



## Pete Thompson

July 31, 1951 - November 5, 2022

On November 5, 2022, Cone “Pete” Johnson Thompson, III left this earth for his heavenly home after a long illness. A memorial service for Pete, 71, of Flint will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Luke Bilberry officiating. Visitation will take place immediately following the service at the funeral home.

Pete would want everyone to be comfortable, so casual attire is welcome.

Pete was a devoted husband, proud father and PawPaw, and a fiercely loyal friend to so many. To know Pete means you heard stories of his countless trips to the Texas Hill Country with family and friends, often to deer hunt, but many times just to relax and soak in the beauty of God’s creation. It was seeing the joy on his face when he got to introduce a youngster to the outdoors or share a sunset from a deer blind on Prairie Mountain Ranch. It was hearing his advice and wisdom on nearly any topic, whether you asked for it or not, knowing he didn’t waste words on just anybody. If you knew Pete, you knew a guy who meant what he said, and you always knew where you stood with him. He was a man of character and integrity who would always be true to his word. He knew what it meant to be a friend.

Pete loved a round of golf with the boys at Oak Hurst or one of their favorite Hill Country courses. He cherished a trip to Cooper’s in Llano or a nice

chicken fried steak from the Burger Bar, although you'd better get there early because one thing Pete did not love was standing in line. He was a devoted Saints fan, always waiting to hit send on a "Who Dat" text when they pulled out the win on Sunday.

While a huge part of him was lost in 2016 following his stroke, he didn't let his communication deficits get in the way of the friendships he'd built through the years. If you were one of the lucky ones to receive his daily morning text messages or the signature heart emojis on Facebook, consider yourself blessed.

Pete was born on July 31, 1951 in Tyler to Cone J. Thompson, Jr., M.D. and Helen Mae Marschall Thompson. Pete graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler and attended Southwest Texas State University, where his major was law enforcement. Although he pursued a different career in the auto body repair business for more than 40 years, his love and support for law enforcement remained evident throughout his career. He met his loving wife, Rhonda Deaton, in 1973 during the early days of his career, and they married just a few months later. He retired from Wagner Cadillac in 2016.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Cone and Helen. Pete leaves behind his loving and devoted wife of 48 years, Rhonda; daughter, Marlo Bitter and husband Jarrod of Carthage; granddaughters, Emily and Allison Bitter; brother, Albert Thompson and wife Cathy; sisters, Linda Gwin, Betsy Newtz, Marscha Kahle and husband Dennis, Cathy McGlothin and husband Mike; numerous nieces and nephews; and many close lifelong friends.

In lieu of flowers, we welcome you to make a donation to a non-profit organization that's meaningful to you, or simply do something that Pete loved—take a child hunting, spend time with family, do something nice for someone not expecting it, smile more, and spread kindness.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation Following Service

NOV 16 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Pete Thompson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 16, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pete Thompson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 15, 2022 at 05:18 PM

BE

“ too bad we were not allowed to see him for the last several years . his family

betsy - January 26, 2023 at 11:24 AM

BP

“ What a wonderful man! worked w him at King Chevrolet ..he loved his family ..I know y'all will miss him!

Becky Parker - November 16, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Pete Thompson.*



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November 16, 2022 at 11:13 AM

SR

“ A personal memory of:

*Cone “Pete” Johnson Thompson III*

*I have known and loved Pete since he was around 13 years old, when I was a young bride of 20 and married to his Uncle Butchy (Milton) Lee Thompson I, which was his dad’s youngest sibling. Coming from a large family of 6 children myself (with strong willed parents) as well, I understood this family very well. I loved them all from the very beginning and Pete was very special to me, Lee and I and our son (Ben) who came 10 years later. Pete would often share many poignant events of his life with us. One great moment especially in my life that I shared with Pete had to do with hunting, of course. Pete was the first witness in the taking of my first deer (9 point!) at the Llano Ranch. When back at the ranch we began to harvest the deer with Pete, Cone and Helen, Lee and myself, and we were having great fun until we realized that Cone and Lee decided that we could handle it and retired to the Ranch House to celebrate the taking and had they their own early Happy Hour.... Another wonderful memory was when Pete and Rhonda (who was pregnant with Marlo), made the long road trip to Florida to visit us. Ben was about 4 and they showered him with so much love and attention that he wanted to go back to Texas with them! I will always love Pete, Rhonda, and Marlo and the rest of my Texas family. I remember and love Pete for the great man that I knew him to be. I send my deepest condolences and love.*

*“Aunt” Libby Thompson and Ben*

*Cullowhee, North Carolina via Florida*

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**Sidney A Rice** - November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

SR

*Sent in behalf of Libby Thompson*

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**Sidney A Rice** - November 15, 2022 at 08:32 PM

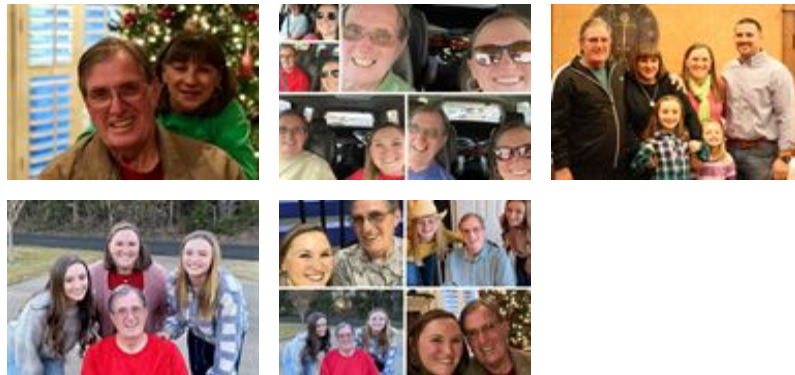
KL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. Now he is whole & with our Lord. I first met him at Hubbard middle school. He impressed me one day when he was waiting in the hall, stopped me to ask "why are you always smiling?" I will never forget that as long as I live. My dad & I used to laugh & loved to just call him 'Cone Johnson Thompson, Jr', oh, we mean Pete! The last I saw him was at our 40th high school reunion. He was a special guy! Condolences to his family.

Kathy Mitchell Lewis - November 15, 2022 at 08:07 PM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 15, 2022 at 05:17 PM

PG

“ Patsy Grimes lit a candle in memory of Pete Thompson



Patsy Grimes - November 15, 2022 at 11:59 AM

NT

“ I first met Pete at the marriage of Marlo to my nephew Jarrod. My son, sister and brother in law from Montana, and I drove down from Oklahoma City for the wedding. My fairly new car acted a little strangely not far from Tyler and we stopped at some random garage and were assured it was fine. On to Tyler and the beautiful wedding. The next day, on our way out of town, the car died and had to be towed back to Tyler. In spite of having hosted his daughter's wedding the night before, Pete assured us he would get the car fixed for us. My brother in law, the father of the groom, quickly jumped in to drive us back to Oklahoma City on a drive that turned into an ice storm.

*Pete arranged for the car to be repaired and even arranged for it to be driven to Dallas so my husband could take a quick flight down and drive it home.*

*His extraordinary thoughtfulness on a day I'm sure he wanted to relax and reflect on the wedding was so appreciated. His kindness and that of my brother in law will not be forgotten. As my sister Martha told me when I was retelling the story recently, those two could move mountains.*

*Nancy Thompson*

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**nancy thompson** - November 13, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Pete Thompson.*



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November 09, 2022 at 01:40 PM

SL

“ I am sorry to hear about Pete's passing away. He was wonderful friend/customer during my banking career.

Steve Langford - November 09, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MA

“ Merlene Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Pete Thompson



Merlene Ainsworth - November 08, 2022 at 08:46 PM

MA

I will never forget that sweet smile that Pete always had and I don't think anyone had as many True friends as he did. We will always remember him and pray for Marlo and his Wife

Merlene Ainsworth - November 08, 2022 at 08:53 PM



Have known Pete since he was a little boy & always friendly & played with my children as we all lived within 10 acres of each other. Did not know he was the THIRD. Great picture! Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - November 14, 2022 at 10:43 AM

BT

“ My cousin Pete was a true person of character and integrity, as well as a family man of the highest order. As he was 22yrs older than I, I was one of those “kids” lucky enough to have spent some time deer hunting with him at the old family ranch in Llano. Beyond the practical hunting advice, it was Pete’s wit, wisdom and dry humor (delivered quietly and always with a smile) that I remember most from those days. My deepest condolences to Rhonda, Marlo, and family on your loss and send all my love. Ben Thompson  
P.s. Aunt Libby sends her love as well. Pete was very special to her.

ben thompson - November 08, 2022 at 05:15 PM

MA

I met Pete through my son Tracy and he loved picking at me every time I saw him. He was always smiling and I loved him as a friend, even after his stroke I texted him and most times I got a heart answer which was how he answered. I knew he had that famous smile behind the text. You will be missed my friend

Merlene Ainsworth - November 08, 2022 at 05:56 PM

RH

“ Rhonda,

So sorry about Pete's passing away. It appears y'all have had a wonderful life together. Condolences to you and your entire family.

Robert Hahn

Robert Hahn - November 08, 2022 at 03:57 PM

TS

One of the best people that I ever met. My thoughts and prayers for all of his family are that they can get through these difficult times.

Tim Seago - November 09, 2022 at 04:03 PM



*I worked with Pete many years ago at Holley Motor and I agree he was a man of integrity and kindness. The car I drove to work everyday had a dent over the right fender. One day Pete came to the office and asked for my keys because they were replacing the parking lot. When I came out at 5:30 my car fender had been fixed so he surprises me but acted like it was no big deal. Everyone liked working for/with Pete. My condolences to his family.*

**Tellina Warren** - November 12, 2022 at 02:23 PM



*Played many rounds of golf with Pete at Oak Hurst. He was always a true gentlemen and someone I always enjoyed playing a round with.*

**Tim Storm** - November 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM