



## Gerald A. Heartfield, Sr.

March 11, 1919 - December 4, 2009

Funeral Services for Gerald Alexander Heartfield Sr., 90, of Huntsville are set for Friday, December 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church under the direction of the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Kyle Dennis officiating. Visitation will be Thursday evening at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Heartfield passed away on December 1, 2009. Jerry was born March 11, 1919 to Ruby Dawson and Clinton Alexander Heartfield. He married the love of his life, Blanche Louise Wyser of Beaumont, on September 4, 1939. They celebrated 60 wonderful years together and had four children born of their union, Gerald Alexander Heartfield, Jr., Patricia Louise Heartfield Pierce, Robert Buckner Heartfield, and Sharon Kaye Heartfield Durbin. Jerry brought his wife and two young children to Huntsville around 1943 where he was employed at Wood Motors (Ford dealership) in the parts department. In February of 1945 he left Huntsville briefly due to World War II when he joined the Navy. Jerry was honorably discharged on November 1945 and returned to his job at Wood Motors. During the mid 1950's, Jerry and Frank Moore bought the business and became partners. In 1957, Jerry assisted his wife, Blanche, in opening a flower shop which they called Heartfield Florist. They sold the flower shop in 1964 so Blanche could devote more time to assist in the care of Jerry's parents who had moved to Huntsville. In 1972, Jerry sold his share of Wood Motors to Joe Mac Henry, retaining the body shop which became Heartfield Body Shop which Jerry operated until his retirement in 1985. Jerry was a member of First Christian Church for over sixty years and served in

several capacities including Deacon, Elder, and Building Committee Chairman for the current sanctuary. In his latter years, he especially enjoyed being a part of the Geezerites of FCC. He was a 60 year Mason and a charter member of the Elks Lodge. Jerry loved the outdoors and a simple life style. He took great pride in his family and "The Farm." Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Dawson and Clinton Alexander Heartfield of Beaumont; his wife, Blanche, his only sibling, Clinton Emerson Heartfield, and his first two children, Jerry and Patsy. Survivors include a son, Bob and wife Anne of Huntsville; a daughter, Sharon and husband Denny of Panama City, Florida; 10 grandchildren, Trey Heartfield of Spring; James Heartfield and wife Darlene of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Heidi Woodum Fabian and husband Dan of Houston; Debbie Pierce Jones of San Marcos; Dan Pierce and wife Niecy of Arlington, Joy Pierce Cothren of Huntsville; Jason Pierce and wife Amy of Huntsville; Angela Dellinger and husband Bart of Bothell Wa; Alex Heartfield and wife Mary of Weatherford; and Jerod Durbin and wife Monika of Pensacola, Fl; 19 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family members, Danny and Cindy Pierce and their family and long-time friend and physician, Dr. Tom Cole and his family. Pappaw will be remembered for his living example of a "life well lived"; his patience, his wisdom, his willingness to unselfishly be a caregiver to those he loved; his witticisms; and his love for his dear wife's oatmeal cookies. He possessed an unfailingly optimistic outlook and faith in his fellow man and a sense of humor enjoyed by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by us all but we will cherish his memory and example forever. We would like to gratefully acknowledge the loving and gentle care provided to our Pappaw over the last 18 months by Lynn and Dennis Longmire and their band of caring angels at the Angel Kissed House. Also, the exceptionally professional and personal care provided by Dr. Tom Cole and the staff at the Trinity Hospital (ETMC). And a special thanks to all his friends at First Christian Church for their love and concern, their prayers and songs. Please remember First Christian Church, Alzheimer's Foundation, or a charity of your choice in lieu of flowers if you so wish. Those wishing to

leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald A. Heartfield, Sr.*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was saddened to read about Mr. Heartfield's passing, I wish I had been in Huntsville for the services, but I am in Louisiana. Robert, Anna and family, Sharon, Dennis and family, the children of my dearest friend Patsy and Danny and Cindy and their family, my thoughts and prayers are for you all. May our Lord give you peace and comfort at this time. My love to all of you.*

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**Kathryn Thomson McNabb** - December 06, 2009 at 10:53 AM

BM

“ We knew Jerry more as "Daddy" who was always with his daughter Patsy or with Pearl. Whenever we saw one, we'd ask, "Where is Daddy?" or "Where is Patsy?" These year were special to us as their friendship and support were with us through first Bob's cancer and then mine. I'll never forget when they both came out to our house after Bob returned from the hospital more than 6 years ago. The doctor had removed the lower part of his lung. Patsy and Jerry shared their fight with cancer. That brought great hope to us!

Your father/Pappaw was a wonderful man--full of joy, full of love, full of life--until his disease took over. Even then, I will never forget his quiet smile and his hugs and kisses whenever I was blessed to be close to him! We will miss him as we continue to miss his dear beloved daughter.

May God be with you all in this time of loss, and may you feel the comfort of God's presence in your lives as you continue to remember "Daddy."

Love, Ginger--and Bob

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**Bob and Ginger Metz** - December 04, 2009 at 10:11 AM

JA

“ To Bobby & Ann, Sharon & Denny and the entire Heartfield family, I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the service for Mr. Heartfield but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Heartfield was a fine man and his handshake and smile didn't fool you they were genuine! I remember vividly Mr. Heartfield's visits to my parents business, they shared a great friendship with each other and were all very much a part of the "greatest generation" and leave us all a great legacy. We all enjoy the shade from the many trees they planted.  
Sincerely,  
Johnny Amick

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**Johnny Amick** - December 03, 2009 at 09:11 PM

LC

“ To The Family: Mr. Heartfield's final move! Home is a place where we are most comfortable being and enjoy. While our earthly dwelling is only a temporary address, our true home is in the presence of God. He's home! "The one thing I ask of the LORD...is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.- Psalm 27:4. Our prayers are with you.

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**Lawrence and Dessie Cherry** - December 03, 2009 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ Bob, Sharon, children and grandchildren. I am saddened at the loss of your dear Dad, and Grandfather..May you find peace in the many happy memories you shared with him..I will cherish the times he, Patsy and I spent together when they visited me in Brenham, or when I drove to Huntsville to visit. Mr. Heartfield was a funny, loving, Christian man..He brightened the world just by being in it..He will be missed.. Love and prayers to you all..

Mary Ann Bracewell

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**Mary Ann Bracewell** - December 03, 2009 at 06:50 PM

DH

“ *Bob and family:  
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Always enjoyed visiting with him at your house. God bless him and your family.*

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**David Henderson** - December 03, 2009 at 04:33 PM

MC

“ *Bobby, Anne, Sharon and Denny-I am so sorry to hear about your loss....my thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**Mary Beth Kaltwasser Cook** - December 02, 2009 at 11:31 PM

SG

“ *How saddened for you I became when I read of your loss. I'm confident that Raymond, Sue Anna, Blanche and Jerry are planning another trip to a far-off destination. May I share a happy event with you? One Sunday in church the prayer list was read, and Jerry's name was on it. He stood and said, "You can stop praying for me. I'm here." And, true to his word, he is now where he was meant to be. May your hearts be filled with happy memories.*

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**Suzanne Davis Gillespie** - December 02, 2009 at 04:10 PM

GR

“ *Hi Bobby and Anne, Sharon and Denny and your families, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Geneva*

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**Geneva Higginbotham Ray** - December 02, 2009 at 02:58 PM

BM

“ We send our condolences, love and prayers to the Heartfield family. We miss Gerald and know that he has had a wonderful life here with us and will continue his wonderful life with our Savior. We were friends with him at First Christian Church.

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**Betsy&Mike Maloney** - December 02, 2009 at 11:22 AM

JT

“ Mr. Bob (and Family),  
So sorry to hear about your loss. Please know you and your family are in our continued thoughts and prayers. May GOD hold your hand during this time.

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**Justin and Kimberly Taylor** - December 02, 2009 at 11:17 AM

TH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to you and yours. God be with you all.

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**Terry and Dalia Harrelson** - December 01, 2009 at 10:04 PM

BN

“ To the Heartfield family, I am so sorry to read about Mr. Heartfield passing away. I know his memory is good now and he is rejoicing with the family members in heaven. Your entire family has been special to the Conner family for years. It seems all of you have crossed my path throughout my life. Bobby, your Mom and Dad were certainly supportive of the class of 1958. With my Dad's position and my Mom working at the tax office, they interacted with your Father often. So glad I got to visit with him earlier this year. God be with you all.

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - December 01, 2009 at 07:31 PM

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - December 01, 2009 at 07:30 PM