



Joe Hancock

October 12, 1946 - January 21, 2024

Joe Tom Hancock was born in Orange, Texas on October 12, 1946 to John Kenneth Hancock and Lila Huckaby Hancock. Joe lived his younger years in Orange, Texas but fondly remembered spending summers in Fairfield, Texas with his “Big Daddy,” W. F. Huckaby as well as cousins Frank Parker and Lila Withrow.

From 1967 to 1970, Joe served in the US Navy as a Medical Corpsman in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged with medals and honors, including a Purple Heart.

Joe’s pioneer great grandparents, J.F. and Elizabeth Huckaby, came to Fairfield in 1848, by covered wagon. When Joe married April Cunningham in 1971, they too settled in Fairfield where they raised their family. Joe lived there until his death on January 21, 2024.

Joe worked his way up at Big Brown Power Plant, starting with Brown & Root as a welder’s helper “for a few weeks” and ending as superintendent of plant management with Fluor Daniel. Along the way he had several different jobs including Safety Man and Office Manager.

His family was Joe’s priority, so whatever his kids were involved in, you could count on him to be there too, from coaching baseball to leading a Boy Scout troop.

He was active in the affairs of his community by serving on the Fairfield City Council. He was also instrumental in forming the first ambulance service and later served on the board of Fairfield EMS.

Joe's biggest personal hobbies were hunting and target shooting. He was a member of Freestone County Game Management Association and the Centex Oilmans Association. He and April loved to travel and their favorite place to be was on the beach in Mexico with April (over 45 trips!) or any family member that could join them.

In 2021, Joe and April celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary of 50 years.

Joe, the most loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend is survived by his wife, April; children Robin, Kendall, Holly and Michael; and 13 grandchildren and his sister Linda Hancock Vance.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Zemba Children's Foundation, an organization founded by Joe's daughter, Robin, that supports families in need in Uganda, East Africa. <https://app.clovergive.com/app/giving/clodo-zemba>

A memorial service will be held 2:00 pm Friday, February 2, 2024, at Calvary Baptist Church. Visitation with the family will follow the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
220 E Main St
Fairfield, TX 75840-1530
(903) 389-2613

Tribute Wall



“ Joe was full of life with such an amazing attitude. He will be missed 🙏

Jerry Williams - February 05, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ Joe and I attended Little Cypress High together. He was always such a nice, polite guy with a great wit and sense of humor. I know you will all miss him very much and pray for you to find comfort in your memories of him. May God bless you all. Anna Hamric Thomas

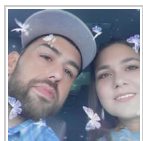
Anna Thomas - February 03, 2024 at 01:13 PM



“ Block/Colvin Family lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock



Block/Colvin Family - February 03, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ My condolences for the family.



Laurie Lynn - February 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JC

“ We have fond memories of time spent with with Joe and April. My sincere condolences to the family.
Jan Carpenter

Janis Carpenter - January 31, 2024 at 06:32 AM



“ Patricia Heidgerken lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock



Patricia Heidgerken - January 31, 2024 at 01:21 AM

JM

“ God blest us on earth with one of His best.....Jerry and Judy Marfell

Judy Marfell - January 27, 2024 at 08:40 PM

FG

“ Condolences to the family 🙏🙏. Joe was a great man.

Faron Gilbreath - January 24, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LD

“ Lowell Julie Dyer lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock



Lowell and Julie Dyer - January 24, 2024 at 01:25 PM

WT

“ Wayne Tlustos lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock



Wayne "Tosty" Tlustos - January 23, 2024 at 01:39 PM

LC

“ In loving memory of Joe Hancock,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

He was a great part of our family as well. He will be dearly missed here at Robinson Trading Post as we will miss the visits and stories he told of his past. My daughter was doing a book report for school and she decided to interview Joe because of his past. She made a 100 on it all because of the amazing story and detailed tales and pictures that went with it. Thank you & RIP Joe!

Laura Beth Currie - January 23, 2024 at 11:33 AM

LS

“ LARRY BATTLES lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock



LARRY W BATTLES SR - January 22, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ *Patsy Stark lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock*



Patsy Stark - January 22, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ *Laura Currie lit a candle in memory of Joe Hancock*



Laura Currie - January 22, 2024 at 02:49 PM



*JOE AND I WORKED TOGETHER AT WOODS MENSWEAR, 506 FRONT STREET, ORANGE TEXAS. JOE WAS A GREAT WORK FRIEND AND SAVED MY BACON SEVERAL TIMES AFTER SPENDING MY NIGHT ACROSS THE RIVER. ENOUGH SAID I WILL THINK AND MISS HIM ALWAYS
GARY GATELEY*

GARY GATELEY - September 20, 2025 at 11:12 PM