



Joe Edward Richards

August 12, 1923 - August 9, 2018

Mr. Joe Edward Richards entered Heaven's gates Thursday night, August 9, 2018 at the age of 94. He was born in Palacios, Texas on August 12, 1923 to the late Roberta and John W. Richards. Joe met the love of his life, Patsy Claybourn and they were married on September 11, 1944 at the First Baptist Church of El Campo. They were married for 67 years.

Joe received his wings from the Army Air Corps on September 8, 1944. On September 17, 1944, Joe received his orders to go to Flight Instructor School at Randolph Field in San Antonio. After graduating from there, he was assigned as a flight instructor in advanced single engine for fighter pilots. Joe was proud of his service during World War II. He was truly one of the "Greatest Generation."

Joe owned Sunshine Laundry and Dry Cleaners in El Campo for 48 years. Joe was active in many civic organizations in El Campo. Joe was a member of First Baptist Church of El Campo. He was President of the El Campo Jaycees. He served as director of the El Campo Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. He held every office in the El Campo Rotary Club including President.

Joe loved to fish and hunt and loved spending time at his bay house at Jensen Point.

Joe is survived by one sister, Ginger McKay of San Antonio; his children, Sherilyn Perilloux and husband Tom of El Campo, Joe H. Richards and wife Veronica of El Campo and grandchildren, Tom Perilloux Jr. and wife Missy of El Campo, Tia Thompson and her husband Jason of Tega Cay, South Carolina, Patricia "Trish" Portella-Wright of Encinitas, California, Chad Richards and wife Kim of Katy, Texas. Joe had five great-grandchildren, Celeste Portella of Encinitas, California, Colin and Charlie Thompson of Tega Cay, South Carolina and Lucas and Landon Richards of Katy, Texas. Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Pat; sisters, La Nell Richards, Patsy Sells, Billie Bert Rowe, Bobbie Jean Braden and one brother, John C. Richards.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in El Campo. Bro. Rick DuBroc will officiate. A visitation will be held on Friday, August 17th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., with the family being present from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Pallbearers are Tom Perilloux Jr., Chad Richards, Lonnie Neel, John Petty, Jack Richards and Eddie Pool Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of El Campo or the Elks Club.

The family gives special thanks to Joe's caregivers, Dora Reyes, Patricia Limon and Carlotta Morales.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Park

4609 State Hwy 71
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
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Family Will Receive Visitors

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
210 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Linda Kram sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe Edward Richards*



Linda Kram - August 20, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joe Edward Richards.*



August 14, 2018 at 03:35 PM

SR

“ *Our warmest condolences on the loss of such a great man. I met him 27 years ago when I joined Rotary and he made me feel so welcomed. He was one of the most dedicated Rotarians I have ever met. The year I was president (2014) and we celebrated the Club's 75th Anniversary, he was a wealth of information about the club's past and gave me some of the best advice. I have been so blessed to have known him and will miss him sorely. God bless to you all.*
Sherry and Donnie Roddy



Sherry Roddy - August 14, 2018 at 12:18 PM

GD

“ Sad to hear, but he’s united with his dear Pat in Heaven. They were our friends for many years and I cherish our friendship and fun times spent together. Your family will miss him but you share many beautiful memories. My love and thoughts are with you,

Gloria Dowden

Gloria Dowden - August 14, 2018 at 12:10 PM

JV

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. Mr. Richards was one of my mentors as I was growing up in El Campo. He hired me at Sunshine Laundry & Dry Cleaners when I was twelve years old as my first job. I spent several years there with many promotions as I was going through high school and college. He was certainly a guiding light for my future and successful career. Also, I recall many good times at Joe's & Pat's home. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this saddened time.

James And Rosemary Voldan

James Voldan - August 14, 2018 at 11:40 AM

NT

“ What a wonderful man. I remember when Sherilyn and “the girls “ were going on a trip to Mexico and my husband was concerned we would get in trouble. He said we were on our own. Joe said don’t worry he would bail us out, I never forgot that. Of course, we’re always on our best behavior. I was always made to feel welcomed at their home and spent good times in their pool with Sherilyn. Rest In Peace. Nancy

nancy trenery - August 13, 2018 at 03:29 PM

DT

I spent many a good time at the Richards while running with my best friend Joe Jr. we were always welcome and Joe Sr. Never complained when our Trio would sing all the old folk songs . I remember him always with a smile and turning on the reel to reel recorder to record us. He was a great mentor to us as he had one of the best singing voices of anyone I have heard to date. Because he loved music and because he encouraged us, I still sing today and am a music leader in church. It is all handed down but starts usually with someone giving encouragement. Thank you Mr. Richards for the push! I in turn pushed my son to sing and he also sings gospel and country. It all started at the Richards house where we were always welcome. I remember those dips and chips Mrs. Richards would always have for us also!! What great memories I have of the best years of my life! Thanks to the Richards for all the great times I had with them. I will join them one day again as it is promised as I am packed up and ready to go!

David Thigpen - August 15, 2018 at 09:45 AM