



## Joe "Bear" Harold Breeden Jr.

January 21, 1949 - May 28, 2013

Joe Harold Breeden known and loved by so many as "BEAR", a beloved husband, brother, father, step-father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend entered the kingdom of heaven May 24th 2013. Joe was born in Gladewater, Texas on January 21, 1949 to Joe Harold Breeden and Mary Helen Breeden. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, step-father, and grandparents. Survived by his wife Carrolyn Ann Breeden, sister: Mary Katheryn Beckham & husband James , Children: Helen Jo Wright & husband George, Raymond Joe Breeden & wife Cathy, Forrest Allen Breeden, Holly Ann Downs & husband Jason, Clint Anthony Bennett & wife Jennie, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Joe and Carrolyn have spent many years as residents of Willis, Texas where they are very active in their community. Joe wore many hats including: Willis First United Methodist Church Trustee committee member, Board member of CIA of Shadow Bay, First Vice President of HOO-HOO International, Second Vice President of Lumber Men's Association of TX, Montgomery Co. Fair Association member, Member of Liars Depot BBQ cook-off team, and was an Eagle Scout for the Boy Scouts of America. Joe graduated from Snyder High School in 1967. He then attended Stephen F. Austin earning a Bachelor's degree in Forestry. He immediately joined the workforce as a plant manager of a lumber treatment plant. This sparked his life-time dedication to the lumber industry, where he formed many life-long friendships. As an active member of his church, Joe and Carrolyn have a large church family and a number of close friends in the

Shadow Bay Social Network. Joe loved the Lord, his family, friends and the great outdoors. He was happiest when he was fishing, hunting, and traveling abroad with family and friends. He fought the good fight and will be missed by many. Services will be held Tuesday, May 28, at First United Methodist Church at 200 N. Thomason St. in Willis, TX at 11:09am. There will be a light lunch reception immediately following the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to HOO-HOO International, or the American Diabetes Association in memory of Joe Harold Breeden. Written condolences may be left on the website of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home – Willis at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe "Bear" Harold Breeden Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Ray,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Connie & David Dockendorff** - June 01, 2013 at 01:10 PM



“ *Dear Carrolyn and Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this most difficult time. It is obvious by all that's been shared that Bear was a man of great character, a wonderful father, husband, and friend. May you find comfort in the Lords Hands. Sincerely, Jesse Esbeck.*

**Jesse Esbeck** - May 30, 2013 at 03:41 PM



“ *Carrolyn, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you. Brenda and Eddie Hudson*

**Brenda and Eddie Hudson** - May 29, 2013 at 06:17 PM



“ *Dear Carrolyn, we are so sorry for your loss. Bear will be missed by many, we will pray for you and your family. May God be with you. Sincerly, Cameron McCuller*

**Cameron McCuller** - May 29, 2013 at 12:30 PM

TK

“ Carolyn and family, you are in our prayers. We will truly miss Bear. We have an angel in heaven watching over us.

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**Terry & Kathy** - May 28, 2013 at 07:31 PM

BS

“ Dear Carrolyn,  
We are so saddened by the loss of your "bigger than life" husband. We are honored that we got to spend time with him at last year's Hoo-Hoo Cruise. We will never forgot him shouting the "chat" hundreds of times throughout the week, successfully recruiting fellow passengers who didn't have a clue but wanted to join in the fun. He will be missed. We send you love & strength.

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**Bethany & Sandy Sawyer** - May 28, 2013 at 11:49 AM

CS

“ Dear Carrolyn and Family,  
I am praying that God will give you peace and comfort in this sad time. I was so blessed by Joe; his positive attitude and friendship meant a great deal to me. I always enjoyed spending time with you both.  
May the Lord bless you all!  
With love,  
Chris

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**Chris Strong** - May 28, 2013 at 10:12 AM

KM

“ Carrolyn and family,  
I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved BEAR. Please know that you are in my heart, my thoughts, and my prayers.

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**Katina Marshall** - May 28, 2013 at 09:32 AM

MS

“ *Carrolyn and family, I only knew Bear for a short time, but he always had a warm smile and a friendly hello. Although I didn't know him well, I knew he was a great man with a great sense of humor! He will be greatly missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Maribeth Start** - May 28, 2013 at 09:32 AM

BW

“ *Carolyn,*

*My heart goes out to you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of Bear's passing. May your wonderful, beautiful memories bring you comfort and peace.*

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**Brenda Williams** - May 28, 2013 at 09:19 AM

GB

“ *Carrolyn, your friends at GP/Bluelinx send our thoughts and prayers to you during this time of loss. We all have very fond memories of Bear and he most definitely will be missed. May the Lord guide you through these difficult times.*

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**Geoffrey Bond** - May 28, 2013 at 08:24 AM

FO

“ Our deepest sympathy are with you and your family. Eternal rest has been granted to your Dad, The Lord will shine the perpetual light upon him.

*May his faithful soul depart through the mercy of God, may he rest in peace...*

YBIC

*Larry & Rebekah*

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**Forrest** - May 27, 2013 at 10:46 PM

BM

“ Carrolyn, I was so saddened to hear of Joe's passing. While I know there will be many tears shed and sadness in many hearts, Joe will always be remembered as a great sportsman, fisherman, hunter, husband, familyman .... but to me he will always be remembered as "A Great Friend"

*Please know that during this time of grief, you have more support than one can possibly imagine.*

*I feel so blessed today to be able to say that I knew "Bear" and that he was a friend !*

*Warmest regards,*

*Brian Makins*

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**Brian Makins** - May 27, 2013 at 09:47 PM

BA

“ *Carrolyn... my heart is so sad today as I hear of Bear's passing. Please know that you and all of your family members are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this next season of your life. God will see you through. With many blessings and love.*  
*Barbara Bridges*

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**Barbara** - May 27, 2013 at 02:37 PM

TR

“ *Carolyn, The Rocha family's thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I enjoyed the times I spent with you and Joe and I consider myself lucky to have been able to call him "friend". Bear will be missed by so many...*

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**Tony Rocha** - May 27, 2013 at 10:11 AM

JM

“ *Carolyn - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss ~ Bear was a fine man who always had a kind word and a great smile every time he was in our presence. May God grant you peace and comfort.*

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**Jr, Linda, and Lindley Mock** - May 26, 2013 at 11:00 PM

BB

“ *Dear Ray, you are in my prayers. I know the feeling you are experiencing. My Dad is also in heaven. The memories will carry you forward.*  
*All My Love*  
*Brenda Bates*

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**Brenda Bates** - May 26, 2013 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ *From all of us at McCoy's, our heartfelt condolences to the Breeden family. Joe was always so very engaging and supportive of those around him...he will be missed. We share in your grief. Sincerely, Brian McCoy.*

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**Brian McCoy** - May 26, 2013 at 12:40 PM