



Joe F. Rawlinson

August 10, 1920 - July 18, 2016

RAWLINSON, Joe was born August 10, 1920 in Cushing, Texas to Elmer and Nannie (Carlisle) Rawlinson. He passed peacefully from this life on July 18, 2016, in his home, surrounded by his loving children.

In 1936 he graduated from Cushing High. Joe excelled in sports and played catcher for the semi-pro team Sardis Cats. He was drafted into the Army and served in the Signal Corp. Joe survived Iwo Jima and was awarded a Bronze Star for his service.

On March 8, 1942 he married the love of his life, his wife of nearly 74 years, Myra L. (Hassell) Rawlinson, at Adams Chapel Methodist Church in Bulah, TX. In 1947 Myra and Joe moved to Lancaster, TX where he still lived.

In 1942 Joe acquired his Master Electrician License that he maintained until his passing. Joe worked for Hengy Electric, Howard P. Foley, Fishbach & Moore, and Harrill Electric. He was the Project Manager for Texas Power and Light, building nineteen hydro electrical plants in Texas. As Project Manager for W.B Moore Company, he led projects for the Trident Submarine Training Facility in Kings Bay, Georgia, the General Dynamics Stealth Research Facility in Fort Worth, Texas, and the multiple hi-rise IBM complex in Austin, Texas.

In 1978 he started Rawlinson Electrical Consultants. As a traditional commercial and industrial electrical contracting firm, they won projects at a national level. One of his favorite projects was the remodeling five thousand 7-

11 stores that led to a relationship with Brinker International and other restaurant owners with projects in Chili's, Johnnie Carino's, On the Border and Macaroni Grill. In 1992 he was appointed Chairman of the Electrical Advisory and Appeals Board for the City of Lancaster.

In 1969 Joe started to acquire land to raise cattle in Bulan, TX. The farm was his greatest joy and his favorite past time.

Joe was a 32 Degree Mason for 69 years and active with the Lancaster Lion's Club.

Joe was a member of Adams Chapel Methodist Church in the Bulan Community of East Texas and the First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, TX.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, wife Myra Rawlinson, daughter Elaina Jo, and sister Dorothy English.

He is survived by daughter, Diana Gayle May & partner Laura Doscher; son, Joe "Chip" Rawlinson, Jr. & wife Jennifer; grandchildren, Joshua May & wife Aimee, Mika Earthspirit & husband Matthew, Clay Rawlinson, and Drew Rawlinson; brother-in-law, John Herbert Hassell & wife Retha; sister-in-law, Betty Sue Miller & husband Royce; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Wednesday at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster. The graveside service will be 11:00 am Thursday at Russell Cemetery on Rt 23 in Rusk, Texas.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Russell Cemetery
Hwy. 23
Rusk, TX

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Sincere Sympathy to Chip and Diana and all your families. We loved Joe and Myra so much. Joe was a very special person and a lot was learned from him. Randy (Chief) just mentioned how many things Joe taught him while they worked together on many Electrical jobs thru the years.*

May God comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Love,

Randy (Chief) and Kay Harrill

Randy & Kay Harrill - July 20, 2016 at 05:12 PM

BT

“ *Billy and Tina Tennison purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.*



Billy and Tina Tennison - July 20, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.*



July 19, 2016 at 11:07 PM

TB

“ I can't say enough about "Mr. Joe"... He was a true American hero, but more than that he was my parent's, as well as my, friend. People like him are a rare commodity these days and the world is a poorer place without him.



Tam Bredemeyer - July 19, 2016 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ The Jorgenson family purchased the With Distinction for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.



The Jorgenson family - July 19, 2016 at 03:51 PM

LL

“ Love you, Jane Ashton & Bill Lish purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.



Love you, Jane Ashton & Bill Lish - July 19, 2016 at 12:53 PM

JB

“ Joe and Barb Butto purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.



Joe and Barb Butto - July 19, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ *Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.*



July 19, 2016 at 07:58 AM



“ *Eddy and Judy Mullins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.*



Eddy and Judy Mullins - July 18, 2016 at 09:54 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joe F. Rawlinson.*



July 18, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ *It was a pleasure knowing Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson and you always felt welcome in their home. They were blessed with loving children. Diana will always be a dear friend of mine and I so admire her commitment to her parents.*
Jodie Pettijohn

Jodie Pettijohn - July 18, 2016 at 03:44 PM

LH

*SINCERE SYMPATHY TO CHIP, DIANA GAYLE AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY. YOUR MOM AND DAD WERE FINE. MAY GOD BE ESPECIALLY CLOSE AT THIS SAD TIME. LOVE,
LOIS HITT HOLMES*

LOIS HOLMES - July 19, 2016 at 09:31 AM

PD

*My heartfelt condolences to your family. Your Dad was a great man. I know this is a very sad and difficult time for your family. You have my deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you too.
Pam Regan Drumm*

Pam Drumm - July 20, 2016 at 07:40 PM