



## Bobby Cariker

August 5, 1935 - August 16, 2011

Funeral services for Mr. Bobby Ray "Sonny" Cariker, 76 of Carthage, Texas will be Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dale Reed and Dr. Ray Brooks officiating. Burial will follow in the Long Branch Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Friday, August 19, 2011 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Cariker passed away Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in Longview, Texas.

Mr. Bobby Ray Cariker was born August 5, 1935 in Long Branch, Texas to the marriage of James Otis and Sally Morris Cariker. Bobby attended schools in Long Branch, graduating from Carthage High School with the class of 1953, and married Suzanne Holcomb in 1981. He retired as supervisor from the Texas Highway Department after twenty-two years of service. He then worked as a safety specialist at Smith Equipment. Bobby enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking and playing baseball. Mr. Cariker was a volunteer fireman, and was former assistant fire chief for the Carthage Fire Department. He also served as secretary/treasurer and past president of the board of Dixie Lake, Inc. Bobby was raised in Long Branch Missionary Baptist Church, and was a member of Carthage Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Cariker is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Johnny and Doug; sisters, Faye Giles, Martha Martin, Cecil Gossett, Louise Tompkins, and Grace Malone.

He is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne Cariker of Carthage; son, Mark Cariker of Carthage; daughters, Lenecia McGee and husband, Harry of Marshall and LeAnne Cariker of Carthage; sister, Mary Cooley and husband, Gene of Carthage; sisters-in-law, Joy Cariker and Merle Cariker, both of Carthage; grandchildren, Coleman Cariker of Orlando, Florida; Kacey Davenport of Orlando, Florida; Dr. Bailey Griffin and husband, Michael of Kingwood; Colton McGee of Nashville, Tennessee; and Aidyn Cariker of Carthage, his special dog, Macy, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Gene Giles, Dean Giles, Buddy Gossett, Jeff Cooley, Kenny Cariker, and Bruce Johnson, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Dylan Jones, Donny Tompkins, Ronnie Tompkins, David Tompkins, Mike Martin and the employees of Smith Equipment Rental.

The family requests memorials be made to the Carthage Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund.

# Previous Events

## Service

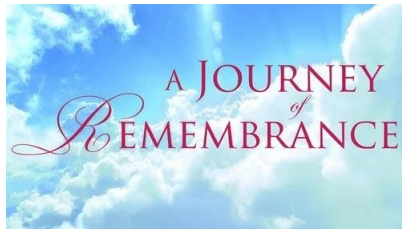
AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bobby Cariker

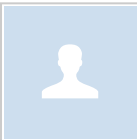


Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. God be with your family.##imported-begin##Mary Jane Decker Davis##imported-end##

August 25, 2011 at 01:55 PM

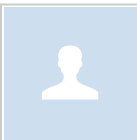


“ Mark, I am so sorry for your loss. I liked Bobby a lot, we had fun when we aere all together. Take care of your self & let know how you are and if you are ever in Galveston, come see us.

Love Ya!

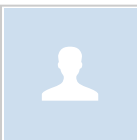
Sylvia Cariker##imported-begin##Sylvia Cariker##imported-end##

August 21, 2011 at 04:19 PM



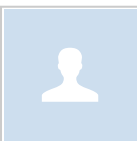
“ Sending all the family our love and condolences. I have the fondest memories of Uncle Bobby.##imported-begin##Tracy (Arnold) Chapman and family##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 11:24 PM



“ ZF9C##imported-begin##Donald & Margaret Bates##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Mike and Lisa Cockrell##imported-begin##Lisa Cockrell##imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ We were very shocked by the passing of Bobby. Please accept our condolence. He was a very remarkable person and will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Joyce and Charles Barrett##imported-end##

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August 19, 2011 at 09:15 AM



“ May God be with you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Donna Higginbotham##imported-end##

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August 19, 2011 at 08:40 AM



“ Uncle Bobby, the Lord has called you home. So many of the family have gone before and I know you are now at peace as you see them again. You will always be remembered by family and friends.

Kenny##imported-begin##Ken Cariker##imported-end##

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August 18, 2011 at 08:51 PM



“ Very sorry to hear about the loss of one of my coworkers. I will miss him a lot around the office. He was always so happy and in a good mood and always had a story to tell me and I loved talking to him. He will be missed by many people! My thoughts and prayers are with his family...##imported-begin##Dana Andrews##imported-end##

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August 18, 2011 at 07:11 PM



“ O SUZANNE WE ARE SO SORRY FOR U LOSE..KEEPING U IN OUR PRAYS...HUGS AND LOVE##imported-begin##KIM AND TOMMY BRADY##imported-end##

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August 18, 2011 at 01:15 PM



“ Our deepest regards to you and your family. Bobby was a wonderful dear friend. He will certainly be missed by many. Our prayers are with each of you as you begin your journey to healing.

Our love,

Roger & Gwyn Boisvert##imported-begin##Roger and Gwyn Boisvert##imported-end##

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August 18, 2011 at 12:36 PM



“ We are all so sorry for your loss of Mr Cariker. Know that all of you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Robert Hunter##imported-end##

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August 18, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Bobby. I remember being scared to go over to Leanne's house and when I finally got the courage to go Mr. Bobby welcomed me with open arms.He was truley a nice man everytime I saw him and he was in love with his little booger (Aiden). He will be missed.##imported-begin##Tomeka Williams##imported-end##

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August 17, 2011 at 02:26 PM



“ We love and miss you Granddaddy. I wish I could have made it earlier so you could meet your great - grandchildren.##imported-begin##Kacey Davenport##imported-end##

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August 17, 2011 at 12:07 PM



“ Bobby is a great man and he will be missed by many many people. He is very special to Dylan and I want to thank Bobby and his family for always being so great with Dylan. Dylan loves you!##imported-begin##Donna and Dylan Jones##imported-end##

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August 17, 2011 at 11:08 AM