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Jerome J. "Jerry" Costa

Graveside services for Jerry Costa will be Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 10 AM in Rosewood Park with Reverend David Reeder Officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

Jerry was born on September 23, 1933 in New Orleans, LA. to Archield Costa and Lucille A. Fonatine. He passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in Longview.

Jerry served with the US Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict. His greatest love was working with the Gregg County Association for Retarded Citizens which is now known as the Arc of Gregg County. During this time he received the Outstanding Volunteer Award, Lifetime Member Award, and Award for his participation in the Special Olympics Program and many others. He retired from Stroh Brewery in 1996 after 28 years of serving in the maintenance.

Mr. Costa was preceded in death by his parents' his brother, Merlin Jacobs, Jr.; and his niece, Dianne Tell.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; sons, Jeff Costa of Marshall and Bart Costa of Valley Mills, TX; sister and brother-in-law, Muriel and Charles Staunton; nephew and his wife, Donald and Babette Staunton; great nephews, Edward and Alexander all of Metairie, LA.; a great niece, Rachel Tell of Apopka, Fl.; as well as on of the best friends a person could have, Harry Allbright.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Longview Cancer Center, 1300 N. 4th Street, Longview, Texas 75601, or Beacon Hospice~ Margaret's House, PO BOX 5908, Longview, Texas 75608.



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The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM, Friday, September 26, 2008 at the funeral home, 1617 Judson Road in Longview.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

We were so sorry to hear of your loss.##imported-begin##Martha, Don Mark, and Vilia Payne & families##imported-end##

September 28 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wanda, we are very sorry for your loss. It was our privilege to have the opportunity to care for Mr. Costa. You will remain in our prayers.##imported-begin##Suzanne, Sherry & Sharon, Nursing Staff @ Margarets House##imported-end##

September 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.##imported-begin##Fred Parsley##imported-end##

September 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wanda, May God wrap his arms around you & give you strength & peace during this time of grief. You, Bart & Jeff are in my prayers. Love ya Mary##imported-begin##Mary Broyles##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

He loved to laugh and kid us all, A man who stood so very tall. Your loss is great, our love we send, Remember the best of times to help your heart mend. Call on us ant time. Love##imported-begin##Babette, Don, Alex & Eddie Staunton##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Billie Roberson##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are thinking of you and we know that you have the strength and our prayers to do what is needed of you.##imported-begin##Gloria and Joe Tebo##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wanda- I am truly blessed by meeting you and Jerry, even though it was under difficult circumstances, I was truly blessed. Ya;ll will always be in my thoughts and Heart##imported-begin##Kay Johnson##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jerry--you'll be missed by Jeff's MLI family. We could always depend on you to provide support and when needed constructive advise. Rest in the Lord, Jeff will be OK. He is fortunate to have a father who cared so much.Wanda, we pray you are comforted by God's grace.##imported-begin##Phil Allen, Ernie Marshall, Diana West, Pam Spurr##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Farewell to a good Friend.##imported-begin##Eugene Germaine##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wanda I will never forget the whistle when he came in the bldg or those one of a kind hats.The world could stand a lot more like him. You are in my thoughts and we did have some raging cajun good times at the fairs, fund raising and our trips to LV. No one could sell those peanut like you and Jerry.Take care of yourself. Jerry always told me he lucked out when he finally got you in his life. To him you were always his "lady". My love and prayers are holding your hand as you get through these next several weeks. Dale##imported-begin##Dale Simpson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Bart, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this very difficult time. You are like a brother to us, and we share in your sorrow. May God's peace be with you, Mrs. Costa, Jeff, and the rest of your family. Love, Joni and Charles Davis##imported-begin##Charles and Joni Davis##imported-end##

September 24 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerome by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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