



## Joe Roland Watts

July 8, 1943 - April 9, 2015

Joe Roland Watts, born July 8, 1943, passed away in Conroe Regional Medical Center on April 9, 2015, after a brave year and half battle with skin and lung cancer. After surviving several surgeries, radiation treatment, and chemotherapy that resulted in kidney failure, it was Joe's heart attack that caused his wife, Pat, to have him rushed to the emergency room on the night of April 7th. Unfortunately, Joe never regained consciousness, and he died on Thursday, April 9th, with Pat and other family members at his side.

Joe was born in Del Rio, Texas, the son of Frances Elizabeth (Dodson) and Joseph Raymond Watts. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son Darrell R. Watts, and son-in-law Doug Clodfelter. Joe graduated from Austin High School in El Paso, Texas, and entered the Marine Corps Reserve in 1962. After initial training at Twentynine Palms, California, he served in the 40th Rifle Company in Lubbock, Texas. He attained the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1968. He graduated from Texas Technical College with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in 1966. Upon graduation, he served as an accountant for the City of Lubbock, Texas, until 1968, when he joined the City of Wichita Falls, Texas, as Chief Accountant. In 1971, he left Wichita Falls as the Director of Finance to take the same position at the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority (GCWDA) in the Clear Lake City area of Houston, Texas. Joe's interest in computers grew with their application to business finance and he made a career shift to become a specialist in information technology. After creating the information systems

group, he left GCWDA for a brief period to live in Breckenridge, Colorado, returning in 1978 to lead GCWDA's information systems group until his retirement in 2009.

As a man of great character, enduring strength, and unbounding love for family, friends, and people in general, Joe will be remembered for his friendly smile, positive attitude, and loyalty and generosity to his friends. He was an accomplished photographer and avid golfer. But since his retirement, the activity he enjoyed most was touring Texas and the United States with Pat and their schnauzer, Missy, in their motor coach. When possible, they liked to leave in May, travel their mapped route, and return home in the fall to share the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family and friends. They have visited 28 of the 50 states and made so many new friends along the way. Going to Escapee and Thousand Trail Rallies cemented their close relationship with other RV travelers.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Patricia Cummins Heugel Watts, his sister, Sandra Watts Lawrence and her husband, Brian Lawrence, and their children Sharon Lawrence Goodwin, Scott Lawrence, and Philip Lawrence; his daughter, Shawn Watts Clodfelter; step-daughter Julie Heugel Guthrie and her husband, Tom Guthrie, and their children, Melissa Guthrie and Daniel Guthrie; step-son Billy Heugel and his wife, Kim Shields Heugel, his children, Blake Heugel, Bobby Heugel, Bradley Heugel and his wife Sorayda Heugel and her children, Alayna and Natalie, Brandon Heugel and wife Shannon Ditta Heugel and their son Branson Heugel.

Pat Watts and family would like to invite Joe's friends to a reception to celebrate his life at 2 PM on Saturday, May 2nd, at The Village Golf Club, 73 Greenbriar Drive, Conroe, Texas 77304. In lieu of other remembrances, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Village Golf Club  
73 Greenbriar Dr.  
Conroe, TX 77304

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Roland Watts*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *.Joe was a friend of ours for many years he was a gentle man who loved to be outside and travelling with Pat and his many friends including us, I remember one trip to Big Bend national park. HE showed us places we didn't know existed, We will never forget Joe , Alan & Janet Broughton.*

**alan broughton** - April 16, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ *Gary and Nancy Miller send their sympathy to Pat as Joe was one of Nancy's five first cousins. Joe spanked Nancy when she turned 18 in Del Rio, which has left an indelible memory for the love and caring they had. Joe and Pat visited Nancy and Gary in Billings Montana in 2013. We had a wonderful time going over many memories. Joe will really be missed by all who knew him. We are deeply saddened by the loss of a dear cousin and friend. Pat keep God first and foremost at all times. remember you are always welcome at our home. Gary and Nancy Miller*



**Gsry and Nancy Miller** - April 14, 2015 at 09:58 PM

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“ I worked with Joe for many years at GCWDA and we played many rounds of golf on courses in a few states. He peaked my interest in computers which turned out to be my profession. I will always be thankful for his support. He was always a good friend and fun to be around. He will be missed by many.

Phil Cayton - April 14, 2015 at 09:50 PM

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“ Sue Crommelin and Paul Dell purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Joe Roland Watts.



Sue Crommelin and Paul Dell - April 14, 2015 at 07:03 PM

 Mark Hesse

“ We love you Joe!!! Thanks for all of your RV help over the years!!!

Mark Hesse - April 14, 2015 at 05:36 PM

CA

“ Joe was always such a delightful man. He, along with Patty attended our family reunion in Aurora, Il every year and took a group picture which we framed and display, only missing last year because of his illness. He was quite an accomplished photographer and will be missed by everyone in his extended family. We will toast your good journey, Joe!!  
Our live to your family, Carole, Andy Arlikas and family.

Carole Arliskas - April 13, 2015 at 08:02 PM

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*For all those that knew and loved Joe may join us in spirit for Joe's Irish wake to be held in our minds beginning now and lasting indefinitely.*

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**Carole Arliskas** - April 13, 2015 at 08:07 PM