



## Joey Raymond Helms

February 24, 1961 - September 22, 2025

Joey Helms, age 64, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, September 22, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was born February 24, 1961, in Tyler to Patsy Derouen Helms and Clarence Helms.

Joey graduated from Bullard High School in 1979 and attended Tyler Jr. College. He worked for many years as a car salesman and made many lifelong friends. Horses were a passion, and he raised and trained horses for several years. After an injury forced him to quit riding horses, he and his wife built and owned a RV park on Lake Palestine, which they sold shortly before his brain cancer diagnosis.

Joey was very outgoing – he never met a stranger. He thoroughly enjoyed helping people and could always make you laugh. He enjoyed tie-down roping for many years and helped young men learn the sport. He also enjoyed fishing, his deer camp, and going to horse races. He will be deeply missed by his family and the many friends he made throughout the years.

Joey is survived by his wife, Lavonne Benker Helms; his daughter, Jessica Ross Aimes; his mother, Patsy Helms; his sister, Tammy Vaughan and husband Freddie; his sister, Carolyn Ingram and husband Willie; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Helms.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 (<https://hospiceofeasttexas.org>).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **27**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joey Raymond Helms*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - September 25, 2025 at 02:06 PM

PP

*It was a blessing to know Joey and be able to call him a friend. His life exemplified kindness, compassion, and good humor. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. And, he would stop everything he was doing to help you when you called. We traveled a lot, but his Trail's End RV Camp was our last stop. His and Lavonne's hospitality made this park a home. He will be sorely missed. We know you are pain-free now and watching over your loved ones.*

*In memory, Pam Paul*

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**Pamela Paul** - September 25, 2025 at 06:48 PM

MW

“ *It was such a privilege to care for and to get to know Mr. Helms and his wife. I enjoyed every visit we had about rodeo and will miss his visits. Much love and my deepest condolences to the family. Misty RN*

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**Misty Weathers** - September 29, 2025 at 09:18 AM

LG

“ Love, Matt, Jessica & Girls purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Joey Raymond Helms.



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**Love, Matt, Jessica & Girls** - September 26, 2025 at 12:00 PM

JR

“ The flood of stories are proof of the respect and sadness for the loss of Joey. He was loved, but more importantly he loved his fellow man and truly believed that he was here to help when and where he could. John and I were among the fortunate that knew him and had our lives touched by him. If the world was filled with men like Joey, it would be heaven on earth. We send back only a tiny piece of the love he spread to so many, to his family. May he ride in glorious peace.

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**John & Nsnda R.** - September 26, 2025 at 08:34 AM

NR

“ Nanda R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joey Raymond Helms.

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**Nanda R.** - September 26, 2025 at 08:11 AM

LH

“ Love, Donna and Ron Hartman purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Joey Raymond Helms.



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**Love, Donna and Ron Hartman** - September 25, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joey Raymond Helms.



September 25, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joey Raymond Helms.

September 25, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ 110 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ Bonnie Fisher. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joey Raymond Helms.



Bonnie Fisher. - September 24, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *In September 2008, Hurricane Ike blew in from the Gulf and destroyed almost all of the homes and businesses on the Bolivar Peninsula. One week later, Joey Helms brought a tractor all the way down to my property on Crystal Beach! Joey and my son-in-law Andy Scott worked like Trojans to yank my Airstream out of a ditch, set it on its wheels, and salvage what could be salvaged from its mud-filled interior. For this and for many kindnesses that Joey extended to me and to Andy Scott and his family, I will always have fond memories of Joey. May he rest in peace!*



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**Jane Brach** - September 24, 2025 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ *We truly loved Joey and Lavonne. Joey started out as a friend and we always felt the love. He knowing that my dear husband was ill would sit our trailer up and take it down for us. He would let us stay for weeks without charging us. We tried paying him numerous times and he and Lavonne would say we don't have to make our money on you. He had a super friendly way about him and he will be so missed. God bless you Mrs. Lavonne. If you need something please call us. ~~~Carl & Mary Carlson*

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**Carl & Mary Carlson** - September 24, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BC

“ *Brad C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joey Raymond Helms.*

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**Brad C.** - September 24, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Joey, My Friend*



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**Malynda Carroll** - September 24, 2025 at 02:13 PM



*Lavonne and Family,*

*Words feel inadequate when trying to express the profound loss we all feel with Joey's passing. After 43 years of friendship, Bill and I are heartbroken to say goodbye to one of the most extraordinary people we've ever known.*

*Joey was gone far too soon at 64, but in the time he had, he touched more lives and spread more joy than many do in twice as long. He was the most loving, caring, and kind-hearted human I have ever met. His heart was as big as his smile, and he had this remarkable gift of making everyone around him feel valued and loved.*

*What made Joey truly special was how he lived to help people.*

*Whether it was a friend in need, a neighbor facing hardship, or even a stranger who crossed his path, Joey was always there with open arms and a willing spirit. He didn't just talk about kindness—he embodied it every single day.*

*Bill and I are blessed to carry with us countless precious memories of adventures shared with Joey. He was always ready for the next journey, the next experience, the next opportunity to make life a little brighter. His enthusiasm for life was infectious, and his optimism never wavered, even in his darkest hours.*

*Joey's spirit will live on in all of us who were fortunate enough to know him. The laughter we shared, the adventures we took, the quiet moments of friendship—these memories will sustain us and keep his light burning in our hearts.*

*Our love and deepest condolences go out to you during this incredibly difficult time. Joey loved Lavonne, Jessica, his Mom, and his sisters so much, and it was such a joy to see his love for his family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and that we are here for you in any way you need.*

*Until we meet again, dear friend, until we meet again.*

*With love and eternal friendship,*

*Bill and Malynda Carroll*

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**Malynda Carroll** - September 24, 2025 at 02:28 PM

RB

“ I have known Joey for over 50 Years. I met Joey in March of 1975 at a Horse Show where I was chasing roping calves and he was chasing girls. I think it is hard to have a friend as loyal as Joey was to me. Over that 50 Years we never, EVER had a cross word or any kind of confrontation. No matter what stupid event we did as young cowboys, we just laughed at what ever we did and kept on keeping on. Joey taught me how to rope calves and be better than I was when I met him. Regardless of how modest Joey was, He was an awesome calf roper. When he called and told me about his diagnoses, he said It is what it is and he had no regrets. I told him there should be one, I said YOU should have been a World Champion Calf Roper. His Modesty exploded. I will see Joey some day, Walking around drinking a Mt. Dew, Fishing and Talking about the NFR. I, as well, have no regret, and Joey is a friend, I will NEVER forget.  
ALL old friends love you and look forward to a new day. Always.  
Roy Burkett

Roy Burkett - September 24, 2025 at 02:11 PM



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RF

“ Rickey Adair and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joey Raymond Helms.



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**Rickey Adair and family** - September 24, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RF

“ Rickey Adair and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joey Raymond Helms.

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**Rickey Adair and family** - September 24, 2025 at 12:09 PM

JJ

“ Jason and Katie Jones purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joey Raymond Helms.



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**Jason and Katie Jones** - September 24, 2025 at 10:52 AM

KP

“ I don't believe that Joey ever met a stranger. Was always friendly and polite. Helpful to others. When my husband was having his last radiation treatments in Houston and we were having to come home after 25 treatments.. My husband insisted that he was going to drive our motor home back to Bullard. Joey told us that at any time during the drive home, if Bob didn't feel like he could make it, that all we had to do is call and he'd come to wherever we were and drive it the rest of the way home.

Bob did make it home, barely, and when it was emptied, I called Joey and he came to our house, and drove the motothome back to the storage that was next to his house.

This is just one of many stories of his kindness. And I'm guessing there's at least a million of them. His kindness was as natural to him as breathing. We witnessed his kindness many times. That was just Joey. Lavonne is just the same, a perfect match!

If it's any comfort to Patsy and Lavonne, I am positive that my Bob was part of the crowd that welcomed Joey through the Pearly Gates and into the arms of Jesus. Respectfully and with much love, Karen Pensinger

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**Karen Pensinger** - September 23, 2025 at 07:08 PM