



Jay D Culpepper

February 1, 1943 - November 17, 2016

Jay D. Culpepper Jr. was 73, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, passed from his earthly bonds to eternal life on Thursday November 17th 2016 at Dallas Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Memorial Service: Visitation with family and friends at 1 p.m. Service at 2:00 Tuesday at Peace Church, 2401 N. Beltline Road, Mesquite, TX, 75150, Pastor Les Cody, Ruth Crabtree and Pop's Cody officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be directed to Peace Church with designation of missionary, Jay Newsome.

Jay (Jr.) was born on Feb 1, 1943, the 2nd of 5 children. He was born to the late J.D. Culpepper and the late Maudie Helen Camp Culpepper Short in Pine Bluff, AR. At the age of 15, he would walk the highways to California until there were no soles left on his shoes to marry the love of his life, the late Delores Ann Mullins (affectionately known as Dodie). Over the next fifty-five years, they would become parents to 5 children and numerous grandchildren.

Because of his job as a Master Electrician, they would live in various places across the United States. Their residences would include California, Washington, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico before settling in

Texas in 1970. Balch Springs would become their permanent home.

Jay had a passion for music his entire life; even playing live music at the early age of 13. He recorded many records and continued to play music until his passing. Jay had many hobbies and was a very talented artist, airplane pilot, fisherman, songwriter, model train and plane enthusiast and loved spending time with his family.

Throughout Jay's life he rescued and cared for many exotic animals. Over the years he cared for a raccoon, fox, lizards, snakes, sugar gliders, ferrets, dogs, cats, salt water fish tanks, chickens, horses and all sorts of exotic birds.

More than anything, Jay was a great provider to his family. He and Dodie were parents to many and opened their doors to anyone in need.

He is survived by his children, Michael David Culpepper and his spouse Vicky, Karry Michelle Culpepper Sanders and spouse Keith, Terry Dee Ann Culpepper Bonet and spouse Charles, Jason David Culpepper and his spouse Summer, Ann Nicole Culpepper Cody and spouse Les.

Also by twenty-seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren; Sisters, Jean Culpepper Hankins and husband Larry, Marquitta Short Magnini and brother, Marty Short,

In addition to parents he was also preceded in death by brother Larry Culpepper.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Peace Church
2401 N. Beltline Road
Mesquite, TX 75150
<http://www.peacemesquite.com/>

Memorial Service

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

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammy Flores lit a candle in memory of Jay D Culpepper*



Tammy Flores - November 23, 2018 at 12:50 AM

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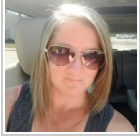
“ *I was blessed to know JD and Dodie. They always had an open heart for me and my family. Dodie and JD took care of my son while I was attending school at night about 13 years ago. We love them so much and I forever be grateful for all they did for me. They were kind hearted and gave unconditional love to everyone that they came across with. I Love you JD ! I know you're rejoicing and praising the Lord with Dodie by your side. My deepest condolences to the whole Culpepper Family... Sorry I can't attend the funeral I will be working. : (My prayers are with you.*

Isabel - November 22, 2016 at 09:13 AM

MJ

“ *A Special Memory of JD ~ is when He joined us at the Gainesville State Theater for a Gospel Concert ! He sang that night and my Mom commented , that He was the Best Singer There and He didn't have any CDs! My family loved to hear him sing 🎵🎵 Heartfelt Condolences and Continued prayers for the Culpepper Fam!*

Mary Fay Jackson - November 21, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ I have been very blessed to have known him when I was in school with Nikki and Jason. They always made me feel like FAMILY and the door was always open to us in need of a helping hand... I'm to this day still BLESSED to get to share my life with this strong loving family... my heart goes out to you all of you in this sad time... forever in our prayers Mary & Tyler Herzog...



Mary Herzog - November 21, 2016 at 06:39 PM

PH

Dear friend! Jay & Dodie over Past 50 years! Steve went to work for Jay & we became life long friends! Simply loved Jay's music!! Love this entire family!
Steve & Patti Hilborn

Patti Hilborn - November 21, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I knew J.D. in PBHS. We usually wound up in Detention Hall on the same days for breaking one rule or another. I loved to hear him sing and play his guitar. He and his family (Shorts) lived next door to my husband's grandmother over on Barraque Street in Pine Bluff when he was in 9th grade. He was a wonderful person and wise beyond his years. God bless you all.....Claudette Griffing Patterson.

Claudette Griffing Patterson - November 21, 2016 at 11:49 AM

PP

“ I stayed lots with as we called him Junior. I went into the bathroom and took my tobaacco and made me a cigarette and forgot to put that can of Prince Albert back in suitcase. Uncle Pete said it was Junior's and He said no it wasn't. I sit there and never said a word. I let Junior go down for what I had done. I have always and will always love that little man.

Peggy Camp Pennington - November 21, 2016 at 10:52 AM

BS

“ Belinda Strate lit a candle in memory of Jay D Culpepper



Belinda Strate - November 21, 2016 at 09:18 AM

AM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jay's family during this difficult time. Ann Moore

Ann Moore - November 21, 2016 at 08:44 AM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family that Jay has left behind. May God wrap his arms around you to comfort you and give you peace.

Suzy Roberts Stringer - November 21, 2016 at 08:13 AM

NS

“ Jay has always held a very special place in my heart even when miles separated us. He would spend time with us on the farm in the summer and loved working along side my Dad (his Uncle Willie) and brothers. I always loved hearing him sing and was so thankful he never lost his love for music. I have listened to the videos he put on Facebook over and over and was so very thankful to hear him in person at the Camp Family Reunion in October. I never dreamed that would be the last hug I got from him here on this earth. Praying for comfort for his immediate family.

Nancy Skinner - November 21, 2016 at 04:26 AM

CM

I only met JD at few times at family gatherings so I'm sorry for this great loss for the families involved especially Marquitta. Please know my prayers of comfort and peace are with you.

Cathy Magnini - November 21, 2016 at 10:11 AM