



## Coach Joe Clint Skelton

August 6, 1930 - June 9, 2012

Funeral services for Mr. Joe Skelton, 81, of Henderson, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 11, 2012 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Sceroler and Rev. Bill Tisdale officiating. Interment will follow in Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at the funeral home. Joe Clint Skelton was born August 6, 1930 in Henderson to mother Hattie Propes Skelton and father Otis Whitman Skelton. Joe was a lifelong resident of Henderson and a member of First Baptist Church. He was baptized in Christ as a young man and always lived a good Christian life. Mr. Skelton was a graduate of Henderson High School, Kilgore Junior College, and Stephen F. Austin State University. He served in the National Guard and was a coach for the Henderson Independent School District for 37 years where he was a positive influence in the lives of everyone who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: older brothers, Otis W. Skelton Jr. and James G. Skelton; and sister, Dorothy Atkinson; and his faithful dog, Max. Survivors include: his beautiful wife of almost 55 years, Sue Skelton; sons, Ricki Skelton and wife Shannon, and Jamie Skelton and wife Karen, all of Henderson; daughter, Joanie Nations and husband Mike of Princeton; and grandchildren, Hunter Joe Skelton, Haylee Nicole Skelton, Kelli Lynn Skelton, Clay Michael Skelton, Katy Ann Skelton, and Anthony Nations; and his lifelong friend, Thurman Warren. Pallbearers will be James Campbell, Brett Daveloy, Tommy

Matheny, Dr. John Lyn Duran, Coach Kenneth Malone, and Thurman Warren. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. James Mann, Charlie Franklin, Royce Dunlap, Bob Sanders, Joel Hale, the HHS class of 1949, and all his friends and golf buddies. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas at 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701, and/or the Joe Skelton Memorial Scholarship Fund at Citizens National Bank, P.O. Box 1009, Henderson, TX 75653-1009, or [www.joeskelton.com](http://www.joeskelton.com). Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## visitation

JUN 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Coach Skelton was a fine man and a friend to all. He was highly regarded and respected as a fair man who set an excellent example for the many young lives he touched. I am proud and blessed to be one of those lives. My deepest sympathy and loving prayers,Debbi Corley

Debbi Corley - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Rest In Peace Coach Skelton. You were a great role model & coach to all of us growing up and you will be missed. To the family - so sorry for your loss.

Lee Mathis - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Skelton Family,Please know that we are keeping you in our prayers. Coach Skelton was a wonderful man, husband, and father. We wish you comfort from the Lord at this time of loss.

Milton and Sharla McGee - June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Sue, I have been out of town and just heard of Joe's passing. He was a wonderful man who treated everyone the same. I have fond memories of my painting days with him and Dale and Joel. thank you both for being such great neighbors to Shannon! May God be with you during this time.

Claude and Pam Robinson - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We were so sorry to hear about Joe...we were out of town and unable to deliver our condolences in person.; Our thoughts are with all of the Skelton family at this sad time. He will truly be missed. JR, Pud and Benjie Patterson

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**JR and Pud Patterson** - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Sue, I am not sure you will even remember me but I remember you and Joe from way back in baseball. I was a little girl and the sister of Charlie Franklin. I used to sit by you at the baseball games and I wanted to grow up and be just like you!! I read the obits at Crawford A. Crim and keep up with what is happening in Henderson that way. I ran across Joe's obit and remembered him immediately. I think as a little girl that I had a crush on him. I am sorry about your loss. By reading the posted condolences, I can see he made a huge impact on many people. May God give you peace at this sad time.

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**Pat (Franklin) Bolton** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Kids - Your dad was always so pleasant to work with all those years and had a ready smile. Be proud of his memory. Ms Hudson

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**Joe hudson** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Joe was a favorite to so many people. My sincerest sympathy.

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**Jackie Painter** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Jamie and Karen,I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. I am praying for God's peace and comfort for your family.

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**Krista Furtick** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ To Coach Skelton's family, Coach Skelton was such a positive influence in so many lives...he will always be remembered fondly by those who knew him. In recent years, I would see him at Dr. Walgama's office and he always struck up an interesting conversation with people in the waiting room. When he would leave anyone that didn't already know him would comment on what a "nice guy" he was...what a tribute. Rest in Peace, Coach, Peggy & David Keeling

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**Peggy Keeling** - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ good man and close friend, coached me some, I have a lot of respect for Joe cefis

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**jerry winfrey** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Rest in Peace, Coach! You bring back so many good memories of school days and fun! I still to this day think of you when I load the dishwasher, knives pointed downward.....safety class lesson

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**Marilyn Martin** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Coach Skelton. He was an awesome man. We will miss him. Our thoughts and our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

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**Tony & Rhonda Roberts** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Mike & Joaniel didn't know Coach personally, but I heard a lot about him from my conversations with Mike. It sounds like he was a good man, one who made an impact in peoples lives. I'm sorry for your loss and wish that I could have been there, but please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers in this time. May our Lord give you all strength, peace, and comfort in this time as you mourn. Your friend, Johnny Encizo

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**Johnny Encizo** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Mike & Joaniel didn't know Coach personally, but I know that he was a good man from all Mike would say about him. I am truly sorry for your loss and wish I could be there for you in this time. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Your friend, Johnny Encizo

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**Johnny Encizo** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Ricky and family, I hope your great memories of your dad will bring you comfort.

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**Catherine Castle Wetzell** - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Jamie, I'm writing this on behalf of my son, Robert. He is in Europe for a few days. I know how well he liked your dad as well as you. The same goes for me. So sorry to hear of Coach Joe's death

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**Emmett Stephens** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Sue, I like the picture of Coach Skelton you chose for his obituary. He was a handsome man, and I confess to having a crush on him during my teen years. This surprises me as much as it may you. The summer I got my learners permit in Drivers Ed., he told me I had been voted Worst in Class by the instructors. As my tennis coach, he said I couldn't lie down and chew gum at the same time. His easy-breezy personality and kind heart were equally attractive. I feel memories keep loved ones close.

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**Gay Allen** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ The thing that has always stood out in my mind about Coach Skelton was that he treated all the football team the same even though some of us, including myself, were not very good. He was consistent and fair. to everyone. He will be missed. Billy MartinLongview

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**Billy Martin** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Sorry for your loss.

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**Lee Scoggins** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Joe was a very special friend and we have played many downs together. Maybe we can do it again on a better field. You will truly be missed, Charley

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**Charles Arnold** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and dad. He will be missed always enjoyed seeing him. My uncle Joe Busby always talked about playing golf with Coach Skelton. My pray our with you and family. Donna Dorsey Aaron

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**Donna Dorsey Aaron** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OW

“ Joe Skelton Family,Sorry to receive news of Joe's passing. I always held Joe in high regard as a friend and good guy. We were in HS as classmates but have been away for many years. TAKE comfort that he is in a better place.Respectfully,Odis WilderClass of '49.

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**odis wilder** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Skelton Family,I am writing this for Albert and Vivian Smith who wish to convey their love and sympathy to you all. Dad said he and Joe went to school together and played baseball together. Joe was 1 year ahead of dad in school. Mom doesn"t know alot about present times but she said "Joe and Sue were our neighbors on Parnell Drive." May God bless you and comfort you during this time. Albert & Vivian Smith Donna McNevin

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**Donna McNevin** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Joe was one of the kindest friends I have ever known. He was always the same whenever I saw him. It was an honor to have called him a friend. Whenever I saw Joe, he always had a smile on his face and I never heard him say anything bad about another man. I pray that the family will have the hand of peace from the Lord in this difficult time. God bless you.

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**Ken Walton** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I was in school when him, coach Jimmy Watson, Coach Stovall and Coach Parsons were all coaches...they were all awesome. He will be truly missed by everyone. I will be praying for the family during this difficult time. God Bless

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**Bobbie Rice** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am very sorry about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Buddy Butts** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM