



## Joe Crawford

September 16, 2009

Joe D. Crawford, age 52, passed away September 12, 2009. Owner of McFadden and Associates Plumbing in Houston, he was an avid outdoorsman who had a kind and generous heart. Joe is survived by wife JoElla Crawford of Willis; son Joel Crawford; daughter JoLynn Meier and husband Tony; grandson Evan Anthony Meier; mother Betty Crawford; sister Margaret McCormick; brothers Donald Crawford, Darrell Crawford, Duane Crawford, and Darwin Crawford; and best friend and honorary brother, Jerry Andreski. Joe is preceded in death by father Delton Crawford. Visitation with the family will be held Tuesday, September 15 from 6 – 8 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Funeral Services officiated by Rev. Jack Black are scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 10 AM in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, with interment following service at Smith Memorial Park in Willis. Pallbearers include Dennis Vater, Joey Rowe, Glen Herring, Butch West, Tim Neff, Billy McKinley, Cliff Stringfellow and Keith Payne. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com). Donations in memory of Joe Crawford may be made to the "Catch-A-Dream" Foundation, Attn: Dr. Marty Brunson, P.O. Box 6280, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Please check the following site for form: <http://catchadream.org/contribute/Donation%20form.pdf>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Crawford*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *There is no way to put into words what Gwen & I feel for Joe. Jolynn, Joel, Joella you know. We're still waiting for him to drive up and give us a hard time. We will never quit waiting.*

*Pat & Gwen Eager*

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**Pat&Gwen Eager** *There is no way to put* - September 17, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ *Pat & I were one of the many that were priveledged to know Joe Crawford. Our first meeting with Joe was an instant friendship that we wanted to last a life time. We could not wait to see him flying down our driveway with a big smile on his face and always time to visit. We came to count on them. It will not be the same without him. Our lives were enriched by knowing him and our lives have forever been changed. To Joella, Joel & Jolynn, our prayers are with you and your loss must be tremendous. Thanks for sharing your husband and father with us. He was friend that will never be forgotten.*

*Pat & Gwen Eager*

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**gwen eager** - September 17, 2009 at 08:43 PM

TW

“ It if hadn't been for Joe, my husband (just got married 2 wks ago) and I wouldn't have met again after 38 years. Joe ran out of gas and stopped to talk to my husband while at a service station. He was getting his contact information so my husband could possibly do a job for him, so it prolonged my husband long enough for me to see him. Joe and he laughed about how everything worked out. Joe told Bubba that it was divine intervention between him and God that day because what were the odds of everything coming together for us to see each other after such a long time. So, Joe, I have to say thank you for your hand in my future. To the Crawford family, we send our condolences.

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**The Wilkerson's** - September 17, 2009 at 09:29 AM

CR

“ Joella, Joel, Jolynn, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Joe was a good man to work for, he gave me my first job in Houston 13 years ago and I learned alot from him over the years. I am saddened to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Chris & Wanda Rinaudo** - September 16, 2009 at 10:38 PM

TL

“ Dear Crawford Family,  
My thoughts are with you at this time of great sorrow. Joe was very dedicated to all of you. He spoke of you with great pride.  
We called on Joe often to help us serve the many people who are housed in our properties. He was always there to help.  
We will miss him,  
Tom

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**Tom Lord** - September 16, 2009 at 09:24 PM

LH

“ Dear JoLynn, Joel, and JoElla,  
I am so sorry for your loss. This was so unexpected. Joe loved you all so much. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Joe will always be with you in your memories. He was a good man.  
God Bless all of you,  
Linda

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**Linda Holder** - September 16, 2009 at 09:06 PM

KC

“ Joella, Joel & Jolynn I want to let you know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Joe was such a good hearted, cheerful man. He always had a smile on his face. He loved his family very much. His love for kids amazes me. He treated my nephew and my daughter as if they were his grandkids. That is why we nicknamed him grandpa joe. I will never forget the memories I have of him and the weekly visits at my work. Things are not gonna be the same without him coming in to pick on me. We are gonna miss his bright smile and sense of humor.

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**karen culp** - September 16, 2009 at 09:05 PM

NG

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Your in my thoughts & prayers.

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**Norma J Gonzalez** - September 16, 2009 at 06:26 PM

MW

“ Joe...what the heck happened? we're all in total disbelief, that you're gone. I could believe it, if it were someone much older, someone more sickly, someone who drank and smoked way too much, but not someone so young as you....not you. I don't know what to say; I'm not sure anyone knows what to say.

