



## Dalton Heath

July 27, 1933 - February 13, 2006

Dalton David Heath Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather Dalton David Heath, 72, beloved husband of Loreta Faye (Skeet) Heath, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Texas following a brave battle with a recent illness. He was born July 27, 1933 in the Wilomar community of the Rio Grande Valley, the fourth of five children of David William and Johnnie Texanna Heath. He attended Raymondville High School where he was a starting end on the football team and voted most popular boy by friends that he remained close to throughout his life. Dalton was a veteran of the United States Army serving at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas , where his role as a drill instructor made best use of the tough, no-nonsense demeanor he was known to occasionally display. He retired from the Texas State Highway Department working as a road inspector for twenty years before becoming a sales representative to the Rio Grande Valley for Capital Cement Co. based in San Antonio, Texas. His thirty years with Capital Cement were truly the best of his life and allowed him to use his love of people and knowledge of construction processes to their greatest extent. His job with Capital required him to guide dove, quail and deer hunts for his customers three months out of every year. Needless to say, this was a labor he loved. Dalton served as a deacon for the First Baptist Church in San Benito, Texas where he lived from 1963 until his retirement in 1999, when he and Skeet moved to Huntsville, Texas. His favorite times were those spent with his family. He was such a proud father, grandfather, and great-

grandfather, matching all others brag-for-brag. Dalton had many talents, but washer-tossing, knife sharpening, shotgun shooting, outdoor cooking and gardening were his best. His quail hunting skills were truly second-to-none. His five washer-tossing championships, along with his brother-in-law, Wade Caldwell, are still unmatched at the annual Caldwell family reunions. His barbeque beef ribs could set you down for hours. Dalton is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Charles Alton (Audie) Heath. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Skeet; daughter, Pamela Gail Holloway and husband Bill of Mission, Texas; two sons; Dalton (Skip) D. Heath, II and wife Suzette of Huntsville, Texas; Bryan W. Heath and wife Angela of Charlotte, North Carolina; grandchildren; William Heath Holloway, Tamara Kaye Holloway Cruise and husband Rob, April Brooke Holloway Fielder, and husband Marc, Christina Amber Haley, Sarah Elizabeth Heath, and Dalton (Trey) D. Heath, III; great-granddaughters; Reagan Kaye Cruise and Gracie Avis Cruise. Dalton is also survived by a brother; Donald, and two sisters; Dortha Casey and Joy Heasley. A visitation with the family is set for 5:00-7:00 pm Sunday, February 12, 2006 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A celebration of Dalton's life will be held at 2:00 pm Monday, February 13, 2006 in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with services conducted by Dr. Richard Rogers and Gene Graham, a lifelong friend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alpha Omega Academy, P.O. Box 8419, Huntsville, TX 77340. The family wishes to express their gratitude and thanks to Drs. David Toronjo and Tom Weber, and all of the nurses and staff at St. Joseph Hospital for their kindness and dedication shown to Dalton during his illness. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dalton Heath*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

TL

“ Dear Skeet, and Skipper and Bryan and Pam,  
I just returned to Beijing after a visit to Houston where I saw Dalton's obituary. Call it fate or a premonition or what, but I recently looked up Skipper on the web and was going to ask him to forward a message to Dalton just to say hello after all these years. I had no idea he had any problems with his health. Something came up and I put it off which I regret to this day even though it was already too late.

My son Michael and I were talking about really good people in our lives who made a difference and naturally Dalton's name came up at the top of the list. Just talking about people we really liked. We talked a long time about the rides in that old Model "T" (or was it "A")  
How my mother liked to play dominoes with Bryan, the time your whole family spent over at Valley Baptist when my mother was passing away, going dove hunting with Dalton, working at the highway department with him and all the great times  
Andy Vaughn and I had with him, what a joy it was just riding to and from work with him, the time he spent about a week fixing the engine on my old Ford Falcon, how much Andy and I looked up to him, and how he was kind of a father figure to me after my father died. I am not at all surprised at the outpouring of sympathy I saw on this website. I deeply regret not keeping up with Dalton after I moved to Europe and later to China. Please forgive me.

This world was a better place for having Dalton in it, and I know for damn sure North Shore Drive in San Benito was a better place because of him. God Bless him.

Tom

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Tom Lane - November 28, 2006 at 01:05 PM

SB

“ *Dr. Heath and Family & Pam and family, I know this comes late but I just now found out about your father. I am so sorry for your loss and just know he is in a better place and in God's hands. That is the best place any of us could ever hope to be.*

*You will always look back on all the wonderful memories of your Dad and smile and your heart will be warmed by the thoughts. The pain never goes away but times eases it.*

*Our love and prayers go out to you and your family,  
Sandy & Serra Bauer*

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**Sandy & Serra Bauer** - April 06, 2006 at 10:11 AM

RM

“ *I would like to express my condolences to the Dalton family. I met Dalton in May, 1958 when I went to work for the Texas Highway Department in Raymondville. I would like to thank him for all that he taught me.*

*May he rest in peace!*

*Ray Martin  
Sebastian, Texas 78594*

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**Ray Martin** - February 16, 2006 at 08:28 AM

GB

“ Dear Skeet, Pam, Billy And family,  
I will remember Dalton as one of my great mentors.  
He was never afraid to tell people what he thought of them. He loved his wife dearly and would always brag about his great family. I will miss the hunting and fishing trips we enjoyed together. Of course, he could always catch more fish than we could or shoot better than we could. We loved him for that. We will miss you dearly, but we know you are in a better place. Please guide us to live a better life and take care of our family, as you did.  
Love,  
Gary, Debra, Ashley, and Sean Burch

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**Gary Burch** - February 14, 2006 at 09:48 PM

GF

“ To Skeet and all of Dalton's family:

*Please accept our sympathy and condolences for Dalton. We know your loss is great, but the good memories will always be there to make you smile. Know that we have you and your family on our prayer list. We pray that you will let God comfort you as only He can do.*

*In Christian Love,*

*Guy and Charlene Fambrough*

*705 So. 9th St.*

*Raymondville TX 78580*

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**Guy and Charlene Fambrough** - February 14, 2006 at 07:59 PM

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RW

“ Dear Skeet,

*We just heard about Dalton. We wanted to send our condolences, and let you know we are thinking of you. Lots of good memories from good old RHS, and the times that Dalton and I played next to each other on the football team.*

*Bob & Ruth Welch*

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**Ruth & Bob Welch** - February 14, 2006 at 11:28 AM

HB

“ To the family of Skeet, God bless and keep your family with love and peace... My brother JIM BAIRD is sick and unable to send message.. but we remember all of your family and Daltons family in Raymondville.. Thank you all for Christian memories... God bless..  
Buster Baird Clarendon, Texas

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**HL BUSTER BAIRD** - February 13, 2006 at 07:59 PM

TF

“ Dear Pam and Family: We are so sorry for your loss. This will be a difficult time for you, but be faithful that your Dad is in a fine place where he is no longer in pain. Hold on to the fond memories you have and they will take you past the grief. We will pray for your family to get through this sad time. If you need anything at all please call us. We are here for you. We love you bunches. The Sakulenzki Family

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**The Sakulenzki Family** - February 12, 2006 at 10:42 PM

JP

“ Dear Skip, Suzette, Bryan and the entire Heath family, we only knew Dalton for a short while, but it was truly a friendship we cherish. The time he spent with us in Alaska and our visit there is so memorable. Our love and sincere condolences go out to the entire family. God be with you and Bless you all.

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**Jerry, Karen, Spencer, Denise Pippen** - February 12, 2006 at 11:37 AM

DJ

“ Dear Heath Family: We are so sorry to hear of your great loss, that of one who has always been there for you. Just know that though these days are really difficult, true peace can come from the comfort of our Wonderful Lord. He will always be there for you. Our prayers are with you as you make this difficult transition and we are so sorry we can't be with you...just know we love you dearly and hope that soon you will find rest from your time of suffering and comfort for your aching heart.

LOVE Donna

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**Don and Donna Jett** - February 11, 2006 at 09:15 PM

MS

“ Bryan, Angie and Family:  
I have great memories of Dalton during our many years growing up in San Benito and the stories he would tell us about hunting on the Captial lease. I am sad thinking of his loss and for the pain you are going through. Hang in there, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Give my condolences to your mom and Skip. Michael and Beth Scaief

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**Michael and Beth Scaief** - February 11, 2006 at 08:07 PM

CB

“ Dr Heath and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I know words really aren't a comfort at this time, so I just want you to know that I am praying for you and your entire family.

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**Crystal Brittain** - February 11, 2006 at 07:41 PM

OF

“ *Skeet and Family: You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Carl and Faye Otsuki*

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**Otsuki Family** - February 11, 2006 at 06:39 PM

BG

“ *Mrs. Heath and Family: Mr. Heath's passing leaves a void in the hearts of those of us still on Earth. We can all rest assured that although we miss him, he is in much better place.*  
*I have so many great memories of visits in San Benito but his kind and loving nature will be the memory that I hold dear. I know you have an awesome family that pulls together during trying times but if there is anything I can do, I trust you will call. Love to all, Beth*

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**Beth Otsuki Gray** - February 11, 2006 at 06:36 PM

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*Love to all,  
Beth*

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**Beth Otsuki Gray** - February 11, 2006 at 06:33 PM

HR

“ *Dearest Skeet and Family*

*We are so sorry to hear from Cissie and Lee of your loss of Dalton. The last time we saw you was at Mother and Daddy's 50th anniversary in Lasara. You and aunt after brought Pam who was very little. Though in our adult years, our paths seldom crossed, I remember with such fondness our good times as youngsters. I remember especially being so happy hearing of Lorene and your marriages to Donald and Dalton. Mother and Sue kept us up on all the news of you all. We'll grieve for your loss; rejoice that God promised to his won we will be united in heaven. What a big circle that will be just with all the Caldwell's & Heaths! God's peace be with your families Skeet*

*Love Always,  
Hank & Lou Repp*

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**Hank & Lou Repp** - February 11, 2006 at 06:30 PM

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*Love Always,  
Hank & Lou Repp*

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**Hank & Lou Repp** - February 11, 2006 at 06:30 PM

GW

“ *Dear Skeet & Family: I was saddened to read about Dalton's passing in today's paper. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Mom and Dad loved you both and all of my memories are of fun and laughter. May you find strength, peace and comfort in God's love and in your warm and loving memories of Dalton.*  
*{{HUGS}}* *Gail Palmer Willms*

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**Gail Palmer Willms** - February 11, 2006 at 05:57 PM

BF

“ Dear Billy and Pam and the entire Holloway family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your father and know how much it hurts. I can tell you from experience that it does get easier as the years go on, but that the pain will never be completely gone. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and help you through this time of sorrow.

All our love,  
Debbie, Dwayne, and Michael Holder

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**Billy and Pam and the entire Holloway family**, - February 11, 2006 at 05:03 PM

BB

“ Brian, Angie, Christina & Skeet:  
So very sorry to learn of your great loss. Although we can't be there in person, we are in our hearts. Dalton fought a courageous battle until the end. He's in a greater place now. We send our love and prayers.

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**Bill & Jennifer Bradshaw** - February 11, 2006 at 04:21 PM

GM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Heath (Skeet) and the entire Heath family. We are very sorry, especially today, that we could not have shared a final laugh and conversation with Mr. Heath this year at the annual family reunion. The entire family has always welcomed us with open arms. Our visits, however few, have been a joy, especially seeing and feeling the love and closeness of the Heath family - something unfortunately very much missing in a lot of families today. May the hole in your heart be quickly filled with the many loving memories of Mr. Heath.

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**Gil and Maryanne** - February 11, 2006 at 12:23 PM

JW

“ Skeet, Pam, Skip, Bryan, & Families,  
We are so sorry to hear about Dalton's passing. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I have such wonderful memories of our get-togethers when I was growing up. There will be a big hole in our hearts, but know that we have wonderful memories that will help us through this time. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. Our love & prayers are with you at this time.

Love,  
Russ, Jodi, Travis & Megan Webster  
Mary Fern & Milton Webster

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**Jodi, Russ, Travis & Megan Webster** - February 11, 2006 at 12:04 PM

KS

“ Dear Skeet and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful life the two of you have had--I know you will forever cherish the memories. Love to you and your family.

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**Kathleene and Marshall Swanberg** - February 11, 2006 at 10:31 AM



“ Dalton Heath

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February 11, 2006 at 10:28 AM

JC

“ Brian, Angie, Christina and family. We are sorry for your loss, and wish we were there to support you. Know we are there in our hearts.

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**John and Sally Cleveland** - February 11, 2006 at 10:09 AM

MF

“ Dear Heath Family, 2/9/2006 9:55 pm

*Melvin would love to be there, but at the present time he is in the Hospital getting his kees replaced (again) he will be in surgery on monday, but know we are praying for you all, this will be a hard time, we pray that God will give you the peace that passes all understanding.*

*The Fletchers  
Melvin and Leilani*

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**Mrs Melvin Fletcher** - February 10, 2006 at 09:50 PM

MB

“ Dear Heath Family:

*I've missed Dalton every since he moved from the valley. I considered him a good friend. Dalton called on us at Valley Block and Brick on a regular basis and he always had us laughing when he visited. He had a great sense of humor.*

*I'm sure Dalton will be greatly missed by all that knew him. Thank goodness for the memories we all have of him. God Bless you all.  
Marci Bishop*

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**Marci Bishop** - February 10, 2006 at 04:18 PM

DC

“ Dear Skeet and Family:

*We regret we are unable to attend Dalton's services. We send our love and prayers. "GOD is great, life is hard, HEAVEN is sure" - Camille Dailey. Our live to you Skeet and your family,  
Dan and Connie*

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**Dan & Connie Caldwell** - February 10, 2006 at 03:12 PM

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**Dan & Connie Caldwell** - February 10, 2006 at 03:07 PM