



## Joe Taliaferro

December 10, 1931 - July 6, 2010

July the 6th Joe Allen Taliaferro passed from this life to the next with his boys by his side. Joe will be buried at a graveside service for all family and friends at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2010 at Blackjack Cemetery with Rev. J.B. Williams officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. The family will then welcome family and friends at Joe's house after the service. Joe was very proud of the family heritage in Rusk County, the family having arrived from Amherst, Virginia to Henderson, Texas in 1878. Joe Taliaferro was born in Houston, December 10, 1931. He graduated from Henderson High School in 1949 and then served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Several years after the war, he purchased and owned T and G Motor Company in Kilgore. A natural born geologist, he began his oil field career after divesting his car company. Though he had no college education or no formal training in geology, he became one of the most successful geologists in East Texas oil field history, discovering three fields including the Taliaferro Petitt field that produced over 1 million barrels of oil. After retiring he enjoyed nature and the fishing on the land that has been in his family 132 years. Joe is preceded in death by his parents, William Patrick (Pat) Taliaferro and Dora Belle Taliaferro; and grandson, Addison P. Taliaferro. He is survived by: sons, Mike Taliaferro and wife Suzonne, and Joe Hagen Taliaferro; granddaughters, Raley Taliaferro and Zoie Taliaferro; great-granddaughter, Kendyl Moore-Taliaferro; brother, Billy Pat Taliaferro; and many nieces and nephews and cousins. Pallbearers that will carry him to rest

will be Johnny Vaughan, J.B. Williams, David Pickett, Tommy Cansler, Kenny Morris, and David Edwards. The family would like to thank the caregivers at Emeritus in Henderson and at the ETMC ICU floors in Tyler. In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that donations be made to Givesoles, a non-profit organization in memory of his grandson Addison P. Taliaferro. Go to [givesoles.org](http://givesoles.org) to donate. Condolences may be made at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ I am late to this post but wanted the family to know I thought a lot of Joe. One thing was he always knew you and would say hello. Sincerely Billy F. Martin

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**Billy F. Martin** - July 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I got to know him at Jeff Capp's gym. Joe was a very interesting person and so active. We had a lot of good conversations. I will certainly miss him.

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**Melinda Chambers** - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was a good man who always treated me like another son. Just understand that my love is with you. So many good memories has come from you and your family. I will always cherish them.

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**Roger Adams** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Love you "Papa Joe".....There's a special place in Heaven for people like you! Glad to have had the opportunity to have known you, and never will forget you...you'll always have a special place in my heart as well.....Mike and Hagen, bless you and your families and Thanks for sharing your Dad with us.

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**Michelle Haver** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We will miss our "PaPa" Joe!! I always knew you were an angel, now you have your wings!!!!

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**Melissa Welch** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Uncle Joe will be missed. I remember the childhood memories in Kilgore, busting my knee wide open on "the hill" on the side of the house and he and Aunt Brenda taking me to the hospital for stitches. He loved to make a contest with the kids about many things--Running, sit ups, push ups, fishing, skiing, picking peas and shelling them, whatever, he loved competitions. He taught me how to ski and clean fish. Great memories to treasure. May the joy of The Lord be your strength.

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**Sandy Allred** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ May God's angels comfort you and yours during this time of loss. Your family is in our prayers.

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**Courtney & Collette** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Uncle Joe was one of my favorite people to spend time with. Always curious, and an excellent listener. Taught me how to drive a Terra Tiger and a draft horse! Will never forget him. My love and sympathy to Mike, Hagen, and all the family.

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**Suzanne Brewster Duncan** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mike, Suzonne and Raley, You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Cheryl Huey** - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Hagen and Mike, Your dad was kind to me even when we were little boys. God will help you through everything.J

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**J Mitchell** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Mike, Suzonne and Raley,We were so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We have many fond memories with him at the house in the woods behind his home with ya'll. He was a fun guy and also had a sense of humor!! Men like him are hard to find and we will always remember how nice he was to us and our children. God Bless your family as you continue on. You will see him again. Keep in touch!!Ricky and Sheri Parker and children

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**Sheri and Ricky Parker** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We will always remember and cherish our good times with Joe and Brenda.

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**Bob and Frankie Smith** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ WOW! What a guy. There will never be another Joe. I have spent hours talking with him and was always amazed at his broad intelligence. I will miss him.

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**Gary Crawford** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Just remember, the Joy of the Lord IS your strength.

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**Ken & La Wanda Hurst** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ sorry for your loss

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**mike tate** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Uncle Joe always taught me about the "Good Old Days". He taught me how to ride a horse, and let me eat corn right off the stalk. We will keep you in our prayers! Love to you all! Amy

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**Amy Henson** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Uncle Joe always taught be about "The Good Old Days". I am so sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers.

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**Amy Henson** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ joe was such a good friend to my dad and mom for many many years!!

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**marguerite newton crater** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I have fond memories of Uncle Joe. I remember fish fries and frog legs and the log cabin he built behind the house. He will be missed.

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**Suzanne Evitts** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Uncle Joe will be missed. I loved his sense of humor. I always enjoyed talking to Joe about a variety of things; always had a lot of opinions on a lot of things!He will be welcomed by Addision. So long Uncle Joe!God Speed.

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**Ronnie Morrison** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My first job was when Uncle Joe hired me to clean out the car bays at his dealership. Received my first dollar bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you guys.*

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**John and Cathy Freeman** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *What fond memories I have as a child being with my Auntie Brenda and Uncle Joe. They were the best summers of my childhood. He taught me to water ski (although I was never good at it) and let me fish in every waterhole I came upon, perch jerking was fun. Shelling peas and hauling hay would not be fun to the kids these days but after all that hard work and sitting down to just a mess of corn, cake and homemade ice cream was the best dinner of all. Thanks Uncle Joe for the childhood memories!*

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**Michele Nelson** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Hagen and Mike, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Bill and Shelli Burd*

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**Bill and Shelli Burd** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *My favorite uncle. He taught me to water ski on Lake Cherokee and sold me my first Suburban when I left for Alaska. He was a good listener; a man of his word. I will miss Uncle Joe.*

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**Debron Duncan** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM