



## Mr. Lauri A. Kuoppala

January 17, 1936 - May 18, 2014

Funeral services for Mr. Lauri Kuoppala, 78, of Old Center will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 22, 2014 at the First Baptist Church of Carthage with Bro. Pete Williams and Bro. Mike Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Center Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Wednesday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mr. Kuoppala died May 18, 2014 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mr. Lauri Alex Kuoppala was born January 17, 1936 in Iron, Minnesota. He was one of four children born to the marriage of Alex Kuoppala of Finland and Lydia Haapaniemi of Sweden. Lauri was raised and graduated high school in Cherry, Minnesota. He enlisted with the U. S. Air Force and met Elsie Lee Bryant at Barksdale A.F.B. and they married January 25, 1958 and celebrated 56 years together. Mr. Kuoppala worked as a machinist by trade for over 36 years, and as the Maintenance Director for C.I.S.D. for 18 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage. Lauri loved fishing, hunting, riding four wheelers, but his family he loved above all else. He is preceded in death by his parents, and daughter, Mona Guilbeau.

Mr. Kuoppala is survived by his loving wife, Elsie Kuoppala of Old Center, daughter, Melanie Brooks and husband William of Carthage, son-in-law, Jeff Guilbeau of Old Center, brother Reino Kuoppala and wife Diane of Brainard, MN, sisters, Sylvia Kaurala of Babbit, MN, Ruth Kako of Big Lake, MN, grandchildren, Alexia Guilbeau and Beaux Guilbeau both of Old Center, Millicent Brooks of Carthage, many other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Al Loofboro, Tommy Holman, Walter Westin, Don Smith, Charlie Kuoppala, Shawn Lindula, Gary Kuoppala, J.C. Smith, honorary pallbearers will be the Berean Men's Sunday School Class. The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church or Old Center Cemetery Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **21.** 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

MAY **22.** 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Carthage  
256 S Market St.  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Sharon Roberson-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lauri A. Kuoppala*



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**Sharon Roberson-Jones** - May 23, 2014 at 08:17 AM

AD

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family and friends. God bless.*  
*Agnes Downer*

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**Agnes Downer** - May 21, 2014 at 02:32 PM

LI

“ *May God keep each of you held in OUR LORDS ARMS in this greiving time. All our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Mrs K, Mel, Willie, Milli, Jeff, Lexi, Beaux*  
*With all our Love*  
*From: The Guilbeau's*  
*With all our Love*

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**Linda, Jeffrey, Shawna, Michele, Trisha, Stev** - May 21, 2014 at 02:40 AM

TA

“ I've loved Mr K & Mrs K since the day I met them. He was such a strong but gentle man who loved his family more than himself. I love them both so much & while my heart is breaking because he's not here to give me that smile & beautiful blue eyes.... I'm so happy to know he's with his Lord & Mona. Mr K.... You meant the world to me... Godspeed & I'll see you soon one day. God Bless you "Mama K", Melanie, Willie, Jeff & family. Thank you for taking me "in"... I love y'all always.

*Dear Lord please wrap your living hands around this beautiful family during their time of grief, and the days after... Amen*

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**Trishia Anderson-Reddy** - May 20, 2014 at 10:31 PM

EK

“ *Imagining your reunion with Mona brings me joy. May it bring comfort to Elsie, Melanie, Willie, Jeff, Lexie, Beau, and Millie as well. Thank you for loving us all so well.*

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**Elizabeth Kuoppala** - May 19, 2014 at 04:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Lauri A. Kuoppala.*



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May 19, 2014 at 01:48 PM