



Pink P. Ritter, Jr.

April 5, 1928 - June 16, 2011

Funeral Services for Mr. Pink Ritter, Jr., 83 of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rick Linebarger officiating. Burial will follow in the Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2011 at the funeral home. Mr. Ritter died June 16, 2011 peacefully at his home in Carthage, Texas.

Mr. Pink Paul Ritter, Jr. was born April 5, 1928 in Gilliam, Louisiana. He was one of seven children born to the marriage of Pink Paul and Maud Childress Ritter, Sr. Pink was raised and attended schools in Gary, later serving his country through the U. S. Air Force as a Sergeant in the Korean Conflict from 1946-1949. He obtained his Bachelor of Science graduating to become a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 1953. Pink married the love of his life Peggy Blair on October 8, 1955 and together they celebrated 55 years of marriage. Mr. Ritter retired from the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service after 33 years. He was a deacon and member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Lions Club and the Panola County A & M Club. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Billie Marvin and Rudolph R. Ritter, sisters, Bessie Mae Rochelle and Marguerite Hudson.

He is survived by loving wife, Peggy Ritter of Carthage, sons, Ronald R. Ritter and wife Paula of Hearne, Paul Dwain Ritter and wife Carol of Carthage, daughter, Cheryl Elaine Zieschang and husband Ted of Lufkin, brother, Kenneth Eugene Ritter and wife Dorothy of Spring, sister, Ida Barrett and

husband Wayne of Carthage, grandchildren, Matthew Ritter and wife Ashley, Brian Ritter, Jessica Ritter, Kyle Ritter and wife Nicola, Julie Reynolds and husband Levy, Aaron Zieschang and wife Cindy, Mark Zieschang, Jamie Zieschang, Dusty Burleson and wife Staci, Katy Burleson Coles, Heather Caldwell Southern and husband, Jim, Courtney Caldwell Schutz and husband, Ryan and seven great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons, Matthew Ritter, Brian Ritter, Kyle Ritter, Aaron Zieschang, Mark Zieschang, Dusty Burleson and Levy Reynolds. Honorary pallbearers will be the men of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. The family requests donations to the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church 1765 Hwy 59 S., Carthage, TX 75633, Gary Cemetery, P. O. Box 334, Gary, TX 75643, Heartsway Hospice, 437 Panola, Carthage, TX 75633 or the Parkinson's Disease Resource LSUHS Foundation, 1501 King's Hwy, Shreveport, LA 71103.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Peggy;
I am so sorry to hear about Pink. I didn't realize he was so ill. If I can do anything, please let me know.
Judy###imported-begin##*Judy Guthrie*###imported-end##

June 19, 2011 at 12:46 PM



“ *May God comfort all your hearts today as you go through this difficult time. This pain is temporary because one day you will see him in eternity. Remember the happy times!*###imported-begin##*Melinda Frizzell*###imported-end##

June 18, 2011 at 09:35 AM



“ *My condolences on the loss of your loved one. Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

The English Family###imported-begin##*Olen English*###imported-end##

June 17, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences are sent to you, as a family. He has gone to a better place, and he lived a full life here on earth. Our sympathy goes out to you, because it is not easy to let a loved one go.*

Joyce & Charles Barrett###imported-begin##*Joyce & Charles Barrett*###imported-end##

June 17, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ *Your all in our prayers during this time may you each have God's peace in your heart until you meet Mr Pink again in Heaven##imported-begin##Sharon Jean & Ron Russell##imported-end##*

June 17, 2011 at 01:14 PM



“ *We express our deepest condolences to all the Ritter family. May Glod Bless each and everyone of you.*

In Christian Love

Barbara, Jennifer, Steven, Michelle & Family##imported-begin##McCauley Funeral Home Inc.##imported-end##

June 17, 2011 at 11:44 AM



“ Uncle Junior was always an inspiration to me as a youngster growing up in the "Ritter" household and extended family. Although I was not blood he and the whole family treated me as one of the "Ritters". I remember anxiously awaiting the time I knew he would be coming home for the weekend from A & M College as he would kid around and play with my sister, brother and me. Often there would be a surprise arriving with him. The inspiration was from his going to college when no one I ever knew had done so except he and Uncle Kenneth. Uncle Juniors demeanor was very low key and he was a very considerate person who as I said treated us kids with respect and love.

One of my fondest memories was of him bringing his new girl friend "Peggy" to Sunday dinner at our home in Gary. Even as a child I knew what love looked like like when I could see each of them looking at the other. If all Sunday dinners could be that delightful. "Aunt Peggy" has not only been a relative since that time but also a dear, dear friend and loved one. It has remained so ever since that first day I saw them together that I knew this was a pairing from the Almighty above. God bless and keep you Aunt Peggy. Uncle Junior may you rest peacefully and eternally in the cradle of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I thank God for my wonderful memories of you and the times we shared!

Your nephew, Richard##imported-begin##Richard Rainey##imported-end##

June 16, 2011 at 05:11 PM