You can bet we'll all be at The Crumplehorn opening weekend. Oh you'll be there too .You'll get talked about, your name will come up time and time again. Someone will ask "what's Joe got cooked for dinner, he's always got something cooked" another will ask " Crawford ever fix that ice machine, it never seems to work".

Joe..we'll look for ya....to tell a joke, pull a prank, cook a meal....make us laugh.

You're not gone....I'm pretty sure you'll be there !

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**Mike Watson** - September 16, 2009 at 05:04 PM

SW

“ To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...  
but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.  
I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.  
Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love.

*Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.  
Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night.  
That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through,  
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you."*

*It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.*

*As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.  
I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.  
There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man."*

*God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.  
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.  
And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.  
God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.*

*When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years  
because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.  
But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.  
Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.*

*I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.  
But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.  
But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.  
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.*

*There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;  
but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.  
It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...  
that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.*

*If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,  
then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."  
And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile,  
knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.*

*So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low,  
just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.  
When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your  
mind;  
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.*

*And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free,  
remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me.*

*Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author)*

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*MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.....*

*STAN C. WATSON AND FAMILY*

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**STAN C. WATSON** - September 16, 2009 at 12:37 PM

TG

“*Joe Crawford did as much for me as anyone in my life ever has. He put a roof over mine and Jennifer's head and food on our table when I came home from the service. He taught me almost everything I know about the outdoors, and helped me with any problem I ever asked his help on. I loved him, and I'll miss him always. Joella, Jolynn and Joel you guys know we are here if you need anything.*

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**Travis Gunnels** - September 15, 2009 at 09:29 PM

AF

“ JoLynn, you and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss and I pray God gives you the strength to get through this very tough time.

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**April Foster** - September 15, 2009 at 07:50 PM

JB

“ For Crawford Family,  
There is never the right words for this time of Loss, but to let you know you all are in our thoughts and Prayers. Pray that God Lifts you up and gives you strength, For Memories remain forever.

*In Prayer*  
*James & Pansy Bishop*

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**James & Pansy Bishop** - September 15, 2009 at 07:45 PM

O.

“ I have known Joe for at least 30 yrs. He has never failed to come anytime I have ever needed him and ably completed every job I have ever had for him. I recall fishing with him once when he caught everything the water had to offer. He caught redfish, speckled trout, flounder, gafftop and black bass and we were in salt water. Travis and I had only one piece. He was a fine sportsman and FINE MAN. I WILL MISS HIM AS I KNOW EVERYONE WILL.

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**O.T.Gunnels, Jr.** - September 15, 2009 at 03:25 PM

TC

“ Joe was one of the nicest guys I've ever meet. He will be greatly missed in everyday life and especially at the deer camp & Houston Plumbers fishing tournament. Our thoughts & prayers go out to the family.

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**The Allgood Family/Sulphur Creek Hunting Club** - September 15, 2009 at 02:26 PM

JD

“ To Joe's wife and kids, Aunt Betty and Margaret, Donald, Darrell, Duane, Darwin and your families, our hearts go out to you all as you deal with this unexpected loss. We know all too well how hard it is to understand, to deal with the loss, and live your lives without someone very important to you. From the comments above, I know that Joe was a truly wonderful husband, Father, and man. Take comfort in your happy memories with him. You all will be in our prayers. We aren't sure if we will be able to get Mother to the services or not - she very much wants to be there. Much love, Jill Crawford Davis on behalf of the Roland Crawford family.

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**Jill Crawford Davis** - September 15, 2009 at 01:00 PM

JT

“ I have known Joe for 3 years. When I met Joe at the hunting lease for the first time he approached me with a handshake, smile and a howdy. I grew to know him and respect him. One of my favorite memories of Joe is the afternoon he and I rode around to fill up his feeders and that evening did some duck hunting. Joe touched my life like he has with so many others. He was an out-doors-man, sportsman and an honorable man. I will miss him. Vaya Condios brother. Jay Tolbert

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**Jay Tollberrt** - September 15, 2009 at 10:08 AM

JG

“ Mr. Crawford was a wonderful, outstanding man. He was a father figure to Travis and myself, and I am sure many others could say the same. If something was broke, he knew how to fix it. If you had a question, he could answer it. When we had our babies, he was there at the hospital. He was such a family man, and his love for his family showed. My children loved PawPaw Joe. He treated everyone he knew with kindness and like they were his extended family. We will miss his laughter and funny sense of humor. I am very grateful to have all of you in my life.

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**Jennifer Gunnels** - September 15, 2009 at 09:43 AM

SP

“ JoLynn, words can not express the sorrow I feel for you and your family. I pray that together you will find the strength to celebrate his life and love that he had for you all. If words could send a hug I am sending you the Biggest Hug I have. xo

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**Sabrina Ponton** - September 15, 2009 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ Little did we know that day, God was going to call your name. In life you were a friend and in death you are the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories. Your friendship is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always in our hearts. There is a chain that has been broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. You will be forever in our hearts. OUR deepest sympathy Sheryl & Roger Parker

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**The Parker Family** - September 15, 2009 at 12:18 AM

JF

“ With deepest sympathy....  
JoElla, Jolynn, Joel & grandma  
In this time of loss, may faith give you strength, may prayers bring  
you comfort.  
I will miss Joe, he was a good friend to me. I feel privileged to have  
know him for these eight years.  
You will be in our prayers, Juan & Fina

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**Juan Ochoa Family** - September 14, 2009 at 10:20 PM

DT

“ Seven years ago I met Joe, he and Glenn were there the first day I  
got on the Crumplehorn (Brushy Creek). He took me in, showed me  
around and we were great friends from then on. Joe was always  
there to help anyone who needed it, he was fair, honest, giving,  
kind, and he was always so nice to my wife and little boys....they  
loved Mr. Joe Joe!!!! I feel honored to have called him my friend. To  
Joel and JoElla, and the Crawford family the sadness we feel can't  
compare to the sadness you must be feeling, we will pray that you'll  
find peace and happiness again one day through the many happy  
memories you have of Joe. We will miss him!

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**David, Dena, Trent and Trevor Tamborella** - September 14, 2009 at 08:57 PM

PR

“ All our memories of you are keepsakes from which we will never  
part.....God has you in his keeping and we have you in our hearts.  
Although your presence is gone and you can not be touched.....WE  
THANK GOD for the memories that will always mean so much! You  
may be gone but you will never be forgotten! We love you and will  
meet you again one day!

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**Papa & Momma Rowe** - September 14, 2009 at 08:48 PM

GR

“ For JoElla, Joel, Jolynn & the rest of the Crawford family:

*We are so sorry for your loss. As saddened as we are by your loss,  
We are so grateful for all the richness*

*Joe brought into our lives. There is not a word to describe how very  
much we loved him. HE WAS ONE OF A KIND!*

*All Our Love & Prayers*

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**Gary & Frances Rowe** - September 14, 2009 at 08:31 PM

BS

“ *It was always good to see Joe at the Deer Lease, he will be dearly  
missed and remembered by the many friends he had out here. He  
made us laugh and lent a hand when needed. My thoughts and  
prayers are with the Crawford's at this time of great loss.*

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**Bill Saari** - September 14, 2009 at 07:29 PM

JT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, JoElla, Jolynn and Joel. I  
can only imagine what its like for ya'll, because it is very hard for us.  
We love you guys and if you all need anything we will help as best  
as we can.*

*The Thomas Family*

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**Joshua, Jenny and Hayley Thomas** - September 14, 2009 at 06:40 PM

DT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Crawford family. Joe will be  
greatly missed. He was a true friend and has left all of us with great  
memories. The Todd Family*

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**Dan, Marsha and Megan Todd** - September 14, 2009 at 04:11 PM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family and friends. The Brushy Creek family will miss him greatly!! The Black Family - Bud, Laurie, Lauren and Brooke*

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**The Black Family** - September 14, 2009 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ *As I sit here at my desk,I try to picture in my mind, how i could possibly deal with the loss of my baby brother. My heart is completly torn over what I know must be the sadest day in the crawford family.My sister and my brother darwin are always in my heart. LOVE MONK.*

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**james c strength** - September 14, 2009 at 02:40 PM

DA

“ to all of my baby brothers family and friends this is darwin with a story about baby joe,thank you all. once upon a time when me and joe were young we each went into mama,s kitchen and sneaked a couple knives and headed out through the woods about 2miles down a beat out trail that me an joe made on our way to the watermellon patch as got near the clearing we got on our bellies crawling up a short hill to make sure the owner wasnt in the pasture we seen the farmer leaving on his tractor, together side by side we would crawl up to those great big watermellon cut them in half and eat the hearts out of them as we layed there 30 to 40 minutes bellies stuffed, not paying attention the farmer,got his tractor and came out chasing me and joe shooting his gun in the air,me and joe got up bellies hurting from to much mellon ran thru the woods, i remember joe ran off left me behind he alway,s could run faster than me when we got back to the house joe was crying i ran up to him ask if he was ok about that time mamma came out with a belt an that was when i realized why joe was crying , yelp it was my turn,got my butt tore up the telephone call from the farmer to my mom,it was my fault we never went back . i just want everyone to know that me and joe were really close we were like twins and i am going to miss my baby brother so if you have a brother or a sister take the time right now and call them up, tell them you love them ,for no one knows when gods gonna take them away, hope all of you that reads this will take the time to stop what ur doing an call a love one and tell them you love them. thanks to everyone that was my baby brothers friend, love you all darwin

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darwin - September 14, 2009 at 12:37 PM

TP

“ I would like for JoElla, Joel, Jolynn, and the rest of the family know that our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you all. There is never anything that you can do or say to make things better at a time like this, I just never imageined this day would come.

Joe was the greatest person I've ever met. He was not only a wonderful boss to me, but also a father figure and great friend. No matter what it was, he was always there to help. If you had a question to ask, he was the person to go to, and if he ever did not know the answer- he was sure to go out of his way to get it for you. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, never expecting anything in return.

He has taught me, as well as my family many things over the past 7 years that will never be forgotten and are greatly appreciated.

Thanks again Joe! We love you and miss you, you will always be in our heart!!! Love always, Traci & Doug

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**Traci Parker** - September 14, 2009 at 10:16 AM

DC

“ Joe was my baby brother. I miss you so much. I will always love you. Our prayer are with you Joella, Jolynn and Joel. We love you so much. May GOD BLESS you all. Love always, Darwin & Charlotte.

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**Darwin Crawford** - September 14, 2009 at 10:12 AM

GR

“ I just want to thank God for the wonderful people he puts in our lives. Joe was such a great person and friend. The deer lease wont be the same without Joe, he was always making everyone around him laugh. We all have so many great memories of Joe. He was always eager to lend a helping hand. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Gary, Renae and Eli Rowe** - September 14, 2009 at 09:34 AM

TA

“ *Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts and prayers are with JoLynn and her family.*

**Terry and Faye Allen** - September 14, 2009 at 09:12 AM

EL

“ *So sorry for your loss, Joe was a good friend and a good person. He will be greatly missed. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts during this most difficult time.*

**Edwin Loitz** - September 14, 2009 at 09:01 AM

CW

“ *Joe will be sorely missed. It was always a pleasure to see his smiling face. He was always quick to jump in and help when needed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

**Chris Wood** - September 14, 2009 at 08:43 AM

TH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all friends and family at this difficult time. I am grateful that I got the chance of knowing such a wonderful person!*  
*Tony, Cindy, Ella*

**Tony and Cindy Hawk** - September 13, 2009 at 10:34 PM

TF

“ *We want to send our condolences to the Crawford family. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers through this very difficult time. Joe was a true friend, and was loved by many! With much love Jason, Lanette, Anngelique, Lil' Jason, and Jadon!!*

**The Gonzales Family** - September 13, 2009 at 10:07 PM

FW

*“ our thoughts and prayers go out to the crawford family. joe you were a good man, a good father and a good friend to me and my family! we will truley miss you! see ya in the big deer lease in the sky someday buddy!*

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**FLOYD,ROBIN AND GARRETT WILDER** - September 13, 2009 at 07:03 PM

JC

*“ Dear Crawford Family, we indeed have lost a great friend. Please accept our condolences and prayers. We are here for you if we can be of help.*

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**John and Sue Collins** - September 13, 2009 at 06:15 PM

CB

*“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Crawford family and many friends. Joe was a great friend to have and will be greatly missed.*

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**Craig and Heather Barnes** - September 13, 2009 at 03:43 PM

JU

*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Crawford family. Joe left us with a lot of happy memories and will be deeply missed forever!!!*

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**Joe and Cindy Underwood** - September 13, 2009 at 12:36 PM

BS

*“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Crawford family. Please accept our deepest condolences. Joe was a fine man; and a friend. Teri and I will miss him.*

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**Ben & Teri Stanford** - September 13, 2009 at 12:04 PM

JW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family .Joe was a great man and will be truly missed. James Wooten*

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**james wooten** - September 13, 2009 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ *We just want you all to know that we love you all and are praying for all of you. We loved Joe so much! He will be greatly missed! He was such a wonderful wonderful man!*

*All our love,  
Joey, Angie, Macie-Jo & Makala*

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**The Rowe Family** - September 13, 2009 at 11:09 AM