



## Rev. Robert Duane "R.D." Heflin

April 25, 1930 - December 14, 2013

Funeral services for Rev. Robert Duane Heflin (R. D.) will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 2013 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Easterling officiating. Burial will follow in the Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation with the family will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, prior to the service. Rev. Heflin died December 14, 2013 in Costa Rica.

Rev. Robert Duane "R.D." Heflin was born near Hollis, Oklahoma April 25, 1930 to Robert Martin and Mattie James Heflin, who preceded him in death. Duane graduated from Ron High School, Hollis, Oklahoma, Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas, East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas and the BMA Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Texas. He pastored churches in Jewett, Henderson, Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock and Port Neches, all in Texas. He went, with his family, in 1962 to serve as missionary of the BMA of America and had served over 51 years there, where he was residing at his death.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty three years, Tommie Frances, five children: Robert Marshall and Debbie of Marshall, Texas, David Duane and Jenifer of Jacksonville, Texas, Charlotte Ann Hudler of Ragley, Louisiana, Darla Gayle Moore and Elton of Fairfield, Texas and Gena Kay Easterling and Robert of Nacogdoches, Texas. He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Robert Brian Heflin and Tangi, Dwight Hudler, Joel Heflin and Michelle, Christopher Hudler and Sara, Jonathan Heflin and Courtney, LCpl Philip

Moore, Kathleen Easterling, Joshua Easterling and Elizabeth Heflin. He is also survived by six great grandchildren: Kayleigh Hudler, Haylea Heflin, Brooke Heflin, Kenzie Hudler, Hayden Hudler and Mason Hudler. He is survived by sisters, Maudie Meek of San Jose, Costa Rica and Jorene Woodman of Canyon, Texas and one brother James Orville Heflin and Frances of Hollis, Oklahoma and a host of relatives and friends, both in Costa Rica and the United States.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Brian Heflin, Joel Heflin, Jonathan Heflin, Dwight Hudler, Christopher Hudler, LCpl Philip Moore and Joshua Easterling. In lieu of flowers: Jacksonville College or BMA seminary, Jacksonville, Texas. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *PARA MI APRECIABLE  
DOÑA FRANCIS DE HEFLIN*

*Mi familia le envie nuestro pésame, pero sabemos que hay gozo en los cielos, fue un inmenso honor compartir y aprender de este ciego de Dios.*

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**ALEXANDER Y RUTH PORRAS** - March 24, 2014 at 06:01 PM

DM

“ *I am a cousin of Mrs. Heflin but have not heard from her in several years but I have just found out about the death of Rev. Heflin and would like to offer my condolences. I am the son of Vernie Koonce Martindale and my address is 1366 CR 139 N, Jasper, Texas 75951. My wife Nelda and I would love to hear from Mrs. Heflin and the children.*

*Our sincere prayers are with them. Donice and Nelda Martindale*

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**Don Martindale** - February 01, 2014 at 07:45 PM

LW

“ *I have seen Brother Heflin and Mrs. Heflin a few times over the years, but I know all of you children. Special memories of each of you from Jacksonville. I cannot attend the service, but want you all to know I am thinking of each of you. Brother Heflin leaves behind a great legacy that lives on in his family and his mission.*

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**Lu Bearden Wegmet** - December 21, 2013 at 10:53 AM

RH

“ Dear family,  
Please know that all of you are in our prayers during this time.  
We regret that we will not be able to attend the services.  
May God comfort you with happy memories as you gather to  
celebrate his life.  
Ricky & Amber Heflin

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**Ricky Heflin** - December 21, 2013 at 10:30 AM

FL

“ I thank God for the influence of Bro. Heflin in the lives of the young  
men and women he ministered to in the Friendship Community and  
the Trinity River Association. He has been a true man of God, and I  
am sure will hear "well done" .  
Nell Cox Linton and brother Weldon Cox

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**Florris Nell Cox Linton** - December 21, 2013 at 09:07 AM

JJ

“ I am writing this on behalf of my sister and brother in law, Mary and  
Willie Smith. They send their love and prayers to Frances and the  
entire Heflin family. So many memories starting at Jacksonville  
College. May God bless you. I remember the Heflin family also as a  
youngster in Jacksonville.

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**Joy Sipes Jackson** - December 21, 2013 at 07:01 AM

CS

“ To the Heflin family: Our prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of a good and great Godly man. I'm guessing that he witnessed to more people during his life than maybe anyone currently living or gave it his best.

*My memories are from Friendship Baptist Church in the early 1950's of him and Frances staying with my mom and dad (Cecil and Ruby Sanders) over the weekend and eating at our table many times.*

*Blessings upon you all - Cecil Wayne Sanders*

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**Cecil Wayne Sanders** - December 20, 2013 at 03:40 PM