



Joe Thomas Lawson

June 6, 1937 - April 9, 2025

Joe Thomas Lawson, 87, passed away on April 9, 2025, in Spring, Texas.

Born on June 6, 1937, in Docena, Alabama. Joe lived a life marked by dedication, humor, and unwavering love for his family.

He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, enlisting when he was only 17 years old, in 1954. He was sent to Boot camp in July of 1954 to Paris Island, South Carolina. He then was stationed at Camp Lejune, North Carolina. He then transferred to Pensacola, the Naval Air Station, where he served as a police officer at the main gate. He married the love of his life in 1956, they met in Birmingham. In 1957, he was transferred to Albany, Georgia where his daughter was born. He was transferred to Okinawa and served eighteen months.

He was one of the few chosen to attend Recruiters School in Beauford, South Carolina at the Marine Corp Air Station. He was then transferred to Houston, Texas in 1962 where he spent 14 years recruiting for the Marines. During that time, He had two tours in Viet Nam, serving in clothing supply, issuing new clothes to the Pilots and Combat soldiers as needed. In 1974, He retired in Houston, Texas, as a Master Sergeant. His military service instilled in him values of discipline and integrity principles he carried throughout his life and passed down to his family.

Joe built a successful career in sales, a field where he thrived for the next two decades in Houston. His sales career began with Finger Furniture, often times the Salesman of the month. He then decided to open his own Furniture

business until he retired in 1998.

Beyond his professional achievements, Joe was known for his humor. He cherished time spent with his family and those around him.

Joe's passions extended beyond work, he loved picking up scrap metal and junk iron, working on lawn mowers, small engine repair and garage sales. Oh, the stories he could tell.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, JoAnn; his daughter, Kathy Elliott (Gary). His grandchildren, Amie Humplik (Mike), Sharon Bailey (Ryland), Shannon Marquez (Mike). His Great Grandchildren, Mark, Matthew, Tony, Cameron, Graye, Ryder, and Mallory. His Great-great Grandson, Baylen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Dorothy Lawson, Brothers, Jimmy and Troy, and Son in Law, Mark Gregory.

Funeral will be held at Addison Funeral Home on April 17th at 11:00, services begin at 11:30 and burial service will be held at the Veterans Cemetery at 1:30.

The family would like to thank Janet with Accent Care, during Hospice. Flowers and donations can be sent to Addison Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home
18630 Kuykendahl Road
Spring, TX 77379
(281) 350-0998
addisonfh@yahoo.com
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

Burial

APR 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77038
(281) 447-8686
<https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Love, John and April Anderson purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Joe Thomas Lawson.



Love, John and April Anderson - April 16, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LA

“ Love, John and April Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Thomas Lawson.

Love, John and April Anderson - April 16, 2025 at 03:46 PM

DF

“ Don Horton and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Thomas Lawson.



Don Horton and family. - April 16, 2025 at 10:39 AM

BA

“ Brothers David & Clarence and Sister Ann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Thomas Lawson.



Brothers David & Clarence and Sister Ann - April 14, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JF

“ Joe T. Was a wonderful man. He could take a current event and make it more interesting . I am truly blessed to have spent some memorable time with him. I remember that he and I attended a funeral together. When we went to pay our respects he broke down and cried. I remember him telling me that he was a big tough Marine and crying like a baby. He had a big heart. May he rest in peace.

Juan Fuentes - April 13, 2025 at 05:02 PM

KE

Thank you John , we appreciate your kind words , my Daddy thought a lot