



Joe Jackson Gulley

January 7, 1942 - March 29, 2012

Joe Jackson Gulley, age 70, was born in Prescott, Arkansas on January 7, 1942, and passed away suddenly but peacefully on March 29, 2012. He spent most of his life in Reader, Chidester and Camden, Arkansas, but lived the last six years in Conroe, Texas at Carriage Inn. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Ewell and Polly Gulley. He is survived by his loving sister Harriet (Gulley) Kerr, Brother-in-Law Bob Kerr and wife Trish, Nephew Bobby Kerr and wife Kim and their son Colton, Nephew Mickey Kerr and wife Dee, Great Niece Courtney Kerr and Great Nephew Mickey Kerr Jr. Joe attended High School in Chidester and lived on White Oak Lake for many years. He retired from 13 years of employment with International Paper Company in Gurdon in 2000. He had various other employers before that time. His residence was in Camden before moving to Conroe to be near his sister and other family members after his mother passed away. Joe was a very special person with a child-like innocence which endeared him to all who knew him. He lived in a world he didn't fully comprehend but even though his world was small, he was very passionate about the things that were important to him. He never met a stranger and telling someone about his latest event or interest was something he did with much joy and enthusiasm. He loved his family, his many friends and the staff at Carriage Inn and all the many activities there. He particularly loved bingo, arts and crafts, spelling bee and his favorite of all, Wii bowling. He took great pride in the fact that he had been on the championship team of the Wii bowling tournament and had also bowled the highest individual score.

He had on several occasions, bowled a perfect game and loved showing his trophies to any and all who showed the slightest interest. One of his other great loves was country music, mostly the legends. Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, George Jones and Elvis were among his favorites and he could sing along and knew all the words to every song. He enjoyed a trip to Graceland where he collected lots of Elvis memorabilia. He treasured his Elvis coin collection which represented every movie he ever made. Joe traveled to Galveston and Kemah, Moody Gardens, NASA, Blue Bell Creamery, Houston Zoo, and much of the Museum District as well as many other places with his Carriage Inn family. Stopping for lunch someplace was always a highlight of the trip. He also traveled with family to Branson, San Antonio and Las Vegas where he took his first plane ride and where much to his delight was able to see Elvis on every street corner. Cruises to anywhere were something he especially loved. There was always the prized T-shirt to bring home and add to his collection of many. Friends and family had a wonderful time celebrating Joe's 70th birthday in January at Incredible Pizza where he was thrilled by the excitement of all the games and prizes. The party theme was "Elvis", of course. Seeing him experience such happiness and joy was something we will remember and cherish always. Celebrating holidays as well as other occasions was so special for him. In the summer he loved riding the jet ski on Lake Conroe with his nephews. Of course the most fun for him was relating it to his captive audience at any given time. He had a wonderful hearty laugh and very broad smile and a personality to win the hearts of all who knew him. We will miss him more than words can say. The family wishes to thank the kind, caring staff at Carriage Inn for making Joe's last years there truly a home that he never wanted to be far away from. A very special thanks also to Heather and Comfort Keepers. Joe will be returned to his beloved Arkansas to rest beside his many relatives and friends and eternally into the arms of God. You are invited to leave a memorial condolence to his family on our website at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Jackson Gulley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We are so so sorry for the loss of Joe. He was well liked around here he used to come and visit with us everyweek or so when he was here.He will be missed my evryonr who knew him. R.I.P. We know your telling a story up there.*

JAMES & WILMA PETTIT - April 08, 2012 at 07:34 PM



“ *I was a friend of joe during his young years at reader. I saw and played with him everweek end.That is when i visited my grandparents W C Tunnell and Lillian.We had many a fun summer at Reader with our friends. I wish I could have seen him one more time. I know you will miss him very much. As Ever Peck Oliver*

james oliver - April 08, 2012 at 03:38 PM



“ *Harriet,
I cannot tell you how much we will miss seeing Joe at Carrige Inn. He never failed to give us a big grin whenever we saw him. Mom and Dad always told us how much he enjoyed playing bingo and bowling, and as he was already living there when they moved in, he seemed like a permanent fixture. We will think of him everytime we visit.*

You were a great sister!

Love from all of us,

Adria and Bonnie Bey, Don and Vera price

Adrian and Bonnie Bey and Don and Vera Price - April 08, 2012 at 02:26 PM

JG

“ Words alone can never convey the emotions I have felt over the passing of a lifetime friend, someone I can never remember a day not knowing. My daddy passed away in 1976 (36 yrs. ago), he had ran Chidester Gulf for years, and that was where Jr., Ms. Polly and Joe "traded" in Chidester, and Joe was always one of the many that would "hang-around" the station, and the tales and stories are never ending, and have flooded my mind in the last few days since I heard of his passing. I can simply offer my heartfelt condolences, to his family, and to my friend Joe I say "Godspeed", and I know he is in the presence of Jesus Christ, and has reunited with his beloved mom and dad, and all his friends from the Chidester-Reader-Bluff City area that have gone before him....till we see each other again.....

John, Denise, & Cherity Guess - April 04, 2012 at 01:30 PM

JR

“ What a great tribute and story of the life of such a great all around tender-hearted guy. Reading that made me smile especially about the Wii Bowling. I can see him smiling and swinging that Wii controller right now. I just wanted you to know Harriet Ann what a special guy Joe was to me and all of our side of the family from my grandmother down to me. He will be greatly missed especially by you and your family but find comfort in knowing that he's in a place now where there are no disabilities, hurt, or pain. There is nothing there but perfection and Joe is now a part of that perfection. God has gained a tremendous saint and a new competitor to bowl against I'm sure. I can truly say that we are all better people for being able to be a part of Joe's life and for knowing him. God bless you all and please let us know of any memorials/services that you will be having back home. We would be honored to attend if you do.
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Joshua "Bo" Rumph - April 04, 2012 at 11:28 AM

CK

“ Grandmother,
That truly was a beautiful tribute to Joe. You made the last six years of his life unforgettable when you moved him to Conroe to be closer to everyone. You let him experience so many different things and he was so lucky to have you as such a loving sister. I remember seeing his face light up as he told the stories of the trips you took him on. Our holidays will definately not be the same without Joe around, but we will always remember his loving laughter and smile. I love you!
Love, Courtney

Courtney Kerr - April 03, 2012 at 02:38 PM

CS

“ Harriet,
So Sorry to hear about Joe , our prayers are with you and your family at this time .

Chuck Sponer

Chuck Sponer - April 03, 2012 at 10:18 AM

SH

“ Harriet Ann,
Such a beautiful tribute. My prayers are with you.

Sarah

Sarah Pfeifer Hixson - April 03, 2012 at 10:14 AM

BB

“ *To all of Joe's loving family.*

The obituary was a beautiful tribute to Joe and portrayed the love of his family. We all shall miss him but, rest assured, he was a very happy man because of you. I feel privileged to have known him.

With love,

Betty Britt

Betty Britt - April 02, 2012 at 09:24 PM

BF

“ *GULLY,GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME,,I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU MUST MISS JOEY, I STILL EXPECT TO HEAR YOU TELL TALES OF YOU AND JOEYS'TRIPS,WE CAN EXPECT LOTS MORE THUNDER WITH OUR RAINS AS I AM SURE JOEY WILL BE BOWLING ALREADY AND LOOKING TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIS 300 GAME, STAY HAPPY AS JOEY WOULD WISH, COACH,*

BILL FITCH - April 02, 2012 at 05:43 PM

SH

“ *Dear "Miss Grandmother", I am so sorry that your sweet brother is no longer here to brighten your days. Thank you so much for the beautiful story that you told of his life. I could feel the love and compassion that you felt for "Uncle Joe" just reading your story. You are a beautiful person, inside and out, and a TRUE blessing to Uncle Joe. He could not have been blessed with a better sister. You put your heart and soul into being with him and bringing him joy. May you be filled with God's peace which surpasses all understanding and find comfort in knowing Uncle Joe will now be looking down on you. Lots of Love, Sharon*

Sharon Harrison - April 02, 2012 at 03:56 PM