



## Mr. Joe Ramey

December 3, 1945 - May 26, 2025

Joe Ellis Ramey, 79, of Henderson passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025. A native of Rusk County and Henderson, he was born in Nacogdoches, Texas on December 3, 1945 to Juanita Sprague and Henry Fountain “Jack” Ramey. (yes, 12345) Raised in Texas he was a rambler of the world, having lived and worked on almost every continent, but always found his way home. As a young man he was a Golden Gloves Championship boxer, with an almost undefeated record. He was drafted into the US Army and stationed in Hawaii where he served in the ring and hearts of his fellow servicemen until returning home. He began a lifelong career in refinery, petroleum and construction working for such companies as Brown & Root, Halliburton, Shell Oil and BP, Zachary Construction, Turner Construction Sports and Evers and Sons Construction. He extensive career placed him as construction leadership on some of the world’s largest refineries, highways, airports and even a few stadiums we all love (Reliant Arena, The Kansas City Chiefs Indoor Fields, University of Florida, University of Georgia and Daikin Park and The New Yankee Stadium).

He made friends and fans from The North Sea to Nigeria, but his family was his most precious souvenir in the adventure of life. He was a lifelong man of faith, man of God, and devoted Master Mason to Freemason Deer Park Lodge No. 1362. He is preceded in death by both parents and his older brother, Billy Jack Ramey Sr. Winnie Ramey, his surviving older sister, continues the

stewardship for their family and homestead in Henderson. His legacy continues in the lives of children, Joe Brock Ramey and husband Christian Thompson of Charlotte, NC and Dr. Patti Light and husband Jeremy of Waco, Texas. His zeal and outlaw spirit live on with his constant companion and occasional accomplice in life for 28 years, Shantelle Strapps of Conroe. To step-children, nieces, nephews, family of all kinds, near and far, and thousands of friends around the heavens and Earth, he leaves fantastic tales, magnificent memories and the love of a kind and generous man with a heart too big for life but just right for the breadth of heaven.

Services will be at Crawford A. Crim Chapel Jun 7, 2025 at 2pm CST. Masonic funeral ceremony will be held at Rusk County Memorial Gardens to follow services. In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial donations to Rusk County Youth Sports.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rusk County Memorial Gardens

Hwy 259 N.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Kathy Jo Lee lit a candle in memory of Joe Ramey*



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**Kathy Jo Lee** - July 26, 2025 at 06:18 PM

JC

“ *There are those like Joe that make a difference in our lives. He was real and recognizable. Winnie and I had so many good times going to the boxing matches to see him fight. He was one tough character as they would say, a gentle giant. My dad was his boxing coach and Joe was the only one that could handle Truman McLeroy. Dad had so much respect and love for him!! Joe will always be a part of our family and will be missed. Love you Joe Ramey.*

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**Jan Crow** - June 30, 2025 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ *John Burton lit a candle in memory of Joe Ramey*



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**John Burton** - June 06, 2025 at 01:30 PM

JB

“ Johnny Burton lit a candle in memory of Joe Ramey



Johnny Burton - June 05, 2025 at 04:55 PM

JB

“ Johnny Burton lit a candle in memory of Joe Ramey



Johnny Burton - June 04, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy

Jimmy Culp - May 31, 2025 at 01:47 AM

MA

“ Winnie, Sincerest condolences to you and your family. Sending prayers of comfort. Love you - Michelle

Michelle Akin - May 30, 2025 at 11:11 AM

JJ

“ Joe was a very good guy, when i was young, Joe taught me how to defend myself, I was a red headed kid that got pick on a lot, even though I was 5 years younger Joe, but he took time to help me, I will never forget his kindness, I learn a lot from him. Jake Jordan

Jake Jordan - May 30, 2025 at 08:50 AM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



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**Ken Hale** - May 30, 2025 at 08:36 AM

CK

“ *Chris And Linda King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Ramey*



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**Chris and Linda King** - May 29, 2025 at 07:36 PM

BP

“ *Prayers for family*

*Beth Hale Pope*

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**Beth Pope** - May 29, 2025 at 05:58 PM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Ramey*



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**Gene Kelsey** - May 28, 2025 at 06:43 PM

CL

“ Charlotte Lockridge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Ramey



Charlotte Lockridge - May 28, 2025 at 06:34 AM

BB

“ Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Ramey



Blake Ballenger - May 27, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LC

“ Linda Culp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Ramey



Linda Culp - May 27, 2025 at 01:52 PM

KW

“ Uncle Joe you will be greatly missed. I will cherish all the memories we had together. You definitely will never be forgotten. I am glad Zachary got to spend some the last several months with you. He cherishes the conversations and stories you were able to share with him. Love, Gerald, Kristy and Zachary Willett

KRISTY WILLETT - May 27, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DM

*My cousin Joe...I will miss your stories and our long talks. You were always on my side. That big old heart finally needed to rest. It had gone over and beyond here on earth...Donna Dene*

**Donna Melton** - May 27, 2025 at 03:22 PM



*Joe will be greatly missed. He and I grew up across the street from each other. Always friendly and willing to help out when needed. Got to see him over the years and catch up on how we were doing. My prayers for the family!*

**Bruce Hand** - May 28, 2025 at 06:14 PM

JB

*Joe was a fellow classmate and fellow Veteran. Rest in peace Brother*



**Jack Bone** - June 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM