



## Coach Joe Wylie

May 27, 1932 - August 29, 2018

Coach Joe Wylie, 86, of Henderson, joined his Heavenly Father August 29, 2018. He triumphed over Alzheimer's Dementia and completely regained his sharp coaching, play makers mind. Memorial services will be at 11:00, Saturday, September 1 at the Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Acres presiding. Visitation will follow the services at the funeral home.

Coach was born to W E and Monnie Meyer Wylie on May 27, 1932 in Henderson. From the time he was in the eighth grade he knew what he wanted to spend his life doing. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1950 where he lettered in baseball, basketball and football. He was the Vice President of his senior class, voted Most Popular Boy by his classmates and named Who's Who in Sports by his teachers. He remained involved with his life time friends from his school days until he was no longer able to attend their quarterly get together. Joe attended Rice Institute (now Rice University) where he played basketball and served as the captain of the Owls baseball team. After graduating from Rice, Joe received a special invitation from Uncle Sam, to serve in the United States Army. He proudly served his country in Germany for 2 years. He often joked that his position was so important there, that it took Elvis Presley to replace him. After active duty he served in the reserves until 1962. Joe taught and coached at Lanier Junior High in Houston for 4 years before returning to his hometown and Alma mater in 1960. He

received his Masters in Education from the University of Houston in 1962.

Coach Wylie was a favorite with both his students and his co-workers. In 1966 the Lion Den's annual was dedicated to him by the student body. It said in part, "He has excelled in the fields of teaching and coaching. In the classroom and on the field, his warm enthusiasm and lively wit made everyone at ease." In 1969 he became assistant principal at the high school. Then, he became known as Mr. Wylie. He served as AP until he went to Central Administration as the districts audio/visual director in 1984. He retired in 1992 after dedicating 36 years to educating, coaching and encouraging every student to be the best they could be.

Joe loved God, his family, his country and sports. He was a long time member of the Texas Lefties Golf Association, the World Lefties and the East Texas Seniors. He loved playing with his buddies at the Overton and Woodhollow Golf courses. But most of all, he loved playing with his "Lady Di." They traveled to Ireland, Scotland, Hawaii and numerous states within the continental USA to play. Joe was always easy to find on the course, as he always wore a shirt that paid tribute to his country. However, their grandchildren held priority as they went from soccer fields, to baseball, softball and football games, cheerleading contests and volleyball games, often several in one day.

Joe's heart was huge and he genuinely loved people from all walks of life. He considered those he taught and coached 'his kids.' He took extreme pleasure in keeping up with their success and always took time to stop and visit when he happened upon one. He was a true southern gentleman, always tipping his hat to the ladies, opening doors and standing between them and the traffic. He instilled this in his grandsons as well and smiled with pride when they opened the door for ladies.

While Joe was blessed with many wonderful events in his life, he was especially proud of the HHS 1968 basketball team after going to regionals for the first time in school history, HHS 1968 football team going further and winning more than any team in school history, four awesome opportunities to watch the Master's practice rounds in person, attending his much loved Rice Owls first ever College World Series games in Rosenblatt Stadium and the following year watching as they won the College World Series to become National Champions. But, he was never more proud than the dedication day of W E Wylie Elementary and Monnie Meyer Wylie Primary Schools. To have just a very small part in making the new schools a reality was something he always took pride in because he was always a teacher and coach at heart. He loved children.

Preceding Coach in death were his parents, brothers Earl, Roger and his wife Charlsie, Alfred and his wife Gladys and two infant brothers, William E and Charles Meyer. The mother of his children Jeanine Summerford Lawhon. Also, a young man he loved dearly, Mahlon Acres.

Left to cherish many wonderful memories are his wife Dianne, son David (Debi), daughters Lynn Sitton (Kerry) and Joann Hinsley. Those he loved as his own, Deidra Neuman (Gary) and Amy Rockey (Colby). Grandchildren; Korey (Taylor) and Kerby (Sammie) Sitton, Jana and Judson (Sara Beth) Hinsley, Keller Wylie, Clint and Kaylee Sutton, Ava and Libby Rockey and Kelsey, Garret and Cole Neuman. Joe's only sister Mary (Glynn) McGee and his sister-in-law Joyce Wylie, many nieces, nephews, special cherished friends and two very special young men that he and Dianne love as their grandchildren, Dr. Matthew (Rebekah) Acres and Reverend Michael (Kelsey) Acres. He never got to hold and enjoy baby Mahlon or baby Dre, but he will certainly smile as he watches them from above.

