.

Shirley Davis Grote

Shirley - August 30, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JR

“ Bro Tim my family and I have been so Blessed knowing you & your family. I loved you dearly & would love to hug all the hide off you one more time. After you dunked me in that ice cold water, you said you would also preach my funeral, you beat me but look for me I'll met you there. I love & miss you so.

Janelle Bates Rand - August 30, 2020 at 01:36 PM

 Judy Beesley

“ Such a wonderful gentleman. RIP
My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Judy Beesley - August 29, 2020 at 05:16 PM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.



Kip and Dawn Myers - August 29, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 29, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 29, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Thank you for everything Mr Mabe. I love you and will miss you so much.*

Michael Webb - August 29, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Matthew Tadlock And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Tim Mabe*



Matthew Tadlock and family - August 28, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 28, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ *Tim married a Terry and I over 40 years ago! He was a great man.*

Shanna - August 28, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 28, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ *Oh I'm absolutely heartbroken over this!!! Mr. Mabe had a HUGE impact on my life! I talked to him quite a bit the year i had him at TVCC because it was also when I switched from working towards a medical degree to teaching. I remember giving him a big hug at TVCC graduation. So so sad but praise The Lord we'll see him again!*

Elizabeth Smith - August 28, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DF

“ Mr. Mabe was my English teacher and Humanities teacher in 2015 and 2016 at TVCC, He was the best teacher I could ask for. I worked full time and went to college at night. He convinced me that I can do anything I want to. I graduated from TX A&M Commerce in 2018 with my Bachelors in Accounting. Hope to graduate in May with my MBA and minor in accounting. Then continue on and get a Masters in Accounting. If not for Mr. Mane, I'd never would have had the confidence to push myself. I want the family to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Delta-Marie Fox

Delta-Marie Fox - August 28, 2020 at 07:31 PM

SH

“ My grandmother (Juanita Burns) adored this man and loved him! He was her pastor for many years. He will be missed. So sorry for his family.

shannon huy - August 28, 2020 at 06:10 PM

RP

“ Ray & Susan Pinson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Tim Mabe



Ray & Susan Pinson - August 28, 2020 at 12:27 PM

JS

“ Tim Mabe was the pastor of Pecan Gap 1st Baptist Church where I grew up. I was fortunate to reconnect with him when I started teaching at TVCC. He was one of those rare individuals such that you could feel Christian love simply by being in his presence. I'm going to miss him.

Jere Singleton

Jere Singleton - August 28, 2020 at 11:57 AM

CP

“ Mr. Mabe will always be remembered for his caring heart and kind patience. Growing up with his daughter Jodi, I am sure we tested that patience many times. He helped me learn to water ski and treated me like one of his own during weekend family gatherings. He loved the Lord, and I look forward to seeing him again one day. Much love to the entire family, Christy

Christy (Petty) Philen - August 28, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.



August 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM

CF

“ *Cumby ISD Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



Cumby ISD Family - August 28, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 28, 2020 at 08:00 AM

CH

“ *I went to high school with Tim:he was such a kind person. Many years later I reacquainted with him when he was filling in to preach at Lake Highlands. I loved seeing the humble minister he had become. “Beloved” was a word he used delivering God’s Word. He is enjoying His Savior now!*

Charlotte Haygood - August 27, 2020 at 06:38 PM

RH

Raymond said “He was a kind and caring man. He exhibited the fruits of the spirit!”

Raymond Haygood - August 27, 2020 at 06:51 PM

JL

“ Tim Mabe and I met in 1959 at Lamar Elementary in Sulphur Springs, Texas. We were in the first grade. We were good friends from then on. We were teammates in basketball in junior high and high school, and baseball was added to the mix a couple years in high school. But, more than that during all of our years growing up, in my personal reflections and reverie, Tim’s engaging smile, his genuine friendliness, his captivating laugh are ever-present in the panoply of those days. I saw Tim at a party once after college. He was the same as always. I remember being thrilled at that brief reunion, post high school graduation. Life took us down separate paths thereafter. Different pursuits. Different towns. I was vaguely aware that Tim was a pastor, but I never tried to find him. How I now regret that.

Then after decades, a mutual friend and classmate told me of Tim’s challenges with his lungs last February. I was able to visit him in the hospital in Dallas. We had a couple hours together alone, and it was a rich, rich time of fellowship between dear old friends, now also brothers in Christ. That was the last time I saw my friend, though we talked on the phone several times. Each of those times was just as rich of a blessing for me as getting to be reunited in the hospital.

When the Lord provided a lung donor I rejoiced along with his family and multitude of friends. We stayed in touch with Jill during and after his surgery. She was always kind to give an update although there were countless people inquiring. Recovery seemed tedious but hopeful, and for my part, I had no idea what to expect, otherwise. Then suddenly the hope shifted to the eternal and away from the temporal.

This man, I know, was a blessing to countless people whose lives he touched. I imagine that beaming smile of his as he stood before the Savior he loves for the first time. And, how magnificent a moment, when that Savior looked intently at him and said, “Well done!! Good and faithful servant.”

I will miss you, Tim, until we meet again.

Joe Longino

Jody Longino - August 27, 2020 at 05:42 PM

MP

“*Brother Mabe was the kindest, pure Hearted person. He taught my two oldest and they really looked up to him. He was my Pastor for a while and he brought me to the Lord. I will never forget him and his Love for everyone who knew him.*”

Melissa Pounds - August 27, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“*Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*”



August 27, 2020 at 04:00 PM

TT

“*Todd and the whole Welty Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*”



Todd and the whole Welty Team - August 27, 2020 at 03:35 PM

KS

“ *Mr.Mabe was a great man and a wonderful teacher to me when I was his student at TVCC last year. He always had kind and encouraging words for me when he knew about my father who had passed a few years ago. If I had trouble with anything on my papers or assignments he would help me out with no hesitation. I have to say he was one of the best teachers I ever had and he will be greatly missed. I pray for Mr. Mabe's family and friends through this. Y'all are in my prayers*

Kylie Smith - August 27, 2020 at 03:33 PM

PR

“ *One Amazing man that left a positive impact of everyone he met.*

Presley Robertson - August 27, 2020 at 03:20 PM

DB

“ *Prayers and love to you at this time. Tim was a wonderful man, father, teacher, and pastor.*

Dr. Beverly Burr - August 27, 2020 at 02:33 PM

JL

“ *It was my privilege to share TVCC's L Building classrooms and offices with Tim. He was an inspiring teacher and caring colleague. He could either burst into song or a loud laugh, and always in good humor. There is no one like him. The world is smaller without Tim.*

Janet Lumpkin - August 27, 2020 at 12:19 PM

TT

“ *The Kubota Legal Team purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



The Kubota Legal Team - August 27, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 27, 2020 at 11:13 AM

HA

“ *Tim was such a kind and loving person. He made everyone around him feel special and valued. The love he had for his family, children and grandchildren was something precious to behold. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Abel Family

Heather Abel - August 27, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 27, 2020 at 10:43 AM

YF

“ *Your National Food and Beverage Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



Your National Food and Beverage Family - August 27, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Angel Dawn - August 27, 2020 at 08:54 AM

BE

“ *He changed my life and helped me believe in myself when my world was in ruins. I took my kids to meet him. I remember his smile and his... Grace. I ended up giving him an enya cd and if I went past his room and heard it, I smiled. I still think of him. I still can recite "Terrance this is stupid stuff." Somehow he reached through all that adolescent teenage angst and made you feel like you mattered. He could offer criticism and advice in such a way it never felt like a scolding and made you actually think about your life choices. He was truly a gentle giant among men.*

Beverly - August 27, 2020 at 02:25 AM

MS

“ *Me mabe was a great teacher at TVCC He will always be in my heart with all the encouraging words he had for me when I lost my mom and my papa*



miracle shaw - August 26, 2020 at 09:56 PM

LT

“ *My husband and I got to know Bro. Tim when he first came to Pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was our neighbor for awhile. He was the kindest most gentle giant of a man. To know him was to love him. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. He was so easy to talk too and he would truly listen to what you had to say. Prayers go out to Jill and family and to the many friends I know he had.*

linda tips - August 26, 2020 at 09:45 PM

MP

“ *He was one of those teacher's you "NEVER" FORGET...IT WAS AWESOME!!! HE WAS ALWAYS SO POSITIVE AND HE ALWAYS WANTED TO HELP WITH WHATEVER YOU NEEDED HELP WITH...HE WOULD "PRAY" WITH YOU...R.I.P MR. MABE...YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED...*

*LOVE AND RESPECT. PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY,
MELISSA BURCHFIELD PAGE*

Melissa Burchfield Page - August 26, 2020 at 09:42 PM

LR

“ *As very young kids my brother and I were very close to Tim, Patsy, Mike and Scott. Tim was fun and laughter. He loved the Lord passionately and preached His Word. We will see Tim and our Lord someday.*

Linda Raley - August 26, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.*



August 26, 2020 at 08:18 PM

DH

“ *Such a great man of God. He always made everyone feel special. Will be missed*

Denise Hines

denise hines - August 26, 2020 at 08:15 PM

SC

“ Br Tim Maybe was to my lovely wife and myself the perfect Christian, I 'm 74 years old and I have meant several preachers/men that were true to the call of our Lord but never have I had one that not only witnessed continuously through his walk, talk, & compassion for all. His love for our Lord definately showed through his smile, his attitude to all people, compassion and love. I have meant many many people men & women but as I said never have I had the opportunity to meet another Tim Maybe. Oh how wonderful he must of felt, overjoyed when he meant our savior. We love you Br Tim & you will always be our favorite preacher, Oh, what an honor and privilege to have known you thru our journey, Will see you in Heaven when my Lord calls me. home. We love ya

Stephen Witham Cook - August 26, 2020 at 07:49 PM

HB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Henry & Jan Bates - August 26, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ Tim was one of the best teachers I have had the pleasure to work with. He taught English at Terrell High School some years ago. God bless him in heaven and prayers for his family. Suzy McCook

Suzette McCook - August 26, 2020 at 06:34 PM

HB

“ Henry and Bro Tim had a very special bond centering around their teasing each other about John Wayne. We will miss him dearly. Every time we called to check on him, he always said "can we have a word of prayer" and he would pray for us. Henry and I already miss his prayers, smiles and great hugs. He was truly a great witness and inspiration to so many people. We thank the Lord he was part of our life. Jill, we continue to keep you and your family in our prayers, asking that you receive extra strength in the coming days. We are here for you if you ever need us. We love you dearly, Henry & Jan Bates

Henry & Jan Bates - August 26, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Tim Mabe.



August 26, 2020 at 06:03 PM

LS

“ There are no words to describe what Brother Tim meant to our family. He was a great neighbor and friend. My husband spent 37 days in the hospital beginning last December. The day he came home Brother Tim was the first person to greet him with that firm hand shake and a prayer. He would appear like a gift from God when we needed special prayers. I've shook my head a few times wondering how he could know what was going on in our lives. But he did. My Prayers are with all family and friends of this truly amazing man. It was an honor and blessing to know him.

Lisa Stuart - August 26, 2020 at 05:43 PM

PG

“ Dear Jill & Family, Tim was one of the sweetest people we knew. Never remember him doing anything wrong. He was the same to everyone he met. I know he will be missed by everyone. What a world this would be if everyone was like Tim. Prayers for all the family.

Gene & Pat George

Pat George - August 26, 2020 at 05:11 PM

DH

“ I remember the first time i met Mr. Mabe in the hallway of the high school thinking to myself he is a big guy. He extended his hand to shake mine and i thought my hand was broke lol. He taught me to always say hi and to shake a mans hand like you mean it. He was the best teacher i ever had and an amazing preacher.

Danny Hyepocl - August 26, 2020 at 04:44 PM

KP

“ Pastor Tim Mabe was also Professor Tim Mabe and how beautifully he impacted the lives of so many students! I was honored to teach with him and share many great moments of awe, praise, prayer, and laughter. Though it is such a loss for us, we release him to bask in the joy of the Lord forevermore! Blessings to his family that he loved dearly. Thoughts and prayers are with you. We will sing together again, My Dear Friend!!!! Kay Pulley

Kay Pulley - August 26, 2020 at 04:39 PM

CD

“ *Jill and Family,*

My prayers are with you. Tim was a great man of God and he was admired by faculty, staff, and students. The students loved to take his classes. I am sure he is having an awesome time in Heaven. I will miss his big welcoming smile.

Carla Dunn

Carla Dunn - August 26, 2020 at 04:29 PM

RS

“ *Dear Jill,*

My prayers are with you each day as you walk forward. I am sad that I didn't get a chance to tell him goodbye.

My favorite memory of Tim is when he would take my little hand in his big hands to pray.

He will be dearly missed at TVCC both professionally and personally.

*Condolences,
Rose Shirey*

Rose Shirey - August 26, 2020 at 04:04 PM