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Services for J. D. Olford, 63, of Lufkin will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the

Harmony Hill Baptist Church, 2708 S. Chesnut St. Burial will follow in the Davis Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

J. D. Olford Jr. was born in Lufkin, TX. on November 10, 1951 to J.D. and Hazel Olford. He was

raised by his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Olford. J. D. attended Brandon Elementary School, Dunbar Jr. Sr. High School and was a graduate of Lufkin High School, Class of 1971. He later

attended the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, AR.

On June 21, 1975, he married Annie Thomas Olford and 3 children were born to this union; Jason,

Shannon and Ashley Olford.

Mr. Olford has been a member of The American Taekwondo Association since 1978.

He was a

sixth degree black belt - Master instructor. He received the title of Master in 1998. He started the first ATA School in the state of Texas, which now hosts over 100 schools.

He has held numerous

titles, including Regional ATA Vice-President, Chief of Instructions and International Judge. He is owner of Master Olford's ATA Black Belt Academy located in Lufkin, TX.

Master Olford's passion for the youth of the community compelled him to start a

Taekwondo program at Brandon Park in 1980. He did everything possible to

encourage them to be "the best they could be". The ATA and Mr. Olford's philosophy has been "Every Child Is A Winner".

He was awarded the Mayoral Merit Award in 2010. The Angelina County Citizens



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Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. Olford with the Eagle Award on May 10, 2013 for his service in the community. He was featured on the Memorial Hospital (CHI St. Lukes) "My hospital for Life" billboard. He was also a member of Omega Psi Fraternity, Concerned Black Men of Lufkin, Inc. and was instrumental in developing the Graduate Chapter of Eta Kappa Kappa.

Mr. Olford worked faithfully at New Zion Baptist Church where he served as Chairman of the Trustee

Board and as a Deacon. He was Building Superintendent over the "Vision 98" project which later became the Hope (Helping Other People Excel) Center of North Lufkin where he served as Chairman of the Board. He believed that if you put God first, everything else will fall in place. Master Olford attributed his success to "blessings from God".

Master Olford assisted Taekwondo students with their college goals by offering part time employment through his school. His school also supports the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, HU Lee Scholarship Program, Adopt- A-Highway and the Hope Center of North Lufkin. He has hosted numerous ATA Tournaments which has brought thousands of students, parents and spectators to the city of Lufkin and has made a tremendous impact on the economy of Lufkin..

Master Olford was most notably; an upstanding husband, father, grandfather and businessman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his 3 grandchildren, Alexis, Deon and Jamal.

His parents, J. D. Olford, Sr. and Hazell Olford Christopher; and brother, Johnny Ray Harper preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memory, his wife of 40 years, Annie Olford; son, Jason (Lisa) Olford of Dallas, TX.; daughters, Shannon Olford of Euless,

TX. and Annie Olford of Forney, TX.; brothers, Jack Taylor of Boston, MA., Ronnie Olford of Trenton, NJ, Kenneth Olford of Trenton, NJ. and bishop Designate Clifford (Stephanie) Olford of Lufkin, TX.; sister, Janiece Huff- Olford of Trenton, NJ, sister-in-laws, Shirley White, Cynthia (Ray)

Davis of Lufkin, TX. and Mary Edens of Vallejo, CA.; brother- in - laws, Doyle



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(Sandra) Thomas and Anthony (Maydessa) Thomas of Lufkin, TX.; uncle, Robert Singleton; grandchildren, Alexis Mirah Wagstaff, Jason Deon Olford and Jamal De'Sean Olford; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins an friends.



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Mr Andrew Cummings posted:

Mr Olford Was A Wise And Great Teacher & More Thank You Sir I Will Miss You Sir For All Your Good Teaching

April 25 at 12:59 PM



Andrew Cummings posted:

Master Olford Was A Great Friend And Mentor All Around

June 17 at 10:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Olford family.

June 5 at 8:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Olford family.

June 4 at 9:33 AM



Don May & Torie Coleman sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Olford family.

June 3 at 9:38 AM



Renee B. sent a Quiet Expressions to the Olford family.

June 3 at 8:08 AM





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DF

Dan, Debra And Kara Fuentes sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Olford family.



June 3 at 7:27 AM

RM

Robert Marshall posted:

On the news of the passing of the amaZing incomparable Master JD Olford. The world will never be the same without him. He has been so instrumental in our lives. As a martial artist he showed me that success was the ONLY option in life. Period. Without him there would be no Marshalls ATA...he started the first ATA school in Texas. He was a true legend. As I tearfully write this post I am grateful for the life that he lived and will never forget the imprint that he left on my life. I am happy he is with the Lord and I have peace in knowing that he is no longer in pain. We love you. And we thank you for being the MASTER that you forever will be. -Stephani Marshall —

June 2 at 9:56 AM

MS

Master Chuck Sears posted:

Master Olford is one of my mentors, as he is to many, many others. He is the true definition of a warrior and a leader. He's always there for us and always wants the best for us. I'm using the present tense because I totally agree with Sir Terry Pratchett, who wrote this: "No one is actually dead until the ripples they cause in the world die away." Master Olford's ripples will go on and on. Thank you for everything, sir.

June 2 at 9:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Olford family.



June 2 at 8:51 AM



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PO

Patricia && Bill Odom posted:

Our son Billy was a student of Master Olford's for five years. He taught and help shape our son into the man he is today . He was a Great teacher , leader and caring person. He meant business but he also had that grin && chuckle ! So many Great Memories we will carry in hearts of him . He was loved and he will be greatly missed . Our thoughts && Prayers are with the family . May God give you comfort , understanding && strength during this time . Bill & Patricia Odom

June 2 at 4:17 AM

PO

Patricia && Bill Odom June 2 at 4:19 AM

Our Hearts *

HG

Holly Gonzales posted:

We are all so very sorry for the loss of this great man of character. His memory, however, will live on in the lives of so many young people, whose formative years were spent learning marital arts moves...So very grateful my sons Isaac and Sebastian could experience Tae Kwon Do and earn their "black belts" with Master Olford. We are praying the Holy Spirit can bring comfort to you as you grieve. Blessings and love...Holly Gonzales, sons Isaac and Sebastian Gonzales.

June 1 at 10:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring J. D. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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