



## Joe Carrell

September 13, 1934 - April 5, 2010

A public graveside service for Joe T. Carrell, 75, of Tyler, will be held on Friday, April 9, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery with Rev. John Johnson and Rev. Lamoin Champ officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A Reflections Reception will be held at First Baptist Church, Tyler at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Paul Powell presiding. A Service of Celebration and Remembrance will be held at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10 with Dr. Ralph M. Smith officiating. Mr. Carrell passed away on April 5, 2010 at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born September 13, 1934 in Memphis, Tennessee to Cleo and Vivian Carrell. Joe grew up in McKenzie, TN, where he graduated from McKenzie High School. He attended Bethel College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance and met his wife Barbara. Joe then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX where he received his Masters Degree in Church Music. He was then called to Tyler in 1958 as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church where he served until 1973. Joe and his family then moved to Austin and served as Minister of Music at Hyde Park Baptist Church. Retiring in 2004, Joe continued to serve churches in the music ministry and as a consultant to local churches. Joe was a leader and innovator in church music education and missions leading over 40 choir mission tours. He was also a renowned tenor performing with many respected organizations across the country. After retirement he continued to serve senior adult communities through pastoral care and education. Joe was

a loving husband, father and grandfather who adored his family. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 53 years, Barbara Conner Carrell of Tyler; sons, John Timothy Carrell of Lufkin, Stephen Thomas Carrell and wife Jamilyn of San Antonio, and Daniel Ethan Carrell and wife Michele of Tyler; brother, Kenny Carrell and wife Jane, and sister, Jeanette Johnson all of McKenzie, TN.; and grandchildren, Sarah Anne Carrell, Rebecca Ashlyn Carrell, Rachel Elizabeth Carrell, Amanda Michele Carrell, Matthew Conner Carrell, and Ethan Thomas Carrell. Memorial gifts can be made in honor of Joe and Barbara Carrell designated for Church Music students at Baylor University. Direct donations to Baylor University, One Bear Place #97050, Waco, TX., 76798. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ To Barbara, Steven, Daniel and your families:

*We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of "Joe T." He will be sorely missed down here, but heaven is even a better place now that Joe is there to join in the singing. To me (Gayland Moore), Joe was a teacher, director, counselor, mentor, confidant, a dear friend, and someone I considered a "second father." I deeply loved that man! He as there for me when I needed some guidance in highschool and college; He was there for me when our mother (Ann) passed away; He was there to comfort our grandmother (Pauline Baldwin) in her last days; and He was there to marry my wife (Karen) and I. Thank you Barbara, Steve, and Daniel -- for sharing your husband and father with us. Joe had a profound effect on my life, and I will always be greatful to him. I wish I could hear him sing, "The Greatest of These," or "I'm Just a Child" or allow me to sing "It Wouldn't Be Enough" with him one last time -- but I know I will get that opportunity up in Heaven someday. I bet he is already singing for Bob Ed, Mom and Nana right now. Love, Gayland Moore*

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**Gayland Moore** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Joe had a special gift, a sweet, sweet spirit. He influenced hundreds of folks throughout his life and ministry. He rests now in a wonderful place with his Savior. I can just hear that beautiful tenor voice penetrating the heavens!

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**Page Graves** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *What a wonderful gift I received when you sent to me the DVD songs sung by Joe at Hyde Park Services, with my precious friend, Joyce Mott accompanying him. The DVD means a great deal to me. This morning on my way to work I listened to his beautiful voice, as I often do, and it helps me praise God and makes my day better. When I drive to Dallas, I can listen to it one and 1/4th times. What a blessing Joe has been to so many, many people along his life's road, ministering, loving and singing. Barbarba, what a blessing you have been to Joe in being by his side all the way. The last time I heard him sing in person was at Mrs. Dement's praise service; his testimony was beautiful and the music even more so. I am so glad he was able to sing then. It is my prayer that during this time and the days ahead. that God will give you the peace that does pass all understanding.*

*Special love to my sweet Jamie, who will be such a comfort to all during these days.*

*God love you,  
Joy Prince*

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**Joy Prince** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5*

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**Magallon Family** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Barbara, Stephen and Daniel,

*Our love and prayers go out to your family. All of you were so dear to us during our time in Austin, and Joe was such a mentor and encourager to us while at grad school at UT. Stephen, I remember the day you came forward at Hyde Park to commit your life to music ministry as a senior in HS. The choir tour to Colorado, my first time to see the Rockies. Barbara's loving smile and patience constantly inspiring. Joe loved you boys so much, and he loved talking about each of you and your individual talents and abilities. Vicki and I are but two of thousands he touched not only through music ministry but the ministry of being an authentic friend, listener, encourager and brother in Christ through all situations. It was through Joe, that I submitted my very first compositions to be published (to Word and SBC Periodicals). And Joe told us to find Carl Perry here in Knoxville in 1982, and we did. And we've been in his church ever since (He is now 88). Life changing moments. So many. We share your sadness and lift you up. Stephanie Reynolds (who also sings in our choir) just sent me the e-mail (and copied Carl Perry). We will be remembering you here, and praying for you daily. We love you.*

*John and Vicki*

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**John Purifoy** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Dear Barbara and family,  
We were saddened to learn of Joe's passing on 4/5/10. Paula (Strader)Sivadon informed us today. I first met you and Joe in 1958 when we were both new to First Baptist in Tyler. A donation is being made to Baylor in both your names for church music students. Our sincerest condolences.  
Love in Christ,  
Marlene and John Tatum  
Philippians 1:21*

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**John B. Tatum** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *We give our deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences to the family of Joe T. He was our friend; our mentor; the mentor of our children; our minister of Music, our childrens choir director, and our Senior Citizens leader. In all he was inspirational, supportive, and generous. The positive impact he, Barbara, and family had on our family is bryond measure. His memory will always be cherished and never forgotten. God bless and comfort you during this time of transitional memories.  
Dayland & Kay Parsons  
Abilene, Texas*

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**Dayland & Kay Parsons** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Precious Barbara and Family,

*We know how painful your grief and we are so sorry you are parted from Joe.*

*He was among our very finest men.*

*All of our children loved and respected his leadership in choirs. We love you and pray The Comforter is very present with all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Elsie and Vernon Redd*

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**Elsie and Vernon Redd** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Joe was held in high esteem by all who knew him. A role model in the ministry.

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**Louis and Mary Charlotte Ball** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Barbara and family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. May*

*the Lord's presence give you comfort.*

*"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)*

*I can only imagine how the Heavenly choir sounds now with Joe's wonderful*

*voice, and I give thanks that we were blessed on earth by his talent and*

*devotion to the Lord.*

*Rena Stiefel*

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**Rena Stiefel** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *May the Carrell family find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) Take care,*

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**valerie thompson** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“*“And the greatest of these is Love.” I can still here those words in my head and heart when I think of Joe T. He always showed his unconditional love to me and my family for over 30 years. We called him our minister of music but he was so much more than that. He guided, mentored, molded and inspired.*

*From my days as a Young Musician, Jr. High School Choir, Chapel Choir and Peacemakers, College Choir in the summers and then feeling so very grown up” that I could sing in the Sanctuary Choir and Adult Ensemble; Hyde Park and it’s music ministry was my life-line for joy and happiness and the tie that bound all of these experiences was Joe T!*

*Connie, Kirk and I still remember our experiences in all the organizations at HPBC and talk about Choir Tours and Peacemaker Reunions and Joe performing the wedding for Connie and Jody and it always brings a smile to my face and a warm fuzzy feeling in my heart. He always had a smile and a kind word and perfect hair!*

*He was no ordinary man but a man truly filled with Christ's love and compassion for his own family but the church family that he so embraced! When we hurt he hurt and when we celebrated he celebrated too. This world has lost a noble man but Heaven has gained a fabulous Saint!*

*Barbara, Stephen, Daniel and the extended family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of lose but my heart is happy because some day we will all be together again singing with Joe!*

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**Stephanie Parsons Reynolds** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I first met Joe in 1961 when my husband and I moved to Tyler and began attending First Baptist Church. I had the pleasure and privilege of singing in the church choir during the following years. Joe had such musical talent and ability that it was impossible not to worship God under his leadership. But beyond this Joe and Barbara became precious friends. It was so good to renew that friendship when they returned to Tyler in 2004. Since then I was blessed to again sing under Joe's direction when he served as interim music director at our church. I will miss Joe's sweet tenor voice, but I rejoice that heaven's choir has just received a really great soloist. My condolences to Barbara and their family. Dorothy Hoffman

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**Dorothy Hoffman** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am proud to have known Mr Carrell. I was in the youth choir at First Bapt. Tyler from the mid-60's to 1970. He did wonders with a bunch of unruly teenagers, and managed to command their best musically as well as their respect. Several mission trips with the choir contributed to my Christian growth. He will be remembered as a fine man.

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**Susan Hamon Scoggins** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Blessings and grace on your family in these days.

*Keith Christopher  
Director of Church Choral Publications  
Hal Leonard Corporation*

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**Keith Christopher** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
In Christ,  
Donna & Paul Lutz

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**Donna & Paul Lutz** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ We send our condolences to the family of a wonderful man...  
For many years we admired Joe as he led our music at Hyde Park  
and our appreciation continued to grow through the years. Our  
family was especially grateful for a hospital visit from Joe when our  
daughter was in surgery for breast cancer even though we had not  
been members of his church for many years. Heaven is blessed by  
his presence.

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**Nancy & Gaylon Brown** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ To Barbara and family,

We appreciated the ministry of your entire family to our family  
(Halbrooks) as we were growing up. Joe was always so  
encouraging to us and we appreciate how he invested in us. He was  
wonderfully talented musically, but the thing that meant the most  
was his walk with the Lord, his character, and his caring spirit. I  
know you will miss him and it will leave a hole in your family's lives.  
Know that we were all blessed by having known Joe.

With my thoughts and prayers,  
Laura Halbrooks Moench

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**Laura Halbrooks Moench** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I have no clue, so, contemptible man. But we do have the idea of how ovmrlheweing Subway sandwiches have been compared to McDonald's. we eat Subway twice the day, similar to Jared, though I'm already skinny. They only ambience which damn good!

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**Amod** - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM