



## Bonner French

April 23, 1948 - February 1, 2008

Bonner French, 59 of Corsicana, passed away February 1, 2008 in Corsicana. He was born April 23, 1948 to Joe Putman and Edna Tadlock French in Corsicana. He enjoyed dove and quail hunting, he was a member of the Masonic #174 in Corsicana, and worked at the Collin Street Bakery for 20 years at a baker. He is preceded in death by parents Joe Putman and Edna French. He is survived by children Kristie Melton and husband Keith of Dawson, Melanie Dotson of Dawson, Bridget and Gage French of Corsicana. Grandchildren Hunter Melton, Logan Melton, Lane Dotson and Luke Dotson. Brother W. L. French and wife Betty of Dawson, James Ivie of Waco. Numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 6-8pm Saturday February 2, 2008 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 4:30pm Sunday February 3, 2008 at Griffin-Roughton Chapel with Bro. William Dollar and Bro. Bill Honea officiating. Burial will be at Younger Cemetery. honorary pallbearers will be Charlie Parrish, Jim Hord, Pete Chasteen, Armin Piel, James Orler, Charlie Collier, Matt Hart, and Sherman Putman.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bonner French*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *So many years...and I never knew of your passing..You were at the time my closest friend in a den of vipers. I pray you rest well and I'm saddened of your passing...and not knowing of your time at hand..*

**Johnny Kent** - January 21, 2020 at 12:13 AM



“ *Frenchy, Your big gruff exterior was only a pathway to your tender sweet interior, Rest peacefully my friend.... To the family, May you find comfort in the hands of God and lean on him for he will bring you threw this hardest time in your life. Bonner use to sit and watch the kids swim in the pool and talk of ALL his children so compassionately. Just know that your daddy loves you so...*

**Debra Roller** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *i am so sorry to hear that your dad passed away kristie and mel your family is in my prayers. he was very nice man*

**beth and kenneth lewis** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *The world has lost one of the "good guys" - Bonner was a great, caring friend that was always there, in good times and bad, with a listening ear, a helping hand or just to be there when you needed a friend. I'm going to miss your smile, your laughter and your calls when you were just checking in. Rest in Peace my good friend as you will be sorely missed by those who knew you well and loved you much!*

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**Valerie Ryan** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Only God can give you comfort and peace in due time.  
Children and grandchildren, we are overwhelmed by your double loss within these few days.  
Know friends and family are in prayer for your strength. "The joy of the Lord" is your strength.*

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**Leon, Margaret, and John McLain** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ From the first time I met Bonner French when I was a child he made me feel welcomed and a part of the family. He was kind to me and my siblings without fail. He could tell the best stories when he visited our house and he always made my Dad laugh and smile. We needed that many times during those years and I appreciate Bonner's knowing that.

The man I knew loved his family and his bird dogs. He worked hard and played harder. His girls were his life and he adored Diane. Time passed and things changed, but I know those two things didn't. I could still see it when he spoke of them and he did often.

He took care of my Dad when he needed it and he brought joy back into my Dad's day. I can never express my thankfulness for that.

Bonner had his shortcomings like we all do, but he was an angel to me and mine. He made my world better and for that I will be forever grateful. I wish I'd told him.

For your loss I am truly sorry. I pray you have beautiful memories to comfort you and the Lord' s care to get you through this time of sorrow.

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**Tom and Beverly Herrin** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I remember Bonner from our days in Purdon. Yes he was older and as older young men tend to do, he was a regular pest...and at times a jerk... as an adult, he let us all see a side of him that we did not know existed. His mother and my dad were cousins...and he had a wonderful mother and father... I am so sorry for all who suffer from this loss, his brother, his children, his grandchildren and his friends. May God keep you all wrapped in his loving arms--

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**Glenda Whittenburg Bowling** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“*Kristie and Melanie and families: We shall never forget your Dad and Bubba Eddins loved him ever since he met all those guys from Pursley that loved him back and gave so much to him and our entire family. Bubba's children seems like they know Bonner so well because Bubba talked about him every day. They send their thoughts also. Greg's family and myself send ours also, and prayers especially now that you have lost yur Dad and Papaw. We all really do know how you feel. I know Bonner's life the last many years, but let me remind you that he was saved and he is up there with Cab, Bubba, Bubba M.,the preacher(my James), your other grands and friends, family. You both are beautiful women and you have a beautiful Mom to be there for you. Remember to put the Lord first and He will pull you through. Love, Joy & all*

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**Joy Eddins** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“*Bonner,I'll miss your'e phone calls.I talked to you Wednesday not knowing that would be the last time I would hear from you. I know now you are happy,and at peace.Bye friend for now. Diane,Melanie,Kristie and Buba,I hope you know how much Bonner loved you.I'm so sorry for what you are having to face right now. Know that it does gets easier.Beverly*

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**Sandy and Kay Jenkins** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Dianne, Kristie and Melanie: I am so sorry to hear about Bonner. He was a fine man. He was an even better friend to my dad. I just couldn't believe it when Aunt Carolyn called this afternoon and told me the news. I am going to try to attend the services, dad would have wanted this. They had many good times together and are going to have more, now that they are together again. Lord, the stories they are telling! They are probably comparing bird dog tales! Ha! Just know that time will heal your broken hearts at this time of loss. The girls and I love you all!  
Brenda, Jennifer, Jessica, and Chloe Rash.

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**Brenda Rash** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Kristie, Melanie and Family:

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. I was very saddened to hear about your father and I remember him being a very good man. He will be greatly missed.*

*Gerald, Angel and Mikayla*

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**Gerald Clore** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dianne, Kristie and Melanie,

*I just wanted to say how sorry I am for the loss of your loved one. I can't say what it feels like to lose my soul mate and my father but I can imagine the pain you must be feeling. From personal experience of losing my brother, I can tell you that the tears you shed today will one day turn in to smiles and laughter when thinking of him. You are all in my prayers. Always remember... HEAVEN IS NOT A PLACE THAT YOU GO WHEN YOU DIE... IT'S THAT MOMENT IN LIFE WHEN YOU ARE ACTUALLY ALIVE!*  
*I love you guys,*

*Lauri Keith*

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**Lauri and Robert Keith** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Melanie and Kristie I am so sorry. Just remember your daddy is now with our heavenly father. Try to think about all the good times that yall had with your dad. I remember those fun vacations that we all took together crammed in the yellow banana van. My prayers are with yall. Please let me know if I can help out in anyway during this time of sorrow. Love Tammy

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**TAMMY WILLIAMS** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. You are in our prayers.

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**Sandy and Kay Jenkins** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless you all.

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**Hugh and Jo Beth Ellis** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dear Girls.....as Harry's wife, I remember he and I invited to your home for a cookout. As me and Harry were strangers in Dawson, I remember such a great guy (your Dad) standing over a smokey grill, cooking for us on a lovely afternoon. We were there celebrating one of you girls graduation. Anyway, Bonner, made such an impression on me as such a wonderful, proud Dad, I have never forgotten him.

*I am so sorry for this untimely loss.....who can understand or know why? Please know that God is with you, and all will be well.  
Mae*

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**Harry and Mae Sutcliffe** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Colorful and bigger than life itself at times, Bonner was a favorite of all who visited our ranch, particularly our TCU men friends who annually participated in our "Big Chill" spring outing there near Dawson. At TCU games or events or in Houston, so many participants would ask me how Bonner was doing. They really enjoyed his company. Bonner seemed to symbolize the relaxed life style of country living, leaving an indelible impression as being as happy and friendly as they come. We all will miss Bonner. Our heart felt condolences to all the family and friends of Bonner. Randy

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**Randy and Jo Howard** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Kristie, Melanie, and Family:*

*My prayers are with you during these trying times.*

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**Pam Lane** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *To the family of Bonner French.  
Very sorry to hear of the loss of Bonner. He was always very  
friendly to me and we all grew up in the Dawson High School area.  
I saw Bonner from time to time in HEB shopping and he took the  
time to say hello on those days.  
I wish the family Gods peace in this time of sorrow.  
Tony and Kaye Taylor Dawson*

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**Tony and Kaye Taylor** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM