



## Joe Leeland Brimer

December 21, 1949 - October 11, 2007

Joe Leeland Brimer, age 57, of Bald Knob, died Thursday, October 11, 2007 in Searcy. Joe was born December 21, 1949 in Clarendon a son of Judge and Maybell Hyatt Brimer. He had served many years as an educator in the public school system and was known for his love of children. He taught for 20 years in the Gosnell School District and coached basketball, football and track. He was known as the winningest coach in elementary basketball in Gosnell history. He returned to the Bald Knob area in 2000 and began teaching in the Newport School District until March of this year. He was a 1967 graduate of Bald Knob High School and graduated from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro. Joe had a great love for singing and playing the guitar and was an avid Elvis Presley collector. He served as song leader at the Bald Knob Church of Christ where he was a member. He was a very special husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jeannie (Cox) Brimer; sons, Marcus (Danielle) Brimer and Dwayne Brimer all of Bald Knob; mother, Maybell Brimer of Bald Knob; 4 grandsons, Joel, Jacob, James and Jadyn Brimer; 5 brothers, R.V. (Phyllis) Brimer, Charles Brimer, Alton Brimer all of Bald Knob, Dean (Linda) Brimer of Searcy, James Brimer of Mississippi He was preceded in death by his father, brother, Judge Brimer, Jr. and a nephew, Darrin Brimer. Visitation: Sunday, 6 - 9 p.m. Services will be Monday, October 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Chapel with Guerry Moorner and Bro. Gary Cox officiating. Interment will follow in Velvet Ridge Cemetery under the

direction of Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeannie,

*You probably won't remember me, but I came to Gosnell High School in 1997, following the death of my husband, Steve (38 years old at his passing), also an avid Elvis fan. I can relate to you in other ways, as well. My heart goes out to you as I think of all that you are experiencing with the loss of the most significant person in your life, your sweetheart. I'm sure that you had planned many happy years together; then, in a moment ... (by our vantage point) too young for this journey - yet, only the Lord knows "why". I only knew Joe for a short time, but I have a huge lump in my throat and tears streaming as I think of you and your loss. You can be very proud that he walked in such a way that he will not be forgotten (because his life of integrity, may - at his passing - cause others to reflect and decide to take the same path for their life here on Earth; ... that he did not live in vain is bound to be a comfort to you. No doubt, many will have more urgency to dwell on and desire to arrive in Heaven, than ever before.) I will never forget his easy smile, for all; gentle words, when needed; the kindness ever-flowing; and expression of concern for others. He was a small man, yet great in stature due to the principles by which he lived his daily life as a professional ... ; an example to co-workers, students, and those in the community. As a school employee I observed the brilliantly shining light of the application of the teachings of the Master Teacher whom he chose to follow. He let Christ's love shine out of his heart, while he was a reflection of His image. (My Steve led singing for the Church of Christ, as well. He lived the lessons which he sang, as did Joe.) In summing up the man who I knew as a Gosnell educator, I would have to say that your Joe was the epitome of the Christian man that God intended. (That is the solace that I had in knowing the same of my husband; but that is also the characteristic that caused me to miss him, terribly. There is no way to totally console you or describe the void that exists in your heart and life at this most difficult of times; a time when he is absent from your side - just as you need him the most.) You (and your family) are in my thoughts and prayers at this time, and will continue to be in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead; especially during special times when families gather*

*for holidays, reunions, pictures, etc. Your memories of him will be forever precious and will grow more so, in time. Sincerely and in the love of Christ, Janice Glover Horton (P.S. Please feel free to converse with me at any time. I will be a ready and willing listener, as you take this new journey of life.)*

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February 10, 2016 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ *I had Coach Brimer for PE in middle school, also in high school, & played 2 years of football in junior high under his watch. He was a good coach that always challenged his players to consistently do their best. My condolences to Mrs. Brimer, Marcus (Joel), & Dwayne. Your dad was a great man.*

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**Jon Bell** - February 10, 2016 at 06:17 PM

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“ *I have so many good memories of Coach Brimer. I don't know where to start. In elementary school I was manager of the girl's basketball team. I was a terrible basketball player but instead of discouraging me, he gave me a task I could complete. I shared my troubles with him. He'd tell me a joke or two and we'd laugh. He encouraged me to run track so I ran. In seventh grade when I decided to jump hurdles, he encouraged me. He even cheered me on from the sidelines. I was terrible at that also but again Coach Brimer encouraged me to try other events such as long distance running, long jump, and shot put and discus. I won a ribbon every time. He told me about his love of Jesus and how his faith was strengthened after his stroke. I never had a better coach! I hope to see you again in heaven one day Coach Brimer! I love you.*

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**Treva Peace** - December 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the Brimer family we send our love and condolences. So many childhood memories growing up and watching/listening Joe play the guitar. He was always so shy back then it is hard to know he taught school and around so many people. That's the way God made him though and each life he touched will always be filled with sweet memories. Even though the miles and time seemed to separate us, we will always have that special one in our hearts. God always reaches down and picks the most beautiful flowers and Joe is no exception. Heaven is rejoicing today because of his entrance. May God always hold you in HIS hand for safekeeping and always remember one day you will see him again and rejoice.  
Love to all,  
your cousin

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October 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeannie, Coach Brimer made an immediate impact on my life the moment he set foot on the Gosnell campus in 1980. Twenty years later in 2000, Debra and I moved back to Gosnell. We bought a house on Terrace Drive. Every time I passed by your old house I would think about Coach.

*Please take comfort in the Lord. We won't know all the answers until we meet Him.*

*If I can do anything for you and your family please let me know.*

*Keith Rorie*

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October 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ You all are in our prayers.

*Mitchell & Cheryle Grissom (Gosnell)  
Jennifer (Grissom) Harrison (Gosnell)  
jessica (Grissom) Roberts (Gosnell)*

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October 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our family loved Mr. Brimer. Our daughter Allison was in his homeroom class last year and thought the world of Mr. Brimer. My husband Eddie enjoyed helping with the class parties. He and Mr. Brimer threw the Christmas and Valentine parties for the class and had a wonderful time. I was so appreciative that Allison had a good Christian man as her teacher. We missed him when he had to leave last semester. We can only imagine your pain. Please know that MANY in Newport grieve with you.

*Susan Cooley*

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October 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM