



## Mr Lesse Donnell Helton

November 19, 1935 - December 31, 2023

Funeral services for Mr. Les Helton, 88, of Lake Charles, Louisiana will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Edwin Parker officiating. Burial will follow in the Carthage City Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday, January 5, 2024 at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mr. Lesse Donnell "Les" Helton was born November 19, 1935 in Gary, Texas. He passed from this life December 31, 2023 in Lake Charles Louisiana. Les was the 6th of seven children born to the marriage of Lucious Adam and Lena Mae Clay Helton. He was raised in Panola County starting Beckville schools and graduating from Carthage High School with the Bulldog class of 1955. He served his country through the U.S. Army. Les married his love Mary Lou Garibaldi and together they celebrated 63 years of marriage and a son. Mr. Helton worked his lifetime for the railroad. He clerked for the Santa Fe and retired from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe. He was a family man who worked hard to provide for those he loved. He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, brothers, Forrest, Jesse, and L.A. Helton, sisters, Verdine Henderson and Rilla Hutto Faircloth; and a daughter-in-law, Melinda Smith Helton.

Mr. Helton is survived by his loving wife, Mary Lou Helton of Lake Charles, LA; son, Darryl Helton of Lake Charles, LA; sister, Faye Johnson of Porter, TX; sister-in-law, Betty Helton of Tomball, TX; grandchildren, Ashley Christine Guidry and husband Forrest of Lake Charles, LA, Darryl Jacob Helton and

wife Taylor of Little Elm, TX; great grandson, Hunter James Guidry; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

A guestbook can be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Carthage City Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JAN 5.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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### Funeral Service

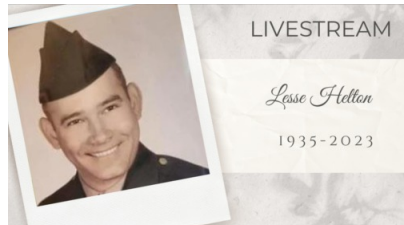
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# Tribute Wall



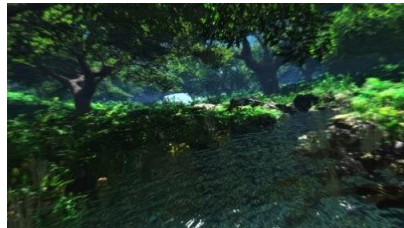
“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr Lesse Donnell Helton



Hawthorn Funeral Home - January 06, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Lesse Donnell Helton



Hawthorn Funeral Home - January 04, 2024 at 05:18 PM



“ RIELS ELSIE lit a candle in memory of Mr Lesse Donnell Helton



RIELS ELSIE - January 05, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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*Uncle Lessie always made everyone around him laugh and have fun. His smile made his eyes twinkle. My dad, Forrest Helton, loved him and his brothers so much! He will be missed. Wonderful memories growing up, and as we got older. He became friends with everyone who got to know him. "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27 (Mike & Elsie Riels)*

RIELS ELSIE - January 05, 2024 at 09:31 PM

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“*My condolences. When I was a small kid growing up, when uncle Lessie was on leave from the army, and he knew we were going to be visiting in Carthage. He would always bring me a bar of Bit O’Honey. I always look forward to that. He was definitely one of my favorites along with aunt Mary Lou. God Bless all of the surviving family.*

*Elwyn Henderson*

Elwyn Henderson - January 05, 2024 at 04:55 PM



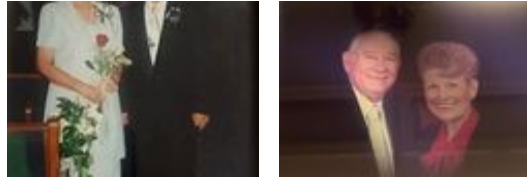
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January 05, 2024 at 04:23 PM



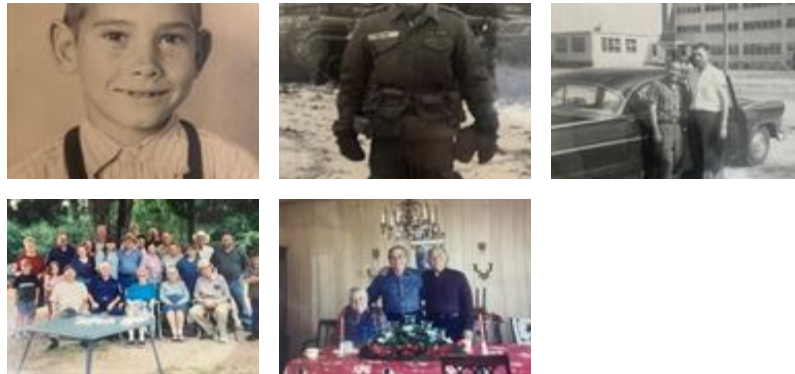
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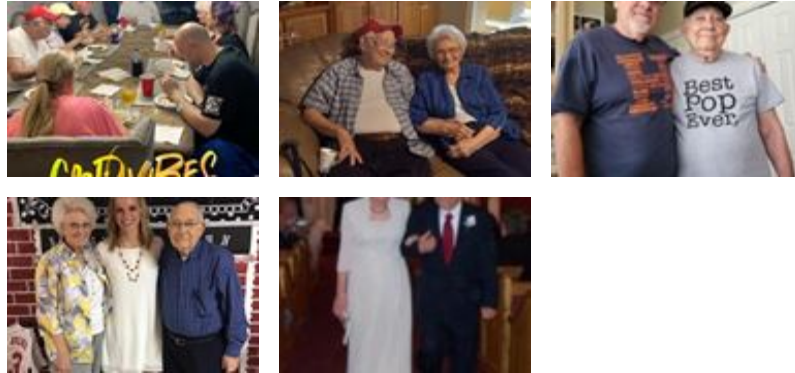
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*I am older and was not privileged to know Lesse, but I knew and loved his older siblings. My sincere sympathy to all the family. Patsy Adams Feeves*

Pat Reeves - January 05, 2024 at 01:56 AM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - January 04, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Mr Lesse Donnell Helton.



January 03, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ I worked with Les in the Santa Fe RFO/RYO in Euless. He was a good friend and always had an easy going personality. AG Simmons

Arvil AG Simmons - January 03, 2024 at 01:20 PM