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Mr. Thomas F Carter, of Longview, went to be with the Lord on Sunday May 29 after a lengthy illness. Thomas, known by friends and family as Tom, was born on August 2, 1928 to Everett E and Nancy J Carter in Harrisburg IL. On January 14, 1972 he married Genevieve Barth and in 1980 they moved to Longview. Preceding him in death was his wife of 22 years, Genevieve, his father Everett, his mother Nancy, and his brother Edward. He is survived by his two step sons, Jonathan Barth and wife Brenda of Hallsville; and Kurtis Barth of Montana. Also surviving is a granddaughter Miranda Valera and husband Jonathan of Ft. Worth; grandsons Thomas Barth and wife Sarah of Dallas, Dustin Barth and wife Tera along with great grandson Caleb of Nevada, and Drew Barth of Montana; plus, a nephew Thomas Edworth Carter and wife Brenda of Illinois along with a niece Brenda Dreyer and husband Dwayne also of Illinois; as well as several great nieces and nephews. Tom was a 20-year veteran of the United States Army with service in Panama, Europe, and the Vietnam Conflict where he served with the 101st Airborne Division. After retiring from military service and a civilian career he and his wife were some of the founding members of the East Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA. Tom was on the Board of Directors for CASA for a time and in 1996 was named Texas Child Advocate of the Year by the 7th annual Texas CASA conference. For his work in CASA, December 12, 2007 was declared Thomas Carter Day in Gregg County. He volunteered because he felt that children in foster care needed somebody to look out for their rights. One of his most memorable volunteer moments was finding an adoptive home for a child who had been in a residential treatment center. He was an active member of the New Horizon Church of God and had a deep love of God. While he had a tough outer shell, on the inside Tom was a kind and gentle person. He loved his family, grand kids and his CASA kids. He was a sweet man who always



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had a kind word for people, a smile, and never knew a stranger. No matter what adversity he faced he would always tell you "I am fine".

Visitation will be held Friday June 3 from 10 to 11a.m. at the New Horizon Church of God in Longview with the service to follow at 11a.m. with the Pastor Kenneth Antley officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a donation to East Texas CASA would be appreciated.



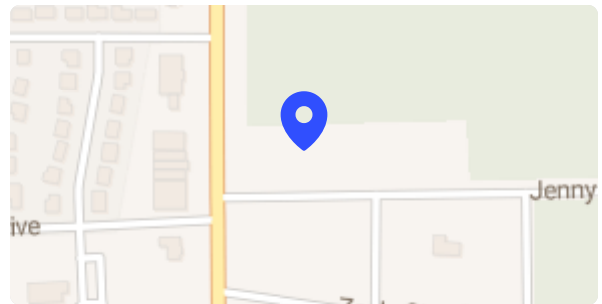
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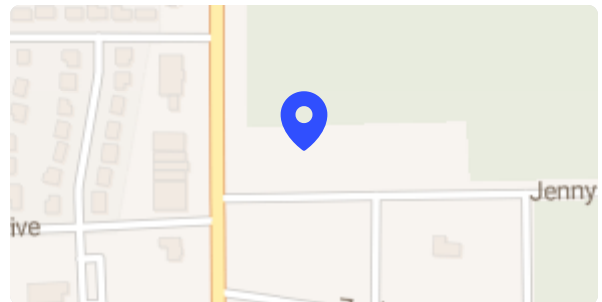
Visitation

- Friday**, June 3, 2016
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- New Horizon Church of God**
1305 Jenny Street, Longview TX



Funeral Service

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Cemetery Details

- Lakeview Cemetery**
Marietta OK





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LH

Luticia Henderson posted:

John and Brenda, It was sad to see that I lost one of my best friends. We sat at the same table at Colonial Village for five years. Since I worked for Child Protective Services and knew about CASA, we had a lot in common. That, and my husband served in the US Marines for 20 years. I will truly miss one fine man. I am sorry for your loss and will remember your family in my prayers. Lou Henderson

June 2 at 1:00 PM

SR

Sarah Radulescu posted:

It was an honor and a pleasure to work with Tom while I worked at CASA. He often talked about his family and their importance to him. Tom's dedication and generosity to the children in foster care is unmatched. I was blessed to know Tom!

June 2 at 5:39 AM

BR

Bill Rice posted:

To the Family of Thomas Carter, I enjoyed his talks when I pick him up to go to Church and then after Church we would go out with a group from Church and have lunch and set and talk. My prayers are with you all during this time. May the Lord give you peace and let you know he is in a better place. God Bless, Bill Rice

June 1 at 3:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas "Tom" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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