

# Obituary

Joe Louis Bartee, was born August 10, 1940 in Honey Grove, Texas. Joe spent his early years on the Goss Farm with his mother, Edna Ruth, and grandparents, Georgia Turner Bartee, (Momma) and Howard Bartee, Sr. (Daddy), in Fannin County, Texas. He often told of his remembrances from this time in his life. Joe was the oldest brother of seven.

Joe attended and graduated from B.J. Graves High School. He received his Bachelors Degree from Jarvis Christian College and his Masters Degree from University of Central Oklahoma. Joe moved from Paris, Texas to Oklahoma City, where he taught for several years, before going to work at Dayton Tire, where he retired some years ago.

Since retirement, Joe has worked as a Foster Grandparent for the Evangelistic After School Foster Grandparents Program. He looked forward to going to work each day, where he acquired even more friends.

Joe served in the Air Force for 4 years on active duty, spending 2 tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Air National Guard after 27 years. The Guard allowed Joe the opportunity to travel, which he enjoyed, and the chance to check in on family across the country.

Joe is preceded in death by his oldest son, Joe Louis Bartee, Jr. (Puppy Love) affectionately known as Pup. Joe is also preceded in death by his mother, Edna Ruth Walters; stepfather, Robert L. Walters; sisters, Jimmie Rene Scott, Robbie R (Sue) Walters; and brother, Robert Ed Walters.

Left to remember Joe fondly is his wife of 41 years, Laura Nell; son, Joseph P. "Pap" Bartee; brothers: Don L. Walters of Paris Texas, Ronald "Rabbit" Walters of Ft. Worth; a sister, Pamela K. Walters; 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandson, A.J.; aunts: Ruby Barnes of El Reno, Essie Davis of Colorado and Latrice Lane of Paris, Texas; special niece and nephew: Carolyn Lawrence-Hill and Greg Lawrence; god daughters: Lashon Covington, Valarie Howard and Velina Davenport; childhood friends: Charles McCuin of Dallas Texas and Albert Nelson of Paris Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many, many friends.

There are so many of us who have fond memories of Joe. Everyone that knew him loved him dearly. He left a lasting impression on everyone he met.