



Joe House

September 25, 1931 - September 8, 2011

Visitation for Joe House, 79, of Brownsboro will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 4:00-6:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Mr. House passed away on September 8, 2011 in Athens. He was born on September 25, 1931 in Tyler to Fred F. and Jewel Barron House. He lived most of his life in the Tyler area, graduating from Tyler High School in 1949 and from Tyler Junior College in 1951. Mr. House was a nurseryman and a pioneer in many facets of the nursery business. He owned and operated House Nursery in Brownsboro. In his early years, he served as Vice President of Wolfe Nursery in Fort Worth. He had an entrepreneurial spirit and a tremendous zest for life. Mr. Joe never met a stranger. His unique personality drew people to him, and many people said that he was truly larger than life. He lived life to the fullest and had a passion for traveling; he was an avid game fisherman, winning several major Texas tournaments. He was a Shriner and a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge #53 in Tyler. In addition to his parents, Mr. House was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Marnell House, his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life. He is survived by a loving family including two daughters, Melinda House Chilton and husband Chip of Tyler and Susie House Hurley and husband Sam of Murchison; grandchildren, Russel B. Watson IV of Tyler, and Joseph Collier Watson and fiancé Maegan Samford of Whitehouse; siblings, Dorothy Gibbs of Austin, and Thelma Hogue and husband Walter of

Tyler, and Delma House of College Station; longtime friend and colleague, Steve Jantzen; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorials in honor of Mr. Joe House may be made to St. John's Masonic Lodge #53, 323 W. Front St., Tyler, TX 75702 or the Coastal Conservation Association, 6919 Port West Drive, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77024.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Joe was a lifetime friend who was always happy to see me and all his other friends.

He will be missed.

Charles Bowker - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I remember Joe from our days at Green Acres Baptist Church. He always greeted you with a big smile and handshake. Heaven will be an even happier place with his presence.

Jeff Jones - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Leon and I will always remember Joe as well as Marnell as two of the best people we have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Joe will be missed by so many..especially his loving family. We love you, Daddy Joe

Leon & Bo Cargil - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Dear Melinda and Susie,

I am so very sorry to have read about the loss of your dad. I remember your mom more than your dad, but know they were both wonderful and must have been so proud of you two.

God bless you and keep you,

Kathryn

Kathryn Murphy Overmoe - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Melinda, I was so sorry to see that your dad died. I remember so many years ago when we were in high school visiting your house....what a patient dad he seemed to be. Bless you.*
Debbie

Debbie Stansbury Woldert - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM