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April 27, 2011

Mr. Boyles was a great principal at Baker High, one we respected and loved. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You, Chansela Cabler 1973'Baker Lion

April 22, 2011

Mr. Boyles was a wonderful person. As a 1974 graduate of Baker High School, I knew from the beginning that he was dedicated to his profession and his students. The family is in my prayers and Mr. Boyles will always be in my heart. God Bless

~ Rebecca Dowling Pittman, *Clayton, Alabama*

April 22, 2011

I was a student at Baker High from 1963 to 1967. Mr Boyles, or as many who loved him dearly referred to him as OP (though not to his face:))) was a very positive influence and means a lot to me in my life today. His gentle way of dealing with us in matters of discipline, was appreciated.

I recently went to BHS when they were destroying it, and I pointed out to my family where OP's office was etc. My condolences to all and may God bless.

Bob Capps

~ Bob Capps, *Riverdale, Georgia*

April 22, 2011

To the family of Mr. Boyles.

On behalf of the Douglas County School System - Transportation Dept, please accept our heartfelt condolences in the loss of Mr. Boyles. There are employees here that worked with Mr. Boyles at Lithia Springs High and remember him fondly. May your wonderful memories bring you comfort during this sad time in your lives.

~ Douglas County School System - Transportation Dept,
Douglasville, Georgia

April 21, 2011

A wonderful person and a great friend. I have always remembered the kindness and understanding Mr Boyles offered to me. He was not only a great educator but a true friend. He will be missed by us all. I always have great memories of Baker High School, but not one is remembered without a memory of Mr Boyes.

Wayne Brossett (BHS class of 1964)

April 21, 2011

Please accept our deepest sympathy. "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." This applies also to those of us at Edgewood who knew and loved him.

The Jack and Lois Brinkley family.

Jack Brinkley, m.c. 90th - 97th Congresses

~ Jack and Sally Brinkley, *Columbus, Georgia*

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April 21, 2011

I am one of the many students of Lithia Springs High School . I was sent to see Mr. Boyles one time and what a joy it was to get to know him in that one moment. He was truly well loved to ever be forgotten.

Tina Dix (Graduate of 1982)

~ TinaDix, *Douglasville, Georgia*

April 21, 2011

I am a 1981 graduate of LSHS. I was Mr. Boyles aide in the office. I would get the students out of class and take them to Mr. Boyles for disciplinary action. He was tuff on the outside but a kind, gentle man on the inside. He will be deeply missed by many.

~ Mary Dorsett, *Douglasville, Georgia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 21, 2011

I am also a graduate of the class of 1978 at Lithia Springs High School, and Mr. Boyles was the law. As an older man I appreciate the way he went about his business, efficient and fair. He had a tough job and did it well. War Eagle! Mr. Boyles and farewell, rest in peace.

~ Jim Hall, *Douglasville, Georgia*

April 20, 2011

I am a 1978 graduate of Lithia Springs High School. I remember how hard Mr. Boyles worked at our school, and how tough he could be if you got out of line! After 25 years of teaching high school, I learned to appreciate how tough his job was and how well he performed. Farewell Mr. Boyles, farewell.

~ Chuck Palmer, *Temple, Georgia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 20, 2011

Dear Shelby,

When we lose someone we love time stands still. What moves through us is a silence, a quite sadness, for one more day, why did he leave before we were ready to say goodbye? Little by little we begin to remember that he lived and I am sure you have a life time of memories of your loving Dad. Life is eternal, and love is immortal, death is only a horizon; a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.

Shelby, I am so sorry for your lost.
Take care, Wanda Gill 1961

~ Wanda Gill, *San Diego, California* | [Contact Me](#)

April 20, 2011

We are so sorry to hear about Uncle Prentiss passing. Mamaw (Evelyn) was so proud of her big brother and shared many wonderful memories. We always looked forward to his visits. He was always so young at heart!! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

~ Don & Carrie Robertson, *Benton, Arkansas*

April 20, 2011

Oscar P Boyles was my mother's brother. Uncle Prent was a gentle giant!! I loved being with him and listening to his stories of his Baker High School kids! He will always be in my heart! He was one of the most lovable people I knew. I could go on and on about the person he was and how much I love Uncle Prent.

God bless you Shelby and Amber as you begin your life without him. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Donna Fellers
neice
San Antonio Texas

April 20, 2011

Mr. Boyles was such a special man in so many ways. I remember the first time I met him I was scared to death. I was in the 8th grade and had been sent to the office. I know I ended up writing the entire dictionary that year for being such a "social butterfly", but my FEAR turned to total RESPECT and Love for Mr. Boyles. He taught me so much that I have been able to use in life. I just appreciated and loved him so much. Please accept my deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow.

Janie Willis Nebl
Class 1962

April 20, 2011

He will be remembered by many of the BHS Lions. I'll bet he took that big bad paddle with him to keep Ken James, Allen Caldwell and a few others in shape.

Diane Pickron Harris '67

~ Diane Harris, *Columbus, Georgia*

April 20, 2011

I am so disappointed that I can not attend Mr. Boyles' service because of recent surgery. But I am so thankful that I have gotten a chance to talk with him a few times in recent years. He still loved all his

Baker "kids". As he so often said, "As long as one Baker Lion lives there will always be a Baker". So, too, as long as one Baker Lion lives Mr. Oscar P. Boyles will not be forgotten. He was a wonderful influence in our lives and we are blessed to have known him.

Your family is in my prayers!

~ Shari Phipps Evans BHS '66, *Midland, Georgia*
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April 20, 2011



Shelby and family

My prayers go out to you during this hard time. Mr. Boyles will always be in so many of our hearts and memory. He was great at Baker High School during my school years and many years later Mr Boyles was at Lithia Springs High School keeping my 2 high school kids headed in the right direction. He will be missed by so many. God Bless

~ Robert Major, *Flowery Branch, Georgia*

April 20, 2011

Mr. Boyles knew his students and knew what they needed. His influence shaped many lives in many different ways. He will be remembered in just as many ways. We were all blessed with his kindness and support while at Baker and have carried that with us the rest of our lives. With sympathy to his family at home and to all of his "Baker Children". Maida Murray Jones '63

~ Maida Jones, *Winchester, Virginia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011



I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Boyles really made a difference in the lives of so many and his memory will live on in the hearts of all of the Baker Lions. I pray that all of your special memories will bring you comfort during this difficult time. God Bless.

~ Lucille (Lucy) Hindman class '66, *Fairburn, Georgia*

April 19, 2011



Shelby and family,

I know you have heard or read it all about your Dad, Mr. Boyles, there really is not much more anyone can write or say about him that you already do not know.

Mr. Boyles touched so many of lives which attended Baker High School and elsewhere he taught. Many of us had lost touch with him over the years, Glenn Henderson and I were lucky to reconnect in April 2009, at the Spring Fling. Even after 40 plus years, he

still remember us. There are Not many principals are able to do so.

Mr. Oscar P. Boyles, was and will remain a GRRRRRRreat man and the leader of the Baker High School (Baker Bums) Lions FOREVER.

We all love him and adored him. Thanks for Sharing a special person with all of us. May God Bless you and the family.

ROAR LION ROAR!

Glenn Henderson BHS 68

Jeanne Gehm BHS 69

~ Jeanne Gehm, *Honolulu, Hawaii* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

Mr. Boyles will be missed by many and touched so many lives in a postive way.
We grieve with you.

~ Henriette Hood-Cain, *Rockford, Illinois*

April 19, 2011

Peace, love and understanding to the immediate family and the BHS clan...
1968

~ Dr. Tesa Liggett Smotherman, *Stockbridge, Georgia*

April 19, 2011

We are so sad about Mr. Boyles' passing and cannot say enough good things about this truly wonderful, caring and compassionate man.

Living in the same area all these years, when we would see he and Shelby, he always took time to talk to us, give us that big, warm smile and laugh and just make us feel like



he was so glad to see us.

We always looked so forward to seeing he and Shelby at the quarterly Baker luncheons and they were just more special by the two of them being there! Although his health was failing, he always seemed to be concerned with how the other person was doing.

We will forever miss him but will always remember this great man with love and gratitude. Our love and prayers go out to you Shelby and Amber and the rest of the family. Your dad and grandfather loved you all so much.

Love and prayers,
Phyllis Smith Denson (Class of'61)
Earle (Buddy) Denson (Class of '58)

~ Phyllis Smith Denson, *Midland* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

May God be with you

~ Tanya Ralph, *Montgomery, Alabama*

April 19, 2011

When I was on the faculty of BHS, I thought Mr. Boyles a wise and caring principal who had a generosity of spirit. I remember him fondly as do so many.

~ Caroline Pruitt Conner, *Hawkinsville, Georgia*
| [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

Mr. Boyles was for all students regardless of their talents , abilities and accomplishments. Everyone of us benefitted from his strong fairminded approach to helping us face life. All of us have great memories of his dealings with every kind of situation. Our lives are much better because we had his influence and wisdom from which to draw. He was a blessing to each and everyone. Shelby my thoughts and prayers are with you. I cannot be with you physically now due to my health. I will be in touch and I thank you and family for sharing him with all of us for most of our lives.

~ Ray Ivey, *Winter Park, Florida*

April 19, 2011

Our condolences to Mr. Boyles' family. My husband and I are both Lion alumni who attended Baker while "Oscar P" was there. I worked in the office for a short time and got to know him even better. He was such a positive influence on the students there and beloved by everyone. We send our prayers and our memories his way....God grant him peace!
Cindy and Ken Mitchell '68

April 19, 2011

Seems fitting somehow that the school and Mr. Boyles have been layed to rest at the same time. Mr. Boyles "was" Baker High School. With out him it would have been just brick and mortar. he touched countless lives. God bless you Oscar P and God bless your family.
~Marshall Ford class of 1974

~ | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

He was "Uncle Prent" to me and so very special, and loved so much by all our family. You couldn't ask for a nicer more fun person to be with - when we visited he always took us some place of interest. He was a very wise man, I remember once he made this statement at an appropriate time, "it's not a problem, unless you make it a problem". It won't be the same each year when we visit our family in Alabama not to spend some time with Uncle Prent. Missing you already. Pat

~ Patricia & Thomas Sorsby, *Las Vegas, Nevada*

April 19, 2011

To Mr. Boyles' family we send our deepest sympathy and share in your your loss.

With Mr. Boyles' Baker High famiy, we join in remembrances and honor to a person that to every last one of us, touched who we were, and who we became.

Mr. Boyles' legacy lives in the hearts and souls of thousands of Baker High students. What a rich and fulfilling life he lived, and prompted us to live this way as well.

With memories and prayers,
Evie BHS '60, Jackie BHS '62, Kathie BHS '64, Jessie BHS '67, Bobby BHS '72, Scotty [RIP] BHS '75
TILLMAN

~ Jacqueline Tillman Harty, *Saint Leonard, Maryland*
| [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

to the family, i am so sorry to hear about mr Boyles, he was a sweetheart, his jokes and visits to our pharmacy was a good time to get to know him, he loved family and going, when he found out I was from louisiana, he liked me right off the bat, we will miss him but his health was failing and we were so scared of him driving. HE WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE,

~ KAREN KING, *PHENIX CITY, Alabama*

April 19, 2011

Shelby,

I'm sorry for your loss of a very special man.
Mr Boyles good works will follow him.
May God rest his soul.

Pat Crowe Principe

~ Patricia Principe, *Atlanta, Georgia*

April 19, 2011

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

~ jose cardona, *toa baja, Puerto Rico* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

When Sandye and I married in August 25, 2001, Mr. Boyles attended our wedding and I remember him telling Sandye, that if I ever got out of hand to let him know and he would straightened him out. I believe, no, I know he would have done just that. Prior to our luncheon in March 2011, I decided to start writing bio's and read them at the luncheon during the agenda. I am so glad that we did his first. I really got to know and admire the man much better especially since we were blood brothers, "Paratroopers". A little later we went "High Tech" and did a "You Tube" with him. What an honor and privilege for me. Mr. Boyles will forever be with us in spirit. Now he is having his own reunion in heaven with those Baker Lions that have departed before us. May God Have Mercy On His Soul.

~ Ismael (Ish) Nazario, *Columbus, Georgia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

It saddens me greatly that Baker High School and Mr. Boyles is no longer with us. But, neither will be forgotten and both will always be remembered with great respect and a smile. My deepest sympathies to the family. He will be truly missed by everyone that knew him, especially us Baker Bums!

~ Bonna Sneed, *Class of 77, Cusseta, Georgia*

April 19, 2011



Mr. Boyles , I will miss you and will always remember you fondly..you were one of the reasons going to Baker was always like being with family...Then and Now...
Peggy Jodan Moltzan '75

~ Peggy Moltzan, *Frazee, Minnesota*

April 19, 2011

My thoughts are with his family at this time. Mr. Boyles always seemed to be a just person and a character in his own right. I have only fond memories of him.

Joan (Childrey) Frazier
BHS Class '63

~ Joan Frazier, *Sandston, Virginia*

April 19, 2011

Remembering Mr. Boyles. Class of "73"

~ Parilee Dukes-Colbert, *Midland, Georgia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

Even though it has been many years since I was in school at Baker, memories of Mr. Boyles as being a just and involved principal have remained with me. He had the respect of all students which for a principal of any school is quite an accomplishment. From what I hear he lived a full and giving life leaving this world a much better place than when he arrived.
Linda Ford Omundsen-Class of '65

April 19, 2011

I don't think there ever was a principal as beloved by so many students as Oscar P. Boyles. He was funny, wise, loving and generous--one of a kind!

Deepest sympathies. Kathy (Omelanuk) Bahr '66

~ Katherine Bahr, *Chadron, Nebraska* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

When I think of Baker and fond memories my thoughts always have Mr Boyles somewhere in there.

~ Bob Herrington, *Minot, North Dakota* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

In memory of Mr. Oscar Boyles



~ Frances Duncan, *Opelika, Alabama*

April 19, 2011

My deepest sympathies to his family. Mr. Boyles was a great principle to so many and a wonderful man.
Charlotte Scarborough Wakefield
BHS1970

April 19, 2011

I was blessed to know "Oscar P." for the two years that I attended Baker HS, and ever after, he was my standard for behavior and leadership. So very many times I would ask myself "What would Mr. Boyles do?"

We all lost a great educator and friend this week, and my sympathy and prayers are for his family, students, and friends, who will miss him.

Mike Omelanuk (Baker '64, Mundelein, IL)

April 19, 2011

Dear Oscar P..he led our school through a particularly stormy time and did so with such valor. We knew when the storm was over we would be unscathed. That was the type of leader he was. May God continue to bless his family as they were blessed to have him in their lives...as we the "Baker High School" family were also. Our "Lion's Pride" stands strong today because of you. May you Rest in Peace with the knowledge of love and respect.

~ Susan Graves Brown '73, *Alpharetta, Georgia*

April 19, 2011

God called home a great man who touched so many young lives. May God grant you the peace you need at this time...

~ Bill Land, *Cleveland, Georgia*

April 19, 2011

Mr. Boyles was a truly great and wonderful person who will be missed by thousands. He touched so many lives in a very positive way.

Shelby, Tommy and Joan: My very deepest sympathies for your loss.

~ Sandye Johnson Nazario, *Columbus, Georgia*

April 19, 2011



Mr. Boyles was a great influence on many people, not just Baker students. The Baker Lion Pride have lost a great leader and friend. He will always be remembered with great love and respect!
My prayers are with the family. Love to all of you.

~ Anne Bridges Bennett, *Richland, Georgia*

April 19, 2011

I am sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Boyles was a great principal and will be missed by many "Baker Lions".

~ Dock Richardson

April 19, 2011

Deepest sympathy to the family. Our prayers are with you. Mr. Boyles was beloved to all his students and will be missed. He was a great influence on our lives. God bless him!
Walt Lehner BHS '68

~ Walt Lehner, *Huntsville, Alabama*

April 19, 2011

Mr Boyles was a man that you looked forward to seeing and did not want to see for his "three licks or three days." Baker would not have been the same without him. He is and will be missed by many.

~ Ron Shaw, *Tucson, Arizona*

April 19, 2011

I will always remember the full face smile of Mr. Boyles sitting in the middle of '62 classmates at our 40th reunion and when I looked out into the audience, as I'd done so many times in so many years of twirling for Baker High School at Victory Stadium, his face and his smile seemed to engulf the entire room and said it all.
God Bless our 'Mr. Boyles' and look out...he may just still be able to give a spiritual paddling somewhere in our earthly life's way...we loved you so, we loved you being with us at the end.....Sherry Miller '62

~ Sherry Miller, *Doral, Florida* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

Shelby, he talked about how blessed he was to have you for a son, he loved you so much. He served his country, students, and community well. It was a privilege to get to know him several years ago, especially after being one of his students at Baker. Oscar P was a true WWII hero, his passing will leave a huge hole in your family and Columbus GA.

~ Mary Stafford, *Columbus, Georgia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 19, 2011

Amber and Poppa Shelby and to the rest of the family.....my prayers and love go to you all of you. I love you all!

~ Micki Sewell, *Benton, Arkansas*

April 19, 2011

As a former Baker High School student, I would like to express my deepest condolences. Oscar will remain in the memories of thousands of Baker students forever.

~ Ronald (Bergeron) Ledet, *St. Petersburg, Florida*
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April 19, 2011

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Boyles death. He was a great man who was dedicated to the students at Baker. He will always be in our hearts. I am sorry for your loss. Dee Henson Dertien

~ Dee Dertien, *Colorado Springs, Colorado*

April 19, 2011

Mr. Boyles will live on in the hearts and minds of so many students. He was always kind and made one feel important just by giving one a smile as he passed one in the hall. I grew up to be a nurse and had

the pleasure of taking care of him once at the Medical Center. He had a great purpose in life and he achieved it...now he has his crown and walks in Paradise. class of 69

~ Brenda/Parker Underwood, *Columbus, Georgia*

April 19, 2011

Shelby

Words cannot express how much you, your mom and dad have meant to me over the years. I looked so forward to their visits at the mall and all the jokes he shared with me. He was a great person and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are always with you.

Martha McGowan

April 19, 2011

Mr. Boyles and I worked together for a few years at Baker High School. I left to work on my doctoral degree with the hope of coming back and eventually being principal of BHS forever. I never made it back to be disappointed in not becoming principal, as the position was made for Mr. Boyles. He served in that role in a demanding but caring way that is reflected by the continuing high regard for him at the quarterly Lions Lunchions. He made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

With deep appreciation for one who served so well:

J. Foster Watkins
BHS '55

~ Foster Watkins, *Atlanta, Georgia*

April 19, 2011



I feel as though I have lost someone in my own family. Mr. Boyles was a part of the Baker High School family and will be dearly missed. I had the honor to see him once again at our 35th Class Reunion and I will cherish that moment forever. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time. I pray the God will give you peace knowing he is now in a better place. Rest In Peace Mr. B.

~ Paula Gross-Lamm '74, *Bailey, North Carolina*

April 18, 2011

Oscar was a great man, who did a great job, at the greatest school, with the greatest faculty and students, at the greatest of times ever. He will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

~ Richard Simmons, *Columbus, Georgia*

April 18, 2011



I am so sorry for your loss, Mr. Boyles was a wonderful man, who was respected & loved by so many people. He was the "King" of us Lions, and we will miss him greatly. I pray that you will find comfort & peace in your memories. May God Bless you & help you through this difficult time.

RIP Mr. B
Class of '69

~ Nansi Rogers Wildenberg, *Douglasville, Georgia*

| [Contact Me](#)

April 18, 2011

As a former Baker High School student, I would like to express my condolences. May God comfort all of his loved ones during this time. We will surely miss him.

~ Gwen Orr Jolly, *Phenix City, Alabama*

April 18, 2011



Dear Amber,

I am sending you my heartfelt condolences in the passing of your dear grandfather. I know he was well loved and special in your life. May you focus on your memories of him. While his earthly family is mourning his passing, his heavenly family is celebrating. Love to you, Arlene

~ Arlene Bridges, *Benton, Arkansas*

April 18, 2011

My heart and prayers are with the family. Trust in the Lord to give you strength during this difficult time. Please know that Mr. Boyles touched the lives of many in a very positive way. He had the respect and love of many Lions--Rest in Peace Mr. Boyles.

~ Wendy Mock, *Georgia*

April 18, 2011

Oscar has always been in my heart since my High School days at Baker. This man made a difference in my life by making me a much better person. I remember paying him a visit for disciplinary reasons. He said...you think you're pretty smart don't you. I said yes sir. He said I also think you're pretty smart in fact one of the smartest students I know. He then said just remember don't ever think you know it all. You need to go through life learning as much as you can. There is never too much to learn. If you ever think you know it all I've failed. From that day forward I made it a point of trying to learn something new each day...every day and I owe that attitude to Oscar. He will always be remembered. I thank the family for allowing Oscar to share his wisdom with so many of his students at BHS.

~ Curly '62 Harman, *Eatonton, Georgia* | [Contact Me](#)

April 18, 2011

Mr. Boyles, you were the best Principal I ever had! May you rest in peace and tranquility in God's arms. Because of you, Baker High School will forever thrive and roar! Thank you, Rose Strickland Branam

~ Rose Branam, *Albany, Georgia*

April 18, 2011

Mr. Boyles had a phenomenal memory. He could tell stories from his days as Principal of Baker High and not leave out a detail. Mr. B was loved by ALL his students even when he dished out punishment. He will be missed by everyone that knew him, especially his former students.

~ Roy Cook, *Columbus, Georgia*

April 18, 2011



Shelby and family

I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Boyles. He was a great principal. And he meant so much to us. Thank you for sharing him with all of the Baker High students. GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN. We will miss him so much.

marion butts richard
BHS 1975

~ Marion richard, *Niceville, Florida* | [Contact Me](#)

April 18, 2011

We will all miss Mr. Boyles, he has touched so many people in his life and his loss will be felt by all. We wanted to let you know that you have our deepest sympathy and our hearts are truly saddened. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

~ Brenda Hamilton Sponaule, *Holiday, Florida*

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