



## Ray Lynn Kirchner

January 7, 1931 - February 25, 2013

Funeral services for Mr. Ray Lynn Kirchner, 82, of Carthage, Texas will be 12:00, Noon Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro Richard Pruitt officiating. Burial will follow in the Carroll Springs Cemetery in Athens, Texas under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Thursday night at the funeral home. Mr. Kirchner died February 25, 2013 in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Ray Lynn Kirchner was born January 7, 1931 in Camp Wood, Rio County, Texas to Richard and Ann Kendrick Kirchner. He grew up on a ranch in Montell, Texas, with goats, sheep, horses and cows.

He played and worked hard as a child. He attended Uvalde schools, graduating from high school in 1948, and attended Southwest Texas, Jr. College, graduating in 1951 with an Associate of Arts Degree. He went on to complete three degrees from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry in 1953, Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering in 1959

and a Masters Degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1961. He served his country through the U. S. Army for two years beginning in 1954. He married Margaret Kirchner, his wife of 37 years, in 1962. Ray worked for Tenneco Oil Company in Houston during the late 1960's. He was well respected in his field, and instilled a strong work ethic in his children and grandchildren. Twin daughters Karen and Sharon were born in 1967. He moved his family to Carthage in 1976, where he worked as an independent consultant in the oil field, operated his cattle ranch and continued to raise his daughters.

In later years, after he retired, he enjoyed running his cattle ranch, and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He would often be seen driving his John Deere tractor with one or more kids in the front end loader, giving them a ride! He had a lifelong love of horses and cows. Ray was widowed in 1999. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Karen.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharon Stump and husband Jeff of Carthage, brother, Richard Kirchner of Deadwood, grandchildren, Brandon Trimble, Garrett Rayburn, Kayla Wallace and husband Jerry Lee, Kelsea Bushiey, Amelia Lee and Naomi Murray, great grandchildren, Maleigha Trimble, Keaton Lee, Abby and Javon Landers, and cousin Althea Blanton of Alabama, other relatives and a host of friends.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Camp Wood is in Real County, Texas##imported-begin##Frank Dougharty##imported-end##*

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April 08, 2013 at 11:14 AM



“ Sharon,

*I am truly sorry to hear about your dad. It is a hard time I know. Take care, and know that you are in my prayers.*

*Donny##imported-begin##Donny Brown##imported-end##*

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March 11, 2013 at 09:32 PM



“ Sharon,

*I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Your family is in my prayers.*

*Dan.##imported-begin##Daniel Williams##imported-end##*

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March 11, 2013 at 11:16 AM



“ Sharon,

*I am sorry.*

*Love,*

*Dana##imported-begin##Dana Brady Chambers##imported-end##*

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March 05, 2013 at 03:27 PM



“ *Mr. Richard Kirchner,  
I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your brother. Yes this is one of  
your former students from Batesville, TX. I saw your brother's  
obituary in the Uvalde paper and knew that I needed to contact you.  
I would love to hear from you if you are can. Again my condolences  
to you and your family.*  
*Kandace##imported-begin##Kandace Richey  
LaMascus##imported-end##*

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March 04, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ *Dear Ray's Family,  
Please accept my expression of sympathy.  
I will never forget the fun on the ranch with Ray and Tootie and my  
siblings when we were kids . How we loved going there every  
summer.  
I will always Ray.  
In Christian remember  
Love,  
Althea (BoPeep)Blanton##imported-begin##Beth  
Blanton##imported-end##*

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March 01, 2013 at 02:27 PM



“ *I am so sorry Sharon.I love you friend.##imported-begin##Charlotte  
Barnett Addington##imported-end##*

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February 28, 2013 at 10:45 PM



“ Sharon and Family,  
Just wanted to let you know we are thinking about you at this time.  
So sorry about the loss of your father. Remember that he is in a  
better place, free of pain and suffering. Thank you for letting us help  
you care for him. Love Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy  
Cockrell###imported-end##

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February 28, 2013 at 01:38 PM



“ Words just cannot express how much I will miss paw he was so  
much more than a patient we became family and I know he loved  
me and to you Sharon my friend you we're an amazing daughter  
and Jeff a wonderful son-in-law be proud for what you did and how  
well you took care of him he was so blessed and i was blessed as  
well to have gotten to take Ca're of such a wonderful man love you  
guys.###imported-begin###sandra harper###imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 09:41 PM



“ Sharon and family,  
So very sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I wanted you to know that  
we were thinking of you and wish you comfort in this time of grief.  
Randy Davis family###imported-begin###Randy Davis###imported-  
end##

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February 27, 2013 at 05:31 PM



“ Deepest sympathy for the loss of Uncle Ray. May he rest in  
peace.###imported-begin###Vicki Donohue###imported-end##

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February 27, 2013 at 11:03 AM



“ Sharon,  
*I'm so deeply saddened to hear of your dad's passing. I have very fond memories of you & I working with our daddy's in the Tatum office. Not too many people are fortunate like that. I pray that God holds and keeps you during this time. Please know that I'm always here for you my dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you, always.*  
*Love, Galena##imported-begin##Galena Gee Waites##imported-end##*

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February 27, 2013 at 08:53 AM



“ Tootie, I will never forget all of the fun times when we had as kids. I can not express how sorry I am to learn of the death of Ray. My Love and Prayers are with you.'Please accept my expression of sympathy.

*BoPeep##imported-begin##BoPeep Blanton##imported-end##*

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February 27, 2013 at 08:25 AM