



## Berdette Ritter

November 15, 1941 - May 19, 2011

Funeral services for Mr. Berdette Ritter, 69 of Gary will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel in Carthage with Brother Calvin Hancock officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Ritter died Thursday, May 19, 2011 in Gary.

Born November 15, 1941 in the Buncombe Community of Panola County, Texas, Berdette was the son of Albert and Eathel Langford Ritter. Mr. Ritter was a lifetime resident of Panola County where he operated Ritter Bros. Construction Co., and worked for B & B Construction Company and Smith Equipment of Carthage. He was a lifelong member of Hopewell Baptist Church. Mr. Ritter was preceded in death by his father, mother, and brothers; Landy Craig Ritter and Langford Ritter.

Survivors include his loving wife Janis Sharp Ritter of Gary, step-sons, Russell “Rusty” D. Nelson and wife Janice of Minden, LA and their children; Thomas and Michael Hammons; Chuck Terrell of Dallas and granddaughter Ashtyn Chaunce Graber of Keithville, LA, brothers and sisters, Jimmy and Linda Ritter and Guy and Melba Ritter all of Carthage, and Rene and Billy Wayne Davis of Gary, Emma Doris Ritter of Carthage and Branda Milford of Timpson, adopted grandchildren, Michael Davis, Rusty Hall, Hannah, B.J. and Ethan Frachiseur, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Johnny Hall, Tony Frachiseur, Bobby Joe Ritter,

Joe Lynn Ritter, Charles Bailey, and Leonard Hughes.

The family request memorials be made in Mr. Ritter's name to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **22**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janis & Family, Please accept my Heartfelt Sympathy on the loss of your precious loved one. I know he is at peace now with the good Lord and out of pain, so please find your peace with his loss by looking to the Heavens above. Only there will you find the help, love, and peace you each will need in the months to come to carry on without him. God Bless All!!!imported-begin##Linda Terry (FPHS-'61)##imported-end##*

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May 25, 2011 at 08:42 PM



“ *Jan,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loving husband Bert. I pray that when you think of him, you will always smile:)  
Peace and blessings for you,  
Jody##imported-begin##Jody Sanders##imported-end##*

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May 23, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ *Jan and family,  
No words, however kind, can ease your grief at this time. But it is my prayer that you will find peace and understanding through God's love. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family at this time.  
Hugs,  
DeAnna##imported-begin##DeAnna Alvarez##imported-end##*

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May 23, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ Janice,

*We are sorry for you loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

*Love from*

*Ann Connors, Terri Connors and Mary C. Lites##imported-begin##Mary C. Lites##imported-end##*

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May 21, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ Jan, I am so sorry for your loss & pain...Thank you so much for sending the email letting me know. I prayed for you off & on Friday as you made the arrangements & will definitely continue to pray for you as you walk this valley. Just remember to CLING to the FATHER.

*Blessings to you & your family.##imported-begin##Judy (Pacey) Smith##imported-end##*

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May 21, 2011 at 11:30 AM



“ Jan,

*We love you very much and we deeply regret your loss. Please call upon us if there is anything we can do to ease the burden on your hearts during this difficult time. Please know we are thinking of you and your family every day.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mark and April Scott##imported-begin##Mark and April Scott##imported-end##*

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May 20, 2011 at 10:16 PM



“ Rusty,  
We will keep you and your wife's family in our prayers.  
Tommy and Donna###imported-begin##Tommy Gayer###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 07:11 PM



“ Jan,  
I know that there are no words to heal your pain, but just know that the Lord is with you and that He has His loving arms around you. His strenght and love will get you through this hard time. I am here if there is anything you or your family needs, please do let me know. Your family is im my prayers.###imported-begin##Sylvia Santos###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 06:20 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Jan. May our Lord give you and your loved ones strength and peace.

*"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."*

~Kahlil Gibran###imported-begin##Maria Solano-BAHEC###imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ To Jan and Family, the AHEC family is saddened by the loss of Bert. While we work to improve the lives of others, we also know that these times are hard. I encourage remembrance of those special moments, and realization of the blessings that come in so many ways. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Steve Shelton, East Texas AHEC##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 05:08 PM



“ Jan,  
I am praying for you and your family##imported-begin##Ida Roberts##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 01:43 PM



“ Jan,  
  
You are in my thoughts, I am praying for you and your family.  
  
God bless you,  
Yolanda##imported-begin##Yolanda Gasaway##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 12:36 PM



“ Love you. My heart goes out to you and your family.  
  
Becca##imported-begin##Becca Hamblett##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ Jan, Rusty, Chuck and the Ritter family,  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers right now. I wish there was something I could say to ease your pain. I know you are missing Bert's jovial laughter and gentle manner. I will remember Bert fishing with Sabina and loving on his sweet Taffy. I hope she is riding shotgun with him in heaven right now.##imported-begin##Becky Conditt##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 10:58 AM



“ Jan, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Keep your head up because you are a beautiful woman and God will continue to guide you. Love Tammy!##imported-begin##Tammy Patton##imported-end##

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May 20, 2011 at 10:47 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Mrs Jan, you and your family will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Eva Ard##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 05:57 PM



“ God Bless you and your family.  
We Love you and know that you are special in His site.  
  
We Pray each day for you...  
Piney Woods Staff  
Mark, Eva, Ida, Yolanda and Lurah##imported-begin##Lurah Bryant##imported-end##

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May 19, 2011 at 05:05 PM



“ Jan,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your during this time.##imported-begin##Debbie Warren##imported-end##*

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May 19, 2011 at 04:10 PM