



## Carlton Stephens

December 7, 1934 - September 20, 2011

Funeral services for Carlton Stephens, 76, of Henderson, will be at 11:00 am, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Henderson with Rev. Bill Tisdale, Rev. Robert Hall, and Rev. Don Edmiston officiating. Visitation will follow the service in the parlor of First Baptist Church. Mr. Stephens passed away Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 at his residence. He was born Dec. 7, 1934 in Gilmer, TX. Carlton graduated from Henderson High School and attended Stephen F. Austin University. He worked as a rancher in Rusk County. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Henderson. Carlton knew the blessing of having a son that shared his passion for horses and the ranch life. He shared many memories with his son, Todd, which he cherished. He was also blessed with a daughter-in-law he loved as his own daughter. Dee could always get the best out of him. Grandkids were his specialty, teaching them all about the cowboy way and how to live life to the fullest. From the time his first grandchild, Caleb, was barely able to sit up he placed him on his horses, Freckles and Smokey. Carlton couldn't wait to get a rope in little Caleb's hand. And when baby girl, Jordan, came along Carlton had her by his side as much as possible, whether it was riding the gator or feeding horses at the farm. She loved being with her Papa. Carlton also had a heart for cowboys and their need for Jesus. He loved that there was now a church where they could go and feel right at home. He spent many years in the roping pen, loving his horses and most of all his roping buddies. He loved to laugh and joke, which made us love him even more for his sense of humor. He will be missed by

many but we are so thankful we were able to share this season of life with him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Lucille Stephens; sister, Anita Anderson; and brother, Charles Stephens. Survivors include: his wife of 54 years, Gay Stephens; son, Todd Stephens and wife Dee of Henderson; and grandchildren Caleb and Jordan Stephens; a sister-in-law Carolyn Stephens and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Curt Stephens, Steve Anderson, Grant Anderson, Rocky Gill, Gary Crawford, Scott Crawford, Carey Copeland, and Travis Rayburn. Condolences may be made online at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

SEP **22**. 12:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

WT

“ Gay, I just heard the news of Carlton's passing from LaNell Toon. So sorry for your loss, I have always thought the world of both of you. Our families go back a long ways to the "Calvary Baptist Church" days. I know you will miss him dearly. You will be in my prayers. Love, Wanda

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**WANDA ALLEN THOMAS** - September 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Carl and I send our love and prayers for you at this time. I worked for Johnny Walker if you remember. Gay and Todd, I know you will miss him, you have some wonderful memories. Take care.

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**Carl and Barbara Rexroad** - September 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Praying that your sorrows will soon fade as sweet memories take their place. Caleb and Jordan, good granparents are a gift that last a life time, you are blessed. Love to you all, The Craigs

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**Jennifer Craig** - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Gay, I am so sorry to hear about Bubba, he will be missed by all, to you just cherish the 54 years you had with him and his family, and know you will be with him again. You will be in our prayers. Bess Williams

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**Bess Williams** - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.  
May God Bless

Belton & Shirley Green - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Todd - Am thinking of you and sad that you lost your dad.....he was  
a neat person. Ms Hudson

m. Joe Hudson - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Gay and Todd,I grew up watching and admiring him as a Godly  
man.Handsome, and always kind and friendly, reminded me of his  
father. " The cowboy who lived around the corner" - Patty and Skip  
Turner

Skip and Patty Turner - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Gay,Your family is in my prayers. Roy always enjoyed visiting  
with you and Carlton and held him in high esteem.

Cheryl Rosson - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Gay,I want you to know that you and your family will be in my  
prayers. I know you will miss him.

Betty Tyson - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Gay & family,We are sorry to hear of Carlton's death.You &  
your family will be in our prayers during this time.

Margie Gaston Smith & Gene C. Smith - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Todd, We are so sorry for you and your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Randy and Denise Weatherford

Randy and Denise(Parker) Weatherford - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I know Carlton is with his Maker, but it is difficult for those of use left behind.

Elaine Weick Sabih - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ sorry for your loss. i know he will be missed by all esp the grandkids....love themrex

REX WEBB - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Gay,I am so very sorry for your loss. I still think of all the happy times we had at church many years ago. You and Todd are in my prayers.Dixie

Dixie (Davis) Pace - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. My sincerest sympathy to Carlton's family.

Jackie Painter - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Gay and Todd, Sharla and I are out of town. We are truly sorry for your loss. We have great memories of our visiting in the pews of First Baptist and your and Carlton's love for the Lord and the Church. We appreciate your friendship over the years and pray for our loving Lord's comfort for you. Milton and Sharla

Milton & Sharla McGee - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We have so many great memories made with Carlton. I remember fondly the times at deer camp! Carlton had such a dry sense of humor and made us laugh. He will be missed, but I know we will see him again. God bless you Bubba, we love you!

Charlotte Crawford - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Very sorry for your loss.

Elizabeth Brown Bow - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Gay, I am saddened by this news. Please know that I love you and pray that you will know the presence of the Holy Spirit of our Heavenly Father. Lovingly, Jo Ann Orr Miller

Jo Ann Miller - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Todd, so sorry to hear about your dad. Jim

Jim Ballow - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM