



Melvin Coile

September 14, 1922 - December 10, 2010

Melvin Coile passed away on December 10, 2010 at home. Born in Cotton Valley, LA on September 14, 1922 to Henry and Minnie Coile, he moved to Longview where he and his late wife, Syble, raised their three daughters, Mylvia, Sandra, and Johnnye Ruth. He was self-employed in the building and remodeling trade. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII in Alaska helping to protect the border from a possible Japanese invasion. During that time he developed a life-long love of that wild and beautiful country, and he eagerly shared many tales of adventure with his many customers and friends all over East Texas. As a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he was known for his deep yet quiet love and was truly a giving and warm person. He will be missed greatly. Preceding him in death was his wife of 64 years, Syble Wise Coile. He leaves behind his daughters and son-in-laws, Gary Lynn Nix of Ore City, David Baton of Kilgore, and Glenn Nix of Lindale. Grandchildren Wade Nix, Peyton Nix, Kelli Parker, Jonathan and Norma Nix, Jay Baton, and Jody Baton. Also Doyle Parker. Also are the many great-grandchildren that he loved so much. Special thanks go to his good friend, David Gonzales, and also to Ms. Dorothy. Special thank you also to Teresa Duffey for her friendship with Mr. Melvin as well as her nursing care. Thank you, Hospice and Chaplain David, for all that you did. It is appreciated. A private memorial service will be at a later date. Donations may be made to Texas Home Health Hospice.

Tribute Wall

EL

“ I am so sorry for everyone in the family. The thought of grandpa passing soon, was hard, but when it happened, reality didn't set in until I started looking at the pictures of him that I have taken over the years. Today at the funeral when the Chaplin was describing Grandpa, he said he was almost perfect. I am sorry, I disagree. He was absolutely perfect in every way. the most caring, gentle, patient, honest, loving, thoughtful, and perfect person I ever knew. Granpa was The ONLY Grandfather I had my entire life. I regret not bringing my children to the funeral, but i feel it would have been too much for them. They had been asking to go play dominoes with him for the last 3 weeks. I finally told them today that he had passed. The tears they shed for him, told me he was as special to them as he was for me. I will email all of you pictures and videos at a later time. Thank you, I love you all, and God Bless Granpa, and all of us who will miss him so much. My heart goes out to you. Love Edi.

Edi London - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Melvin and I will be together again soon. we both went through alot together and worried about each other through all these years. I thought I would go first but he didn't wait for me. Its ok, I'm coming too. Make room for me. Until then, I will be missing him so so so much. I will always love him. Thank you Johnny Ruth for the time you spent getting us together when we were unable to drive. Thank you for everything. Please keep in touch. Love David. (903) 918-7992.

David Gonzalez - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

David you where Daddy's true friend - he loved you and the great memories you guys made - love you

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:08 AM

JR

“ Recently I overheard a Father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the Father said, 'I love you, and I wish you enough.' The daughter replied, 'Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad.' They kissed and the daughter left. The Father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?' 'Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'. 'I am old, and she lives so far away.. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral,' he said. 'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?' He began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone...' He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory. I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting. I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye. He then began to cry and walked away. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them; but then an entire life to forget them. A dear friend sent this to me this morning

..... Johnnye Ruth

Johnnye Ruth - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mr. Coile gave me Alaska and the best memories of my life. His love for adventure, excitement of the unknown, and the search for treasure will be lived in the hearts of those he chose to allow into his world. Johnnye Ruth and Sandy you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you and your family. Denali Gold Diggers Forever!

Christie Farrar - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

Christy I just found this - your sweetness and kindness is appreciated ! Daddy loved you , you brought a new fresh outlook on all our lives ! Alaska ! Welllll no words - other than thanks for the memories !

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:11 AM

TM

“ A father is many things in the eyes of a child-remember those days and cherish each one-

Teresa Merritt - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

Thank you Teresa I just found all these sweet words from so many - been 7 years - I agree a father is special !

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:18 AM

TD

“ i would like to thank the family for welcoming in to the family and allowing me to take good care of mr. melvin.he was a true friend to me and i the same.we shared a lot in the 2 yrs that i cared for him. i will miss him very much.we love u mr. melvin, teresa &keith(ray),&duffey family

teresa duffey - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

Thank you Teresa ! Daddy loved you as well ! He would laugh and tell me what a sweet " youngun" Ray Ray was - thank you for all you did but mostly for caring for daddy ! Johnnye Ruth

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:20 AM

AW

“ *Johnnye, Sorry for your loss. I thought only GOOD thoughts of your Dad. I knew him from the 1970's. My prayers are with you and your family. Keep his memories alive!!May God comfort you.*

Andy Williams - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

Thank you - kind sweet words do help ! Daddy had so many friends he loved - he purely enjoyed all the visits all the audiences to listen to his great Alaska stories ! Thank you Johnnye Ruth

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:14 AM

JS

“ *Johnnye Ruth, so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I will be thinking of you and your family.*

jacquelyn sadler - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

Thank you Jacquelyn I just found this post from you and others ! Been 7 years - so hard to believe ! Thank you ! Johnnye Ruth

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:16 AM

DR

“ *Sandy, Sorry to hear of your father's death. Will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.David & Ann*

David B Richardson - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

I just found these posts ! I'll be happy to get this to Sandi today ! Your thoughts and your prayers are appreciated ! Johnnye Ruth

johnnye ruth baton - September 30, 2017 at 09:17 AM

JR

“ Thank you to all the great people that loved and cared for daddy.....he enjoyed each and every one of you.

Johnnye Ruth - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ We are always thinking of you Mrs. Johnnye. We pray that comfort comes to you soon as God has another great angel in heaven with him now.

Victor Perot and the Brownrigg Insurance Family - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I love and miss you Grandpa!

Missy - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM