



Russell Joseph Crane

August 10, 1943 - December 2, 2006

Russell J. Crane, known as RJ died at his home in Huntsville, Texas on Tuesday, November 21, 2006. He was born August 10, 1943 to Harry R. and Lila Beasley Crane in Sigourney, Iowa. He graduated from Sigourney High School in 1961. Being diagnosed with a rare heart disease he wanted to experience life to the fullest. He had many skills during his lifetime. He was a barber, managed Shakey's Pizza and was a salesman for Lifetime in Iowa. In 1979 he moved to Texas where he was a computer analysis at Wang in the Dallas area, Harbor Master at Kemah, supervisor of Arrowhead, Inc in Baytown and in 2001 he retired and moved to the Huntsville area. He is survived by his wife Annie of Huntsville; daughter Jennifer Trowbridge of the Dallas area; step-daughter Lisa Ann (Bill) Jones; stepson William T. Scarberry, and three step-grandsons of Huntington, West Virginia; sisters Carolyn (Ben) Brinning of Huntsville, Texas; previously of Washington, Iowa, Marcia (Curt) Snitker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Barbara (Barry) Roth of Smithville, Missouri, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and niece Jill Brinning. Because of his strong will and determination he defied all odds until he went home to be with the Lord. A special "Thank You" to Dr. Nabeel Khan for his loving words and care. Our gratitude to Louise, Joann, Deanne and Andrea of A Pineywoods Hospice, Inc. will never be forgotten. In lieu of flowers,, memorials may be made to A Pineywoods Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 1743, Lufkin, Texas 75902 Arrangements are under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial

condolences may be made online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Joseph Crane*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Annie,*

I grew up with Russell in Hayesville Iowa and somehow never kept in contact with him over the years, a fact which I sincerely regret. I had seen him only once or twice since I left Iowa and remember him as a solid and grounded person. I remember all the many times we played together. The time he wrecked his 1938 Buick, which he had inherited from his grandfather, only put a small dent in the roof. I was so upset when he sold it for \$800. I know you must miss him and wish you the warmest condolences for your loss.

John Brinning - December 29, 2006 at 03:59 PM



“ *All of you are in our thoughts & prayers. We are never ready to let our loved ones go. Please know that both of us have always thought a lot of your family as close friends. Take care. Jerome & Vicki*

Jerome & Vicki Damerval - December 07, 2006 at 04:07 PM



“ *It had been way too long since I had seen Uncle Russ, but I can still hear his sincere, sweet voice when I would talk to him on the phone. I always loved to hear his stories. He will be missed. Love, Julie & Greg*

Julie & Greg Weber and family - December 07, 2006 at 02:19 PM

SF

“ May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. One can always be so thankful for the memories we have. That is what we cling to and what will always be so precious to us. Though I had not seen Russell for some time, I know he would have known me as he never forgot family. Much love to you all. (Roy's oldest daughter) PS Both of our sons live in the Mansfield/Fort Worth area. Rodney and Randy if you are in that area.

Shirley Craig & Family - December 05, 2006 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He will be missed. Love Jason

Jason and Ashlee Brinning - December 04, 2006 at 10:56 AM

SW

“ Our thoughts are with you today as you celebrate Uncle Russell's life. He will be missed. Love, Tammie

Stephen and Tammie Wells - December 02, 2006 at 10:16 AM

CS

“ Annie, you are a special person and constantly in our prayers. You made the last few years so special for RJ. RJ was the best big brother ever. From childhood memories of letting me play cowboys (even though I had to stay at camp and cook!) to grownup years of brotherly advice. RJ - I followed you to Cedar Rapids and haven't regretted it a moment since - love always.
Your sister

Curt & Marcia Snitker - November 30, 2006 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ *Annie and Family,
You and R.J. are so special to me. I will always remember how he
would call to see how I was doing and not think of him self.
I will hold you in my heart and prayers. We know R.J. is in such a
wonderful place but he will be so missed here on earth.
God Bless You.
Love June*

June Miller - November 28, 2006 at 07:54 PM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Uncle Russ you will be missed, but never be forgotten.

Jeff & Dee Brinning - November 28, 2006 at 07:54 PM