



Joseph Russell Lapetina

September 10, 1930 - January 10, 2014

Joseph "Russell" Lapetina Born September 10, 1930 in Houston Texas, Joseph "Russell" Lapetina was raised by his loving parents John and Pauline Lapetina. As a young boy Russell worked on his uncle's peanut farm in Katy, Texas where he developed a strong work ethic and a great love of the outdoors. After graduating from Regan High School in Houston, Russell attended Sam Houston State University where he met the love of his life Frances Allison. Russell left college to join the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and married Frances that same year. After the sudden death of his father he left the Air Force to help his Mother raise his two younger siblings Barbara and Marcella. Russell worked for the Railroad by day and played in a band at night in order to earn money to support his family. Several years later Russell went to work for Dresser Industries as shipping coordinator where he traveled the world arranging international commerce. After retiring from Dresser, Russell and Frances moved to Huntsville to be close to their daughter Grace and grandchildren Brent and Allison. He also cherished the time he spent with his granddaughter Angela who lived with him while attending college. One of Russell's passions in life was helping raise his grandchildren and playing music on his saxophone and clarinet. Russell dearly loved his family and was passionate about their wellbeing and happiness. On Sunday January 5, 2014 Russell was called to heaven. He is preceded in death by his parents John Lewis Lapetina and Pauline Wilkinson Lapetina. Russell is survived by his wife of 62 years Frances Allison Lapetina, son Joseph Russell Lapetina II and

wife Marguerite with children, Joseph Russell Lapetina III and Angela Slaughter; by his daughter Grace Bass and husband Keith with children Allison Bass and Brent Bass. He is also survived by his two sisters Barbara Scruggs and Marcella Swinson as well as 5 great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. Funeral service will be held Friday, January 10, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas with interment to follow in Allison Cemetery, Warren, Texas. Mr. Lapetina will lie in state Thursday, January 9, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Russell Lapetina*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *We are thinking of you all at this time. Prayers for peace and comfort.*

Skip and Lisa Swackhamer - January 12, 2014 at 12:56 PM



“ *Keith and Grace, it was great pleasure to be with your father at the Lexington these last few months. He was a kind gentle soul who loved everyone. He would jump up and open doors for people and look after everyone as if they were his own. Mr. Lapetina (so lovingly called, brought joy to all the residents. What a blessing he was to all. He will be missed. God Bless, and it has been a blessing for you to share this kind gentlemen with us. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Connie

Connie Murdock - January 10, 2014 at 10:08 AM



“ *Lapetina's - so sorry for your loss of Poppa, he was a sweetheart to Trey & I & raised 2 awesome children. I know you will miss him everyday, praying for peace. Love to you all. Stephanie*

Stephanie Robinson - January 10, 2014 at 10:07 AM

DP

“ *May God wrap His loving arms around the entire family at this sad time. May He give you peace, comfort and rest. Please know that my family is praying for you. Love, Donna Paschall*

Donna Paschall - January 09, 2014 at 09:26 PM

GJ

“ *To Allison,*

You have gone above and beyond in the last several years with your grandparents. Although your grandfather was ill and away from home for the last few years, I know your presence in their home was a great comfort to him while he was there. He adored you, and I hope you always carry that in your heart.

Please contact me when you have time.

Gail Jenkins

Your "adopted" aunt

Gail Jenkins - January 08, 2014 at 08:10 PM

GJ

“ Grace, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I first met your father at your 1981 wedding, and was around him during the construction of your home, and later during the construction of your parent's home. He was a delightful man who was a pleasure to know.

Your dad was a such a good son to his mother, and like him, you have been such a thoughtful and caring daughter to your parents. You and Keith have been very attentive, and I know your father was thrilled to have your children grow up just down the street.

Best wishes to your family.

Gail & James Jenkins

Gail & James Jenkins - January 08, 2014 at 08:02 PM

DT

“ Grace, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I don't think I ever met your dad, however, I felt like I knew him and your mom from everything you said about them. He is bound to have been a wonderful person judging from what his daughter is like. Take care and may God wrap his loving arms around you and your family. Love you.

Dorothea Tarver - January 08, 2014 at 06:33 PM

TM

“ My condolences to all of the Lapetina and extended family. I am so very sorry for your loss. His presence will be missed by so many. I described Russell to a friend yesterday as one of the best people to ever walk this earth. He was kind, loving, generous, jovial and all around wonderful, incredible man. I hope you all will find comfort in your many memories and that you find more peace and strength with each passing day.

Terri Michelle - January 08, 2014 at 04:55 PM

GG

“ Grace - please know that the Green and Jolly families in Dallas are thinking of you and your family, especially your mom, at this difficult time. Your dad was one in a million: just the nicest, kindest and most generous soul one could ever meet. There is no way I could reflect on my childhood in Candlelight Oaks without fond reminisces of your dad. You were blessed to have such a special man for your dad; let your memories be a comfort to you.

We love you and your mom.

Gail Green - January 08, 2014 at 03:54 PM

DV

“ Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Frances Lapetina, and family from Russell's friends Beba Nuno, Herlinda Partida and Dr. Santos Luis Villar at Villar and Associates, Houston, Texas. His spirit will forever be remembered.

Dr. Santos Villar - January 08, 2014 at 02:02 PM

TE

“ Grace, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.....Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his presences continually.

Tami Elliott - January 07, 2014 at 06:15 PM

MJ

“ Dearest Grace and family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. God's love and peace be with you.

Mrs. J. - January 07, 2014 at 03:49 PM

DG

“ Russell/Grace, we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Heaven just received another angel. We love you.

David and Beverly Gilley - January 07, 2014 at 10:43 AM

RJ

“ Grace and Keith,
Sorry to hear about Russell passing. We sure enjoyed the visits with him - thought he was fun! Your in our thoughts and prayers. Roland

Roland Jenkins - January 06, 2014 at 01:17 PM

PB

“ Dearest Grace,
We sure love you and will continue to lift you up to the Lord. You are very special to us. paul b.

Paul Bozzo - January 06, 2014 at 08:01 AM