In lieu of flowers the family request that you make a donation to the Mahlon Acres Memorial Scholarship or Coach Joe Wylie Memorial Scholarship, c/o HISD Foundation, PO Box 728, Henderson, TX 75653 or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Korey Sitton, Judson Hinsley, Keller Wylie, Clint Sutton and Dr. Matthew Acres. Honorary pallbearers will be: Kerby Sitton, Garret Neuman, Ronnie Bell, the HHS basketball and football team of 1968 and the HHS class of 1950.

Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Following services

SEP 1 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - August 31, 2018 at 06:10 PM

AP

*Mr Wylie was such a sweet man. He will be missed by many.*

**Angie Phillips** - September 01, 2018 at 12:42 PM

JT

*Coach was a great influence in my life. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

**John Taylor** - September 01, 2018 at 09:28 PM

RJ

*We will be thinking of you and extend our prayers to you and the family members.*

**Robert&Sharon johnson** - September 04, 2018 at 06:16 PM

 Dianna Kelley

“ *Dianna Kelley lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**Dianna Kelley** - September 12, 2018 at 01:28 AM

CH

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family. I am so sorry we couldn't attend the services as we found out after the fact. Joe was so sweet to Robert after losing his grandfather by playing ball with him throughout the very long day. I'm sure Ms. Kay and Randy were both waiting for Joe.*



Christina - September 06, 2018 at 01:01 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb And Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Clay Newcomb and Frances Newcomb - September 04, 2018 at 10:54 AM

CM

“ *Connie Repp Merritt lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Connie Repp Merritt - September 03, 2018 at 06:10 PM

ED

“ *Elaine Franklin Davis lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Elaine Franklin Davis - September 03, 2018 at 11:32 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear this news. Coach Wiley was a great friend and classmate of my dad, Albert Smith. When my dad and mom moved into an assisted living home in Winnsboro, Coach and Diane always made time to come and visit them. I remember they came to his 80th birthday party and dad wS so thrilled to see them. They could talk about anything from fishing to teaching to our days at HISD with coach as our AP. Love to you, Diane and family. Joe Wylie was a mighty fine man and I loved him dearly. Do you think Coach and dad are fishing right about now?



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**donna mcnevin** - September 03, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JN

“ A gentleman who impacted many lives. Godspeed coach.

*Judy Romer Nutter HHS'70*

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**Judy Romer Nutter** - September 02, 2018 at 11:06 PM

PF

“ Paula Fredenburg lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



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**Paula Fredenburg** - September 01, 2018 at 08:32 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



David and Jan Crow - September 01, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *Mr. Wylie picked me to be on his advisory committee in Jr. High. I really got to know him and loved him dearly. He was the same sweet guy wherever you saw him. Always friendly and always kind. Made you feel important. Prayers for all his wonderful family.*

Cass Summers - September 01, 2018 at 11:01 AM

CM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Coach Joe's passing. I so remember what a great coach he was and how much all his players loved him. He produced so many winning teams. Condolences to all his family members as I know you will miss him dearly. He was a great teacher, coach, father, and friend to so many.*

Cheire Mims Mouzakis - September 01, 2018 at 10:28 AM

JR

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Mark and Judy Rushton*



Judy Rushton - August 31, 2018 at 11:20 PM

ST

“ Sherie Tillison lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Sherie Tillison - August 31, 2018 at 11:09 PM

JB

“ Jeff Brown lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Jeff Brown - August 31, 2018 at 09:36 PM

TS

“ Tim & Kathy (Weatherford) Storer lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Tim & Kathy (Weatherford) Storer - August 31, 2018 at 09:26 PM

DK

“ David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



David and Peggy Keeling - August 31, 2018 at 09:25 PM

JB

“ *Jeff Brown lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Jeff Brown - August 31, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Donna Aaron - August 31, 2018 at 08:17 PM

SS

“ *Susan Summers lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Susan Summers - August 31, 2018 at 05:42 PM

MT

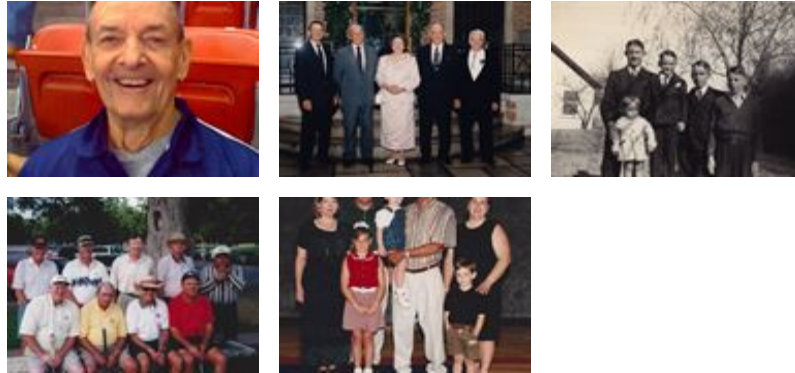
“ *Mike & Delores Toon lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Mike & Delores Toon - August 31, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - August 31, 2018 at 05:05 PM

JW

“ *Julia (Whitehead) Warden lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**Julia (Whitehead) Warden** - August 31, 2018 at 04:46 PM

DB

“ *Doyle And Linda Benson sent a virtual gift in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**Doyle and Linda Benson** - August 31, 2018 at 03:16 PM

DB

*Sending our love and sympathy to the family.*

**Doyle and Linda Benson** - August 31, 2018 at 03:17 PM

RK

“ *Ronnie Jack Keith lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Ronnie Jack Keith - August 31, 2018 at 02:47 PM

VH

“ *Vicki B. Harper lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Vicki B. Harper - August 31, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Valerie Hampton lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Valerie Hampton - August 31, 2018 at 02:13 PM

LM

“ *Leah Murphrey lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



Leah Murphrey - August 31, 2018 at 02:12 PM

KC

“ Kyle Cole lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Kyle Cole - August 31, 2018 at 12:12 PM

SM

“ Shannon And Jason McKey lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Shannon and Jason McKey - August 31, 2018 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



carl & diana smith - August 31, 2018 at 11:30 AM

TC

“ Thomas Larry, Michelle & Colton lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Thomas Larry, Michelle & Colton - August 31, 2018 at 11:09 AM

MM

“ *MELVIN & SHERI MINTER lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**MELVIN & SHERI MINTER** - August 31, 2018 at 10:45 AM

BD

“ *Bobbie Sue Dumas lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Bobbie Sue Dumas** - August 31, 2018 at 10:32 AM

BE

“ *Buddy Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Buddy Dianne Everitt** - August 31, 2018 at 10:01 AM

KC

“ *Kristy Davis Campbell lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Kristy Davis Campbell** - August 31, 2018 at 09:59 AM

AR

“ *Ann Hudman Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Ann Hudman Ragsdale** - August 31, 2018 at 09:35 AM

DA

“ *Dovena Mitchell Akins lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Dovena Mitchell Akins** - August 31, 2018 at 09:34 AM

CB

“ *Rest In Peace Coach.*



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**Chad Boatwright** - August 31, 2018 at 09:26 AM

DN

“ *Donna Jo Newman lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Donna Jo Newman** - August 31, 2018 at 09:05 AM

MG

“ *Missy Hacker & Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Missy Hacker & Steve Green** - August 31, 2018 at 05:37 AM

SS

“ *Prayers for the family and all who knew and admired Coach Wylie. He influenced many.*



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**Sandi Sears Smith** - August 31, 2018 at 04:00 AM

JC

“ *Jim Coode lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Jim Coode** - August 31, 2018 at 01:07 AM

HM

“ *Hal Martin lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Hal Martin** - August 31, 2018 at 12:21 AM

NG

“ Nancy And Mark Gibson lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



nancy and mark gibson - August 30, 2018 at 11:11 PM

RD

“ i love you always, coach!



Rachel Dessecker - August 30, 2018 at 10:35 PM

DN

“ Debra Nichols lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Debra Nichols - August 30, 2018 at 10:20 PM

RL

“ Roy &Debbie Lemley lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Roy &Debbie Lemley - August 30, 2018 at 09:59 PM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Suzanne Reed** - August 30, 2018 at 09:03 PM

LE

“ *Dear Joann,  
I am so sorry to hear about your father. I can still see his smile and hear his voice. I hope your memories give you comfort in the coming days.*

*Laura Honeycutt Ehret*

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**LAURA EHRET** - August 30, 2018 at 08:31 PM

AM

“ *Angela Williams Mitschke lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Angela Williams Mitschke** - August 30, 2018 at 08:08 PM

CB

“ *Praying for the family.*



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**Charlie, Holli & Matti Bridges** - August 30, 2018 at 07:35 PM

JH

“ Joel & Barbara Hale lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Joel & Barbara Hale - August 30, 2018 at 07:17 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Amy Miley-Payne - August 30, 2018 at 07:09 PM

DG

“ Donny & Deana Griffith lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Donny & Deana Griffith - August 30, 2018 at 06:59 PM

BT

“ Bruce Tate lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie



Bruce Tate - August 30, 2018 at 06:06 PM

JT

“ *Jean Tate lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Jean Tate** - August 30, 2018 at 06:05 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Cindy Belcher** - August 30, 2018 at 05:59 PM

KB

“ *Kay (Fears) Bateman lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Kay (Fears) Bateman** - August 30, 2018 at 05:40 PM

KA

“ *Our families have been intertwined for as long as I can remember. Thoughts & prayers! Kay Mason*

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**Kay** - August 30, 2018 at 04:44 PM

KA

“ *Kay lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Kay** - August 30, 2018 at 04:42 PM

CK

“ *Cathy Green Kovschak lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**cathy green kovschak** - August 30, 2018 at 02:52 PM

RJ

“ *Randy And Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Randy and Tracey Johnson** - August 30, 2018 at 02:10 PM

CW

“ *Joann - So sorry for your loss. Losing a parent is so hard. I know you and your family will celebrate his wonderful life!  
Love, Cathy Castle Wetzel*

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**Catherine Wetzel** - August 30, 2018 at 01:42 PM

RS

“ *Robbie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Robbie Stephens** - August 30, 2018 at 01:38 PM

SL

“ *Fred and Susan Lingle  
Prayers for the family with the loss of this iconic man.*

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**Susan Lingle** - August 30, 2018 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ *Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Jane Brightwell** - August 30, 2018 at 11:41 AM

RL

“ *So sorry for your loss  
Randall Leath*

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**Randall Leath** - August 30, 2018 at 11:28 AM



“ *Cyndy Broadus lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Cyndy Broadus** - August 30, 2018 at 11:07 AM

MM

“ *Prayers to the Wylie family. Milton and Sharla McGee*



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**Milton and Sharla McGee** - August 30, 2018 at 10:58 AM

BJ

“ *Joe Wylie was my history teacher many years ago. I would go to the cafeteria and get his lunch (this got me out of class for a little while). All the kids liked him!*

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**Betty Johnson** - August 30, 2018 at 09:25 AM

SH

“ *One of my favorite teachers in high school. Always pleasant and willing to help you understand the subject. Years after school he would always take time to visit when he saw me out. He will be missed. Sherry Harris*

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**Sherry Harris** - August 30, 2018 at 09:15 AM

JW

“ My earliest memory of Joe was when he played for J. L. Bagley’s semi-pro baseball team, the OUTLAWS.

*Joe was an awesome southpaw pitcher, consistently throwing 90 mph fastballs and a wicked set of curve and slider pitches.*

*I was a batboy and sold soft drinks iced down in #3 wash tubs, as we travelled to sawmill towns like Martinsville, Diboll, Gary, Lufkin, and others that I cannot remember*

*Joe would come up after the fifth inning to get a Coca Cola, which he would drink in about six quick swallows, getting his sugar fix to complete the ballgame.*

*Joe touched a lot of student lives at HHS including mine.*

*Joe White*

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**Joe White** - August 30, 2018 at 09:14 AM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathies for this family. Coach was the HHS Prinipal at the old high school when I started in 1977. I hired on by Wilma Bryan in the Cafeteria and was under Mamie Malone. Mr. Wylie was always so nice and polite to me. Those days were good ole days. I was only 19 and had been married barely 2 years. RIP Mr. Wylie. You have earned it.



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**David & Kathy Chapman** - August 30, 2018 at 09:00 AM

PA

*Our deepest sympathies to the Wylie family. Rex and Phyllis Ashby*

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**phyllis Ashby** - August 30, 2018 at 12:22 PM

GC

*What a great mentor Mr. Wylie was to so many of us. May he Rest In Peace. God Bless your family. Gwen and Leroy Churchill*

**gwen churchill** - September 01, 2018 at 11:04 AM

KB

“ *Kim McDonald Burgess lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**Kim McDonald Burgess** - August 30, 2018 at 08:52 AM

Aubrey Hammett

“ *Aubrey Hammett lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**Aubrey Hammett** - August 30, 2018 at 08:44 AM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



**pud patterson** - August 30, 2018 at 06:49 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Brent Hale** - August 30, 2018 at 06:22 AM

CW

“ *Cyndi Walker lit a candle in memory of Coach Joe Wylie*



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**Cyndi Walker** - August 29, 2018 at 09:00 PM