



## Mr. Rex Lee Graves

August 25, 1935 - October 3, 2024

Funeral services for Mr. Rex Graves, 89, of Carthage, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 5, 2024 in the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ryan Youngblood officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorns.

Mr. Rex Lee Graves was born August 25, 1935 and he was raised in the Buncomb Community, with roots going back 7 generations in Panola County. He went to be with the Lord October 3, 2024. He was the son of Deward Lee "Duck" Graves and Nello Ritter Graves. He graduated from Carthage High School with the class of 1954. A Navy Career took him all over the world, but he knew someone back home always prayed for him. Mr. Graves was a Vietnam Veteran.

He met and soon married Beverly Hugues, and they celebrated more than 50 anniversaries. Together they have two children, Kay and Deward. After his 21 years in the Navy, Mr. Graves moved his family back to the East Texas Piney Woods that he loved so much, and began a second career at Panola General Hospital, later ETMC, and "Mr. Fix-it" for the surrounding area. He served on the water board for many years. Mr. Graves was an active member of Hopewell Baptist Church. A Student and avid reader of the Bible, he loved to talk about his Lord.

More than anything, Mr. Graves will be remembered for his constant loving care of his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Beverly

Graves, one brother, Johnny Graves, and one sister, Jean Clark. He is survived by his son, Deward Graves of Carthage; one daughter, Kay Hawthorne and husband Jerry; brother, Lynn Graves and wife Darline; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, James Lee Graves, Rance Hawthorne, Johnny Estrada III, Ferrell Fuller, Kyle Eugene Neal, Dennis Wheatley, honorary pallbearers will be, Ronnie Griffith and Lynn Graves. Mr. Graves was a long-time cancer survivor and donations to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital may be given in lieu of flowers.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Bethel Cemetery

3841 FM 999 W  
Gary, TX 75643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
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Carthage, TX 75633  
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## Funeral Service

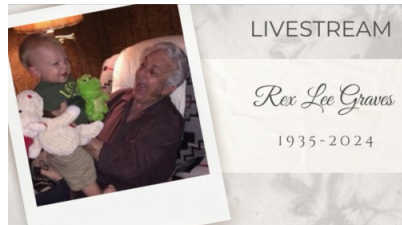
OCT 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



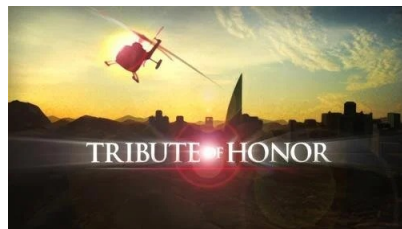
“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rex Lee Graves



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 06, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rex Lee Graves



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 04, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DS

*My condolences to Rex's family and friends. I pray God comforts you with His peace and love. I knew Rex many years. A fine man indeed.*  
*Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury , Pastor*  
*Crosspoint Church*  
*Carthage, Texas*

Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury - October 04, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Kerry Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rex Lee Graves



Kerry Mills - October 21, 2024 at 07:41 PM



My condolences to the Graves family. My prayers are with you on your loss Coach Graves Love you.

Kerry Mills - October 21, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.



October 04, 2024 at 06:54 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 04, 2024 at 04:33 PM

WS

“ Women's Health Specialists planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.

Women's Health Specialists - October 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM

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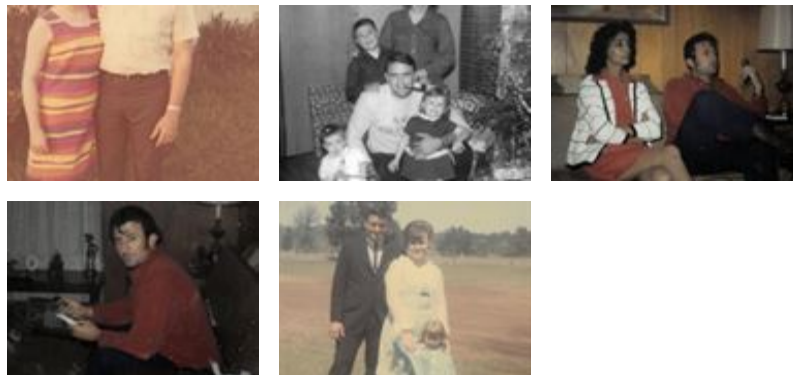
“ Women's Health Specialists purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.



Women's Health Specialists - October 04, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 04, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JC

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend. We worked many years together at PGH and ETMC, he always had a smile on his face! Praying for the family during these difficult times!

John Crisp - October 04, 2024 at 11:21 AM

SS

*So sorry to hear of Rex's passing. During the years I worked at PGH/ETMC, always knew Rex would be the one to depend on fix whatever was broken. He was such a good guy, so dedicated to Beverly and Deward. Prayers for his family.*

Sue Spann - October 04, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LG

“ Love Cyndy G. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.



Love Cyndy G. - October 04, 2024 at 10:48 AM

LG

“ Love Cyndy G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.

Love Cyndy G. - October 04, 2024 at 10:48 AM

TF

“ The Strack Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.

The Strack Family - October 04, 2024 at 09:08 AM

TF

“ The Strack Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.



The Strack Family - October 04, 2024 at 09:08 AM

PF

“ Panola College VN Dept Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.

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**Panola College VN Dept Family** - October 04, 2024 at 08:55 AM

PF

“ Panola College VN Dept Family purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Mr. Rex Lee Graves.



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