



## Carrol Joe Heaton

August 12, 1929 - February 12, 2005

Carrol Joe “CJ” Heaton Carrol Joe “CJ” Heaton, 75, of Huntsville, went to meet his Lord on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on August 12, 1929 in Bedias, Texas to Tommie (McAdams) Heaton and Elliott Thompson Heaton. Mr. Heaton is a descendent of one of Walker County’s first families, John McAdams, Sr. Carrol Joe is survived by his wife of 52 wonderful years, Marjorie Heaton; two daughters Nanette English and husband Mike; Vickie Smith and husband Jim; and son, Joe Heaton and wife Pam. Survivors also include grandchildren Stacy English; Amy Pettigrew and husband Donald; Jennifer Graves and husband Andy; Jason Smith; Wayne Heaton and wife Amy Jo; and Michael Heaton. Mr. Heaton is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-grandchildren and countless other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Tommie Heaton; father, Elliott Heaton; brother, Elliot Boyd Heaton; and sister, Jesse Margaret Heaton Dickey. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. A native of Walker County, CJ attended grade school in Crabbs Prairie and was a 1948 graduate of Huntsville High School. Active in FFA, Carrol Joe was the first individual from Huntsville to receive the state FFA Award. He attended Sam Houston State Teachers College and later joined the Texas National Guard where he served for 10 years. Mr. Heaton worked for Gulf States Utility Company (Entergy) and retired in 1986 with over 33 years with the company. He was most proud that,

during his time with GSU, he had no lost time due to on-the-job or vehicle accidents. Carrol Joe loved his Lord and served Him as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, building committee member and usher in the Cook Springs Baptist Church and with Northside Baptist Church. Mr. Heaton was an ordained deacon in the Baptist Church since 1957. Mr. Heaton was very active in the Huntsville community in a number of civic and service organizations. He was a member of the Huntsville Fire Department for 16 years, attaining the rank of Captain in Company 2, and was chaplain with the HVFD for many years. CJ was a member of Crime Stoppers and the Walker County Youth Association and served as treasurer in both groups. CJ served many proud years with the Walker County Fair Association as a director and was honored as a Lifetime Director of the association. He was a Charter Leader of the local 4H Horse Club and a member of the Huntsville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America where he passed on his love of horses and ranching. CJ was also a member of the New Army of the Republic of Texas and the Raven Rangers. He worked many tireless hours with the Sam Houston Folk Festival portraying the historic character Major George Washington Hockley. Carrol Joe also served as a Reserve Deputy with the Walker County Sheriff's Department for 19 years with his longtime friend, Sheriff WD White. CJ was also on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals with the City of Huntsville during the '90's. A celebration of Carrol Joe's life will be held at 2:00 PM this Saturday at Northside Baptist Church with Rev. Regan Cooksey officiating. Burial will follow at the McAdams Cemetery on the Bedias Rd. Pallbearers are Doug Franklin and Carl Hollis, deacons at Northside Baptist Church, James "Red" Wells and Larry Grisham of Gulf State Utilities, Tommy Grisham and John Hobbs of the Huntsville Fire Department, Doug Gary and Troy Allen with the Walker County Fair Association. Honorary pallbearers will be Mr. Heaton's three grandsons, Jason Smith, Michael Heaton and Wayne Heaton. Services are under the direction of the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Northside Baptist Church Building Fund, 1207 FM 980, Huntsville, Texas

77320.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carrol Joe Heaton*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Margie and family:  
Carrol Joe will be greatly missed in this community. I know he served in many ways, but most importantly was how he served his Lord with his faithfulness. Please know that we are thinking of you in the days ahead. God Bless all of you and our love.*

**Pete and LaNell Allbritton** - February 17, 2005 at 04:58 PM



“ *what a pleasure to have known carrol joe-it seems just like yesterday that cotton and him were at gulf states-thinking of you and i send my prayers mary beth kaltwasser cook*

**marybeth kaltwasser cook** - February 17, 2005 at 08:39 AM



“ *I remember CJ from the year I lived in Huntsville in 1976. He was an excellent fire officer and was well respected by all the pole line utilities including Southwestern Bell where I was a foreman. He was a true Christian gentleman as was apparant by the live he led.*

*Pat Richardson  
Mayor  
Pantego, Texas*

**pat richardson** - February 15, 2005 at 11:27 AM

JF

“ To all the family, I met CJ on several occasions and grew up with 4 of his grandchildren. We will keep you in our prayers. Find comfort in knowing that God was ready to take His angel home...His work here was done. God Bless! He will be greatly missed in the community.

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**Jodie Fullwood** - February 12, 2005 at 03:38 PM

JL

“ Margie and family...I am so sorry for the loss of Carroll Jo! We loved him so very much and love ya'll beyond measure! Lindsey had Carroll Jo on her heart Tuesday night and we talked about him from 1130pm to after midnight. She talked about how much he had influenced her over the years and that she was writing him a letter. She had wanted to come by Sunday, but was w/the youth and there were too many at that time. She asked if we could come by Wed. after church. She wanted to give you the letter and have you read it to CJ. She just wanted him to know that she loved him and was thinking of him. She called me at work in tears and was so upset that she didn't get to pass on her love to CJ. Please know how much all of you have meant to our family. Vickie-what can I say. You helped raise my babies and I love you for that. We will see ya'll soon. Please call if we can be of assistance in any way. All our love and heartfelt sympathy as well as our prayers go with you!!  
Janice,Phil, LJ & JL

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**Janice Letbetter** - February 10, 2005 at 01:54 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Carroll Joe. I thought a lot of him. I know he will be deeply missed. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kris Rushing** - February 10, 2005 at 11:41 AM

MF

“ *Mother thought of Carrol Joe a lot lately and checked on him daily with Uncle Wade. I know you will miss him and our thoughts and prayers are with you each day.*

*From: Carolyn Craven 2/10/05 09:18 AM*

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**Marie Lucas Family** - February 10, 2005 at 11:13 AM

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“ *Marjorie and family, We've lost a good friend with the passing of Carrol Joe. Since our days in Huntsville High School together I've admired his strength of character and his leadership abilities. At the reunions of the Class of '48 he was always faithful to give his Christian testimony, and I appreciated that about him. May God comfort you in the days ahead.*

*Virginia Humberson Owen*

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**Virginia Humberson Owen** - February 09, 2005 at 10:46 PM

NJ

“ *Just wanted all of you to know how sorry we are about your loss. He will be greatly missed in Walker and the surrounding counties. Norma Dell and Jerry D. Jones of Lovelady, TX (formerly of Hunstville)*

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**Norma Dell & Jerry D. Jones** - February 09, 2005 at 07:05 PM