



Joseph Alan Stivers

January 20, 1948 - October 15, 2008

Joseph Alan Stivers, of Huntsville, passed away on Friday, October 10 at the age of 60. Joe was born on January 20, 1948 to Frank and Elizabeth Stivers. Joe grew up in Houston, spending his teenage years in Hamburg, Germany, Zurich and Fribourg, Switzerland. He attended Wharton Junior College and Sam Houston State University, studying journalism. Joe began his career in the food and beverage industry with Holiday Inn. His interests led him to tap into his writing skills to create the "Huntsville After Dark" column in the Huntsville Item, featuring local restaurants and clubs. Joe worked for Kansas City Life Insurance Company before entering the real estate business, which would become his lifelong career. He worked with several real estate brokers, including Bob Deniger and Joe Boaz, before establishing Joe Stivers and Associates. He later purchased and served as the Principal Broker of Elkins Lake Real Estate, LLC. Joe was a member of the Huntsville Board of Realtors. Community involvement was also very important to Joe. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, being elected President in 1998; graduated in the first class of the Huntsville Leadership Institute. He served as the chairman of the Annual Lobster Fiesta for many years. As a Rotarian, Joe was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Engaged in local, state, and national politics, he was elected the Republican Party Chairman for Walker County in 1980 and served until the early nineties, attending several state and national Republican conventions. In 1997, Governor George W. Bush, appointed him to the Texas Commission for Law Enforcement Standards and Education

(TCLEOSE). Governor Rick Perry reappointed Joe to serve on the Commission until his term expired in 2007. Joe enjoyed researching Stivers genealogy, studying Texas history, particularly the Alamo and Sam Houston. His hero was John Wayne. His favorite pastime was spending time at the beach with family and friends. Joe is survived by Maria Teresa (Terry) Torres Stivers, his wife of 32 years, his son, Alexander Torres Stivers, of Austin, and Sonya Kay Holder, daughter, and her husband Jerry of San Antonio; grandchildren Justin, Madeleine and Drew Holder. He is also survived by Eileen Callaway, sister, of Boulder, CO; nephew Christopher Scott Callaway and his wife Christina of Broomfield, CO, and their son, Quinn Dawson Callaway; niece Marisa Callaway and her husband Matt Buckner of Boulder, CO. Joe is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Laurette Stivers. A visitation service will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a 'Time of Remembrance' gathering starting at 7:00. A Memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Huntsville on Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial, c/o TCLEOSE, 6330 US Highway 290 East, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78723 Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Alan Stivers*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Terry, I am so sorry about Joe. What a great guy! And what a successful life!*

And marriage...Who knew what we were starting all those years ago with the Huntsville Single Professionals. Please accept my sincere condolences.

karen

Karen Fabre - November 29, 2008 at 08:51 AM



“ *Terry - I recently learned of Joe's untimely passing. I had the pleasure of working with him through my association with TCLEOSE. He was a great husband, father, Texan, a great Rotarian, and a friend to Law Enforcement. He will be truly missed. May God bless you and your family in your time of grief.*

Bill Avera - November 20, 2008 at 05:34 PM



“ *Terry, I was so surprised and shocked to read of Joe's death. It is a hard adjustment to live without your spouse but with God's help we adjust. My prayers are with you.*

Joe will be missed by many. He invited me to my first Walker County Republican Party meeting in 1983 and ever since our lives have touched through out the years.

Patricia

Patricia G Hawes-Hipps - November 11, 2008 at 06:35 PM

RH

“ Terry, I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I truly enjoyed the 7 years I served with him on the TCLEOSE Commission. He was an honorable Texan and a friend to law enforcement. May God bless you and your son.

Ray Hunt - October 18, 2008 at 03:45 PM

PS

“ Dear Terry, I'm so very sorry to hear about Joe's unexpected death. I'm sure it is a great loss to you and your family. I hope it is some comfort to you to know that his many friends from AISZ are greatly saddened by his loss. We appreciate his efforts to organize our reunions. But more so we remember his friendship and help in adjusting to our new enviroment when we had just arrived in Zurich. The guidance of a veteran ex pat was very important in accomadating to a very different way of life for a group of teenagers from a small sheltered Midwest town like Midland, MI. Thanks to him for all he did. Phil Stroebel AISZ 1967

Phil Stroebel - October 16, 2008 at 06:24 PM

TF

“ We wish to send condolences to the Stivers family on their loss. We rent one of Joe's houses, and he has been a fine landlord. I called him just a couple of months back to ask his advice on a separate matter, and he was very generous with his time. Even though we didn't know Joe well, we are not at all surprised to read all these fine things about him on this web site.

the Grant family - October 16, 2008 at 11:35 AM

LK

“ Dear Terry and Alex,
The outpouring of sympathy from all the Zurich high school alumni has been swift and unceasing. You are both in all our thoughts and prayers.
Lindsey Kroll and Irene Hickey

Lindsey Kroll - October 15, 2008 at 10:17 PM

SM

“ My heart goes out to you Terry! What a shock to hear this sad news soon after making another great connection with you and Joe at the AISZ reunion in San Francisco. I have always thought of Joe as one of the warmest, most sincere men I have known. What a huge loss for you and all the family and friends! My thoughts are with you.
Susan

Susan (Jensen) Mitchell - October 15, 2008 at 09:49 PM

SM

“ Mrs. Stivers and Alex,

Some things in life seem unfair and abrupt. My heart aches for both of you-- I can't even imagine what you are going through. I am thinking and praying for you during this sad time. But life is like a photograph-- we develop from the negatives. And someone up there is watching you, remembering him.

Shana Moore - October 15, 2008 at 07:25 PM

TM

“ Terry my thoughts are prayers are with you. Sorry for your loss.

Tyrone Morgan - October 15, 2008 at 02:07 PM

AJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Art has fond memories of Joe and he was so nice to me when I volunteered at the Statue. Joe will be missed by many in so many different ways.

Art and Jeannine Jacoby - October 15, 2008 at 12:59 PM

AS

“ Terry, I was shocked when I saw Joe;s obituary in the Austin paper. Bless you and Alex. I know how it feels to lose a loved one, and my heart goes out to you. You and Alex, and yes Joe will be added to my prayer list. Love, Adele

Adele Simpson - October 15, 2008 at 12:56 PM

CC

“ Alex,

I was sad to hear about your father's death. He was so well liked within the community. This is going to be a hard time for you and your family and I wanted to let you know that all of you will be in my prayers.

*Carol Cooper (Mrs. C.)
SHSU Mass Communciation Dept.*

Carol Cooper - October 15, 2008 at 12:00 PM

JA

“ We at Huntsville Air Conditioning will surely miss Joe; just talked to him a few weeks ago when he was in California. I wouldn't have ever thought that would be our last conversation. He was always so pleasant to deal with, always treated his tenants with respect; they never complained. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Janet Gunn, Huntsville A/C - October 15, 2008 at 11:50 AM

SV

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was such a nice man, very pleasant to do business with. I know you and your family will miss him.. I am sure Vic will grieve him as well. Please let us know if I can be of help with Vic during this time.

Steph @ Magnolia Kennel

Stephenie Anderson Vallie - October 15, 2008 at 10:58 AM

KS

“ Dear Terry, Eileen and all the Stivers family,

Our sympathy and loving concern go out to all of you on the loss of Joe. He was a fine, caring man and our community will miss him in so many ways.

May you find the strength and peace to carry you through the difficult days ahead.

*Love,
Kelley and Anne Sigler*

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Kelley and Anne Sigler - October 15, 2008 at 09:37 AM

JM

“ *Terry, Alex, Sonya, and Family*

We are very sorry about the passing of Mr Stivers. We have heard so much about him, from our daughter, and, of course, from Alex. May Our Heavenly Father watch over all of you, every moment of your lives'.

Alex, we love it when you are here with us; I hope you come visit us very soon.

Terry, you have a wonderful son. We consider him "the son we never had", and we are so blessed he is in our daughter's life. Joe and myself, hope to meet you, Terry, very soon. Come visit us anytime in Corpus Christi, and please know you are in our prayers. I have scheduled a Mass for Mr Stivers, at Most Precious Blood Church, here in Corpus Christi, on November 22.

He will always be in our hearts.

Joe and Adelina Morales

Joe and Adelina Morales - October 14, 2008 at 07:41 PM

KW

“ *Dear Terry and Alex, Words cannot convey how truly saddened Bob, Matt, Colleen and I are at your loss. Joe was one of the first persons I met when I moved to Huntsville in 1984. Alex and Matt started preschool together and over the years became good friends. Bob and I recall fondly the great times we had together. May God bless you and comfort you with wonderful memories of a loving husband and father who gave much to his family and community.*

Kathy Walt - October 14, 2008 at 04:37 PM

BM

“ Our hearts are heavy with the loss of your beloved husband and father. Joe Stivers was no ordinary man but one who cared for his work and the contributions he had made. But more important he cared deeply for his family. There are many in this world who could learn much from Joseph but the Lord has called him home because he is needed. If anything, I know that Joe would not want anyone grieving for his loss but have more of a celebration for his life. He was a good father and good man. There are many who would do well just to stand in his shadow. If Leslie or I can provide anything that you may need you merely need to ask. We will be there...

Bill & Leslie Michaelson - October 14, 2008 at 02:31 PM

WG

“ It was my pleasure to know Mr. Stivers as a Commissioner for TCLEOSE. I retired in 2000 but had the opportunity to work with Mr. Stivers on several occasions. I appreciated his work and active participation as a Commissioner. I am very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by the law enforcement community.

Wayne Green - October 14, 2008 at 02:27 PM

MB

“ To the Stivers family, Joe was such a great man, leader, mentor, advisor, and much more. He will be missed. I know many of us feel blessed to have known him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Melissa Kimbrough Beardsley - October 14, 2008 at 01:29 PM

JM

“ Dear Terry and family,
I am so sorry for all of you. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. I have never met you, Alex or Sonya, but I feel I know you through my many conversations with Terry. I hope the love you share as a family will help sustain you and that your memories bring you peace.

Jacky Mirabal - October 14, 2008 at 01:17 PM

DB

“ Terry,

I am sorry to hear about your loss. Although I did not know Joe, reading about him on this website it is obvious that he touched the lives of many. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this trying time.

Darren

Darren Burris - October 14, 2008 at 12:34 PM

AH

“ Terry,

Me dolió oír las noticias de tu querido compañero. Te extendo mi más sincero pésame a tí y a tu hijo amado. Desgraciadamente en esta vida tenemos que sufrir la pérdida de nuestros seres amados. Recuerda que hace 2 mil años uno que sobrevenció la muerte nos prometió "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida ..." (Juan 11:24-25) Tarde o temprano estaremos juntos a nuestros seres queridos y "Enjugará Dios toda lágrima de los ojos de ellos; y ya no habrá muerte ..." (Apocalipsis 21:4)

Andy Hardwick - October 14, 2008 at 11:05 AM

JC

“ Terry, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Remember that God is able to take care of you no matter what you are going through in life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow. May God bless you and grant you comfort during your loss.

June McAdams Cooper - October 14, 2008 at 09:05 AM

PC

“ I had the honor of setting next to Joe at almost all of the Rotary meetings each Wednesday. He's a gentle spirit who shed light where ever he walked. I will miss him.

Pat Camfield - October 14, 2008 at 08:57 AM

VP

“ To the Stivers Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of such wonderful Christian man. It is hard to understand why God takes someone when he does but God has his plan for Joe.. he is going to be your guardian angel looking over you . May God Bless you during this difficult time.. you are in my prayers

Vicki Pledger - October 13, 2008 at 09:11 PM

BS

“ Dear Terry & Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of bereavement. Please know that God always knows best and a life well lived lingers with us forever. May the memories of Joe's beautiful life serve to offer you comfort and strength.

Bern Sullivan - October 13, 2008 at 08:11 PM

HL

“ Ms Mama Terry and My Precious Alex,

I am so sorry about Pops Stivers. He was so wonderful, and will be the most precious angel watching over you both. I've been praying for you and Alex, constantly.

God Bless You, Both, and I love you very much.

Heather

Heather De Leon - October 13, 2008 at 07:38 PM

GG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was one of the reasons I enjoyed my time with Huntsville Rotary. He was always so friendly and supportive - if I had a rough day, I could count on Joe to greet me with warmth and genuine fellowship. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.*

Gregory Gathright - October 13, 2008 at 05:34 PM

MR

“ *Mrs. Maria Teresa Stivers and Alexander,*

My prayers and thoughts will be with the two of you, always. We are never prepared for a loved ones passing. Alexander, never forget the values your Father and Mother instilled in your life. Which is clearly the reason you are so well-adjusted, humble, kind, hard-working, honest, and so loving to our sweet little angel in Corpus Christi. Take Care of each other, and many blessings and strength to you, both.

Mr and Mrs S Richards - October 13, 2008 at 04:47 PM

RM

“ Terry and Alex, I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a great friend and mentor. I will always appreciate his kindness and encouragement, and his willingness to teach me about the world of politics. I am very grateful for the many opportunities he gave me to serve the Republican Party in Walker County.

Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Russell Martinez - October 13, 2008 at 02:17 PM

DL

“ Alex,

I'm terribly sorry for your loss. I know your dad was always keeping a close watch on everything you did at Sam and beyond. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Dan Landson - October 13, 2008 at 12:31 PM

SS

“ Terry & Alex; Words cannot even begin to describe our feelings about your loss. Joe was such a good person on so many levels. He will be missed not only by you and us but also by the rest of the community. Our thoughts are with you and the rest of the family.

Shelley & Barbara Solow - October 13, 2008 at 11:23 AM

MF

“ There will come a day when the tears of sorrow will softly flow into tears of remembrance...and your heart will begin healing itself...and grieving will be interrupted by episodes of joy...and you will hear the whisper of hope. There will come a day when you will welcome the tears of remembrance...as a sun shower of the soul...a turning of the tide...a promise of peace. There will come a day when you will...risk loving...go on believing...and treasure the tears of remembrance. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the Lord will revive those who have long been dead.”-Isa. 26:19.

Magallon Family - October 13, 2008 at 11:01 AM

SM

“ Dear Terry, I was absolutely devastated to hear of Joe’s death. From the days in 1984 when he supported my participation in the Republican National Convention as a High School student and through my time with the College Station City Council as an Aggie the two of you always graciously treated me as the adult you knew I could become rather than the awkward kid I was. Even when my life plans turned from politics to ministry he didn't turn his back on me. I count Joe as one of the most influential mentors I have had over my lifetime. I am praying for you, your family, the community of Huntsville and the State of Texas. We have all lost a wonderful friend and citizen.

Shannon Bridget Maloney - October 13, 2008 at 10:50 AM

KO

“ Alex, I just wanted to say I am sorry for your family's great loss. I know this is a hard time but I am sure with your great strength your family will get through all of this. I never met your father but I know he lives through you. I am keeping you all in my prayers.

Kaylee OConnor - October 13, 2008 at 10:21 AM

KG

“ Terry.. The Beach Girls were sadden to hear about Joe. We have some great memories of our beach trips, which he always made sure our set up went smooth. We shared some good laughs.

Our prayers and thought for you and family.

Kathy Caldwell & the Beach Girls - October 13, 2008 at 09:35 AM

DE

“ What a fine man. Joe was the epitomy of public service and volunteerism. We can all use him as an example of a great citizen and community leader. It was a privilege and pleasure to know him. My condolences to his family and the community for this great loss.

Dana Eckles - October 13, 2008 at 08:52 AM

MK

“ Terry, Milton and I were very sad to hear of Joe's passing. He was just at our house a week ago and we had a very nice visit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Milton & Peggy Kroesche - October 12, 2008 at 09:27 PM

RH

“ Terry, Connie and I were shocked to hear of Joe's passing. When we moved back to Huntsville two years ago, Joe was the first person we called and his help made the purchase of our home and return to Huntsville so easy. He was a truly great guy and we will miss him. Out hearts go out to you and your family.

Rich and Connie Heiland - October 12, 2008 at 08:26 PM

BW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was a good man. He will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley - October 12, 2008 at 06:14 PM

RE

“ *Terry,
I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a wonderful man and did so much for Huntsville. I will always remember my time with him at the Chamber and in Rotary.
We are praying for you and your family during this very difficult and sad time.*

Rhonda Ellisor - October 12, 2008 at 05:58 PM