



Jessie Burl "JB" Gregory

August 28, 1967 - March 16, 2025

Jessie Burl "JB" Gregory, son of Larry Burl and Cleo Maude (Loggains) Gregory (both deceased), went home to live with his Lord, Savior, and Friend, Jesus Christ, March 16, 2025, in Caldwell, Texas. JB is survived by a sister, Sheila Gregory, of Spiro, Oklahoma. Two of JB's special friends were Ronald (deceased) and Dianne Bunch. Born August 28, 1967, the 57-year-old native Oklahoman, graduate of Ponca City High School, and proud Boomer Sooner made a lasting impact on countless people during his well-lived life. While JB tended to be a private person, he could just as easily be very outspoken about both his passions and his pursuits. For example, JB quietly served as everyone's biggest cheerleader, advocating for them, mentoring them, and offering sound advice. On the other hand, he could also tell you in no uncertain terms when you were off target and needed to do your job

better. That quiet professionalism coupled with an ardent drive to improve his organization and help those around him ensured JB left his mark wherever he went.

JB loved to learn. If he decided to take on a new endeavor, he would completely immerse himself in the subject, absorbing everything he could about it, and collecting all the data resources required to achieve his goal. To wit, in addition to

his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees from the University of Oklahoma, JB had been working on a PhD in Adult Education.

JB embodied what it means to be a true leader – a person battle-focused on mission

completion while growing the people around him. You could readily see that from

his honorable service in the Air National Guard (discharged 1987) and his career

with Devon Energy to his instilling knowledge in his Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) students, his enormous contributions to TEEX's OSHA

Training Institute Education Center, and his ardent dedication to the safety industry.

That enthusiasm defined his personal pursuits as well. An avid foodie, JB hunted

extensively for a “good curry.” In true eclectic fashion, JB could be found listening

with equal fervor to Michael W. Smith's Friends are Friends Forever, Billie Holiday's Blue Moon, or Pink Floyd's Wish You Were Here. A true Renaissance

man, JB was a proud stepfather, a keen motorcyclist (completed the Iron Butt Motorcycle Challenge), a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of

Oklahoma, a home DIY enthusiast, a lover of leather tooling, was “into” YouTube and Amazon before they were mainstream, and enjoyed boogying down to techno music.

Most importantly, JB loved deeply, lived for each moment, had the curiosity of a child, tried to see the good in every situation, and gave grace to others. JB’s bottom line was his motto, “If it is right for ITSI and right for TEEEX, then we do it.” That is the legacy he would like his fellow TEEEXans to carry on. What would JB think of his memorial service? Friends and family can easily imagine him looking down and saying, “I appreciate you taking the time to celebrate my life. Now go get some lunch and then get back to work!”

In lieu of flowers, donate to the American Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give>) or Project 31 (<https://project31.com>) in honor of JB’s mother, Cleo Gregory.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ Church
4201 Texas 6 Frontage Rd
College Station, TX 77845

Tribute Wall

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“ Today is a nightmare I didn't think I would ever see in real life. My person left this world way to soon. If you ever find that one person that knows you better than you know yourself, always knows what to say when you need to hear it, loves you unconditionally even when you can't love yourself, and will tell you when you're a dumb-shit and encourage you 1000% to be better everyday. Mark yourself blessed and lucky! JB was my brother, my best friend, and my mentor/cheerleader. He is now my angel. Where do I go from here? How do I adjust not talking for hours everyday about training thoughts, new classes, my insane way of expressing safety in other ways people get, my rants about people not really caring about the safety of their people, and our everyday health check up on each other. 💔💔💔

If you have your person, love them daily, talk or text them daily, and never take 1 moment for granted. We are not promised tomorrow on this earth, so make everyday count and love unconditionally. 143 A/F JB, and I will see you again brother until then you will be in my heart forever!



Krishna Marker - April 07, 2025 at 07:05 AM

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“ I can still remember my cousin JB and his sister Sheila Kay along with uncle Larry came down from Ponca City every year for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They would always stay at Grandma Pheobe's house. He was always laughing and joking with my brothers.... I love you JB and I'm going to miss you my cousin

Cathy Ritter - April 06, 2025 at 08:55 PM

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“ I have known and worked with JB for 25 years. He and I were the two TEEEX instructors in the OKC area for several years until he left for that other state across the Red River. We often joked about him leaving me up here by myself. Anytime I had a question, concern, or just wanted to visit, he was always ready to respond. I love working as an adjunct instructor for TEEEX; but it will never be the same without him. Out of respect for JB, I would challenge everyone to think about “what JB would do” when conducting our service to the public. My prayers go out to his family, friends, and co-workers.
Mike Jagers

Mike Jagers - April 02, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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“ I worked with JB Gregory at TEEEX for 15 years. He was not only an exceptional instructor in safety, but also my good friend. I know he was moved into management shortly before I retired. If he brought into management what he brought into the classroom and in to our friendship, then I know he will be sorely missed at TEEEX. I miss you my old friend and our after hour conversations. I love you and look forward to seeing you again someday.

Susan Slagle - March 21, 2025 at 09:30 PM

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“ I worked for many years with JB Gregory. He became my friend along the way. One of the best Confined Space instructors there ever was -students really connected to him! He inspired his students. He made many personal sacrifices in his life so workers from all walks of life could remain safe & healthy. JB Gregory impacted my life and work in safety & health. RIP JB. Respectfully, Elizabeth Haley, Dallas, TX



Elizabeth Haley - March 18, 2025 at 11:16 PM