



## Mr. Fred Overton

April 30, 1936 - August 24, 2017

Funeral services for Mr. Fred Overton, 81, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017 at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Charles Dodson, Dr. W. C. "Bill" Everett and Rev. Tim Watson officiating. Burial will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be Saturday 6-8:00 p.m. at Hawthorn's. Mr. Fred Overton died peacefully at his Carthage home August 24, 2017.

Fredrick Rufus Overton was born on April 30, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas, to John R. and Eula Fannin Overton. He attended school in Forsan and Garden City, Texas, before entering the United States Navy where he was an aviation electronics technician for Patrol Squadron Fifty-Seven and flew in zeppelins. He married Lana Wren Overton on July 9, 1960, in Andrews, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton resided in Big Spring, Texas, where he attended Howard College. Mr. Overton was employed by Cosden Refinery for seven years and then as an electrician at Texas Electric's Big Spring division for five years before transferring to Fairfield, Texas, in 1970. In 1976, they moved to Carthage, Texas, where Mr. Overton worked 34 years for Texas Utilities before retiring in 1999. He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas, where he served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher as well as serving on numerous committees. He was a member of Gideon's International, Carthage Camp. He was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and enjoyed watching the Texas Rangers. He is preceded in death by his parents John R. and Eula Fannin Overton, sister Elsie Jean Overton, brothers John

Overton and Bill Overton.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lana Wren Overton. He is also survived by his three children: Kelly Overton and wife Jan of Flower Mound, Texas; Kent Overton of Oak Point, Texas; and Kristi DeWall and husband Marc of Bartonville, Texas. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Connally and husband Joe of Llano, Texas, brother Lewis Overton and wife Wanda of Crane, Texas. Grandchildren: Cole Overton and wife, Jerry, Halie Moore and husband, Aaron, Adam Overton, Audry Overton, AJ Overton, Justin Overton, Gillian Overton, Abbigail DeWall, Samuel DeWall; Great-grandsons, Maverick Huval and Gabriel Moore.

Serving as pallbearers will be; Jimmy Tidwell, Ron Roberson, Jim Hough, Dennis Smith, Tommy Dodge, Jason Funderburk, and David Alexander. The family request memorial to the American Lung Assoc., 1341 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 950 W, Dallas, TX 75247, or to Mission Carthage; 940 E. Sabine St., Carthage, TX 75633.

# Cemetery Details

## Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**AUG 27.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church  
220 W. Sabine  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Fred Overton



Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 26, 2017 at 01:24 PM



*Precious Memories, of a precious life. Love him & family so much.*  
Reba

Reba Harry - August 26, 2017 at 03:26 PM



*Praying for my sweet friends.*

Reba Harry - August 26, 2017 at 03:57 PM

DN

*To Lana and family - I'm so sorry for your loss and pray God's comfort for in the coming hard days. Thank God for His precious promise heaven. We will be together again for eternity! Glory to His name!*  
Donna Newsom

Donna Newsom - August 26, 2017 at 04:12 PM

JD

*Our wonderful forever friend. So many wonderful, fun, & silly memories. We will miss him. Love him. Charles & Jolene. ❤️❤️*

Jolene Dunnam - August 26, 2017 at 04:53 PM

PW

*Lana, I'm so sorry to hear of Fred's home-going. He always was so helpful to me in my work life and I considered him a dear friend.*

*Phyllis Whitaker*

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**Phyllis Whitaker** - August 26, 2017 at 06:14 PM

MH

*So sorry for your loss.*

*Rodney and Melissa Hatfield*

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**melissa hatfield** - August 26, 2017 at 06:53 PM

LR

*We remember many good time with you and family when you lived in Fairfield. I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Fred but know he is in a better place now. We send our love to you.*

*Lorelei and Charley Ritchey*

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**Lorelei Ritchey** - August 31, 2017 at 09:42 AM

RL

“*Sorry to hear about mr Freds passing. I worked with him at the Tatum mine several years ago and at Beckville. Great man with great sense of humor. I know he will be missed. I just read his obit a few minutes ago. So glad I got to know him*

*Roy Lemley*

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**Roy Lemley** - September 21, 2017 at 03:00 PM

DS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Fred Overton's passing. He was one of the people that I respected most at Central Baptist Church and as a father of one of my friends. He had more patience than almost anyone that I knew. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. We'll keep your family in our prayers as you celebrate his life of achievements and celebrate his graduation to Heaven to be with the Lord.

*The Smith Family*

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**David Smith** - August 27, 2017 at 04:33 PM

JD

“ Lana and family,  
We are so sorry to hear about Fred. Sorry that we can not be with you during this time. Please know that we have you all in our thoughts and prayers.  
With our love,  
Jerry and Pat (Edens) Dorman  
Isaiah 40:31



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**Jerry and Pat E Dorman** - August 26, 2017 at 10:12 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.



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August 26, 2017 at 03:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.*



August 26, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.*



August 26, 2017 at 12:43 PM



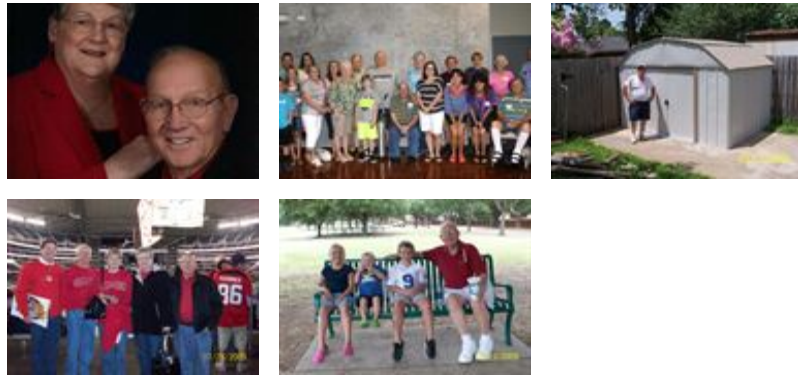
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.*



August 26, 2017 at 12:13 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 26, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.



August 26, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ *Lana, my prayers are with you & your family during this sad time... I will always remember Fred's smile... he was such a sweet man & will be sorely missed* 🙏🙏🙏

Vickie Barker - August 26, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.*



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August 26, 2017 at 12:06 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.*



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August 25, 2017 at 10:26 PM



“ *I could not even begin to write everything I want to about my thoughts about Fred. He married my life long friend, Lana, and thereafter we formed a friendship, Alvis, me, Lana, Fred. So many good times, traveling to Branson, Mo. Playing cards into the night, our children grew up together in church, together,our homes, we had a bond of friendship. Love this Overton family so much.*

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**Reba Joyce Harry** - August 25, 2017 at 10:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.*



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August 25, 2017 at 10:08 PM

KK

“ Lana and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kay Knight - August 25, 2017 at 08:08 PM

TF

“ Team Dallas Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Fred Overton.



Team Dallas Family - August 25, 2017 at 09:55 AM

TT

“ I remember the very first day I met Fred. We had just finished a staff meeting that Lonnie Smith had with his direct reports. Lonnie told them about a change in some procedure and this guy was really not happy about it and he voiced his dissatisfaction. After the meeting, I am walking out with Lonnie and I asked who that guy was. Lonnie said, "Oh that's Fred. You watch, he'll be the guy that makes this all work". And he did! He always figured out how to get things done. I later worked for Fred at the mine. He was the best boss I ever had in my 35 years of working in mining. I will forever cherish his influence in my life.

Terry Taylor - August 25, 2017 at 06:47 AM

MW

Lana and all your precious family,  
We are so sorry for your great loss. May God wrap His arms around you for tightly and give you the peace and comfort that only He can give. We are sending love and praying for you.  
Terry and Marja Williams

Marja Williams - August 25, 2017 at 09:07 PM

CF

“ *Cindy Figley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Overton*



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**cindy figley** - August 25, 2017 at 12:07 AM

LB

“ *Lana, I am so saddened to hear about Fred's passing. You have both been so precious to my parents, my sister, and I throughout the years. Dad was talking about both of you yesterday. We love you and are praying for as peace that passes all understanding as you are comforted by the loving arms of Jesus.*  
*Love, Lara Raley Bryan*

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**Lara Raley Bryan** - August 24, 2017 at 10:36 PM



“ *Kandi Olivia Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Overton*



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**Kandi Olivia Wallace** - August 24, 2017 at 09:59 PM

PW

“ *Lana, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!*



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**Pam Williamson** - August 24, 2017 at 07:31 PM

LK

“ Oh I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. I just love your sweet family. We will be praying for all of you. Phil & Lori

Lori Kruebbe - August 24, 2017 at 01:42 PM

GE

We are so sorry for your loss. You as well as all the kids are in our thoughts and prayers. Ralph and Glenda

Glenda Edge - August 24, 2017 at 02:36 PM

RD

Our family is saddened by your loss. We will pray for your peace and comfort. Randy and Sharon

Randy Davis - August 24, 2017 at 05:07 PM

JD

I'm praying for your family during this time. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Julie Dieter - August 24, 2017 at 05:32 PM

DB

Sorry for your loss Kelly. I send my prayers and condolences to you and your family.

DeLancy Banks - August 25, 2017 at 09:42 AM

KS

*Fred will always be one of my heroes, The day I was to report to work was a Monday morning. During the weekend my father-in-law came up missing on Lake Conroe. We did not know what had happened, I drove all night to get to work because it was my first day on the job after orientation with the company. The game wardens had searched for 2 days to find my father-in-law on Lake Conroe. I get to the parking lot at about 6 am and I see this guy in a red shirt with a large white cup of coffee. It was Fred, I told him my father-in-law had been missing since Saturday and my wife and I didn't know what was going on. Fred told me to go take care of my family and to get with him when things are resolved. I told Fred I could not miss working because we needed the money. Fred told me to not worry about this I would be on the payroll until I got back. HOW CAN YOU NOT RESPECT A MAN LIKE THIS? My father-in-law drowned that Saturday.*

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**Keith Sunday** - August 25, 2017 at 06:03 PM