



## Al Rocha

September 13, 1943 - October 18, 2005

Services for Al Rocha, 62, Tyler, are scheduled for 10:00 A.M., Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at Stewart Family Funeral Chapel with Duane Petty officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Memorial Park under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Rocha passed away Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005 at his home. Al was born to the late Pete and Carmen Rocha on Sept. 13, 1943 in Athens. He lived in Tyler for the last 40 years coming from Kemp where he graduated high school. Al then graduated from Roffler Barber College and owned and operated Al's Barber Shop. He later graduated from TJC with a music degree and was a member and music director at North Drive Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Roffler Association, the Southern Baptist Association and Gideons International. Mr. Rocha was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Gilbert, Paul, Rick, and Joe. Al is survived by his loving family including his wife of 38 years, Janis Rocha of Tyler; daughter, Kari Rocha Jones and husband Curtis of Abilene; sons, Kent Rocha and wife Sandy of Victoria and Keven Rocha of Little Rock, Ark.; one grandchild, Katherine Rocha; brothers, Daniel Rocha, Monty Rocha, Pete Rocha, Jr. and Edward Rocha; sisters, Alice Clark, Martha Davidson, Carmen Adams, Gladys Harkey, Charlotte Goenawein, and Mary Helen Jones; numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Curtis Jones, Daniel Rocha, Monty Rocha, Eddie Clark, Travis Davidson, and Edward Rocha Honorary Pallbearers will be Robbie Edmondson, Delmar Longbrake, James Shaw, Thomas Mallory, and Bud Morris. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Thursday at the

funeral home. Memorials in honor of Mr. Rocha may be made to North Dixie Baptist Church, 3937 Hwy. 271 N., Tyler, TX 75708.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. My family and myself think and care so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Daughter of Lavonne and C.E. Watson. Sincerely, Robin Watson Hunt

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**Robin Watson Hunt** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Kari, Just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts today. I never met your parents, but you are such a special person to me. Your dad is only away and what a glorious day it will be when you get to be with him again. May you find strength in the days ahead and know that you are thought of during this time of sorrow.  
Love, Jeanie

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**Jeanie Wright** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dearest Daddy, Our life shall never be the same. Our home, our hearts, our souls feel empty. We were not ready to let you go but it was God's will and we pray for strength, courage and healing of the pain we now feel. You were an inspiration & joy to me. You gave my life direction and brought us all closer to Christ. You were mother's best friend, confidant and soul mate. I shall always hear your voice singing inside my heart. Bless you for all you did for our family. You gave me a lifetime of happy memories and joyful moments. I long for the day when our "family shall be together, the circle unbroken." Daddy asked me to read this to him the night before his passing: "Because HE loves me, says the Lord, I will rescue him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him. I will be with him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Psalms 91:14-16 All my love, Your baby-girl.

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**Kari Rocha Jones** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I met Al in 1984 when I moved to Tyler and he has been my barber ever since. We had many interests in common, particularly a love of gardening and hot peppers. He was not only an excellent barber, but also a pleasure to spend time with. I saw Al when he was in a stressful work situation, and I saw him resolve it and start his own shop. Always, he was diplomatic and classy. I will miss his sense of humor and his kindness.

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**Bill Lamar** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Al, my loving husband, my heart and soul have been torn in pieces. You, truly were the "wind beneath my wings". The love of my life for more than the 38 years we were married. No one could have asked for a better husband, father to our children, and loving Christian man. God bless your beautiful soul. We will see you again in Heaven; what a joyous reunion that will be. Even after all of your suffering, it was truly well with your soul. "Oh how I wish I could see the Angels' faces, when they hear your sweet voice sing." I love you, your wife, Janis.

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**Janis Rocha** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I wish we could have attended. You all have been in my thoughts and prayers. I hope you will find comfort and peace knowing you will see Uncle Albert again. He was a fine man. Growing up in Tyler I have had many people over the years tell me so. Lots of people knew Uncle Al and when they found out my last name they would ask if I was related. It was a pleasure singing at his church as a youngster. He was a fine example.

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**Gina Rocha Worley** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Al, you were such a good brother. i will always remember your kindness and your love for your sisters. thanks for taking care of us when we were small. I will always love and miss you.

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**Gladys Harkey** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I will always love and miss you.

*Carmen Adams*

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**Carmen Adams** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *My brother Al was such a blessing to me. He was always willing to listen and share what he had. He loved his family and had a heart of gold. Al was blessed with many talents. One of my favorites was his love for music and playing for others. His kindness and his love for the Lord will always be remembered.*

*I love you*

*Alice*

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**Alice Rocha** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Let us all remember that this is a victory celebration, though it seems perhaps not at this time....and I know the immediate family is in great pain over their loss. Even so, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, and he has simply passed from one "state of existence" in to another, one of glory and happiness throughout all eternity. This is the winning of the race that we all strive towards all of our lives. He got the victory first. Rejoice! Again I say unto you, Rejoice.... You will see him again though your heart hurts, it's only for a season.*

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**sherry taylor** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *To a wonderful man, that was always thoughtful, friendly, and caring. You will always be remembered for being such a great person.*

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**Doraida Alvarado** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *The North Dixie choir in Heaven has gained another member. Oh how you will be missed here on earth. How glorious the homecoming must be as you walk through those gates. Thank you for the years of love and devotion you shared with your family your friends and the world around you. Please give Mama and Daddy a big hug for me.*

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**Suzanne Loudamy** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *To A very Loving, Kind and Gentle Man. You will be missed greatly. It was my pleasure knowing you for the short time I knew you.*

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**katherine gilder** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *I have meet Al once and was impressed with his Godly values that he held to with much confedenace to the LORD JESUS.I also Have Heard nothing but the Best of this MAN his Heart for the Hurting and how Fair he was.I would say that Heaven recieved a wonderful addition Tuesday at 6:00pm.I only wish I could have spent more time with him and have become a friend with him here.I know when it is time for me to become an addition to heaven I will get the chance there.God grant the Family of Al peace and comfort in this time and untill they also shall be with him in the presence of the LORD.*

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**William (Bill) Brown** - October 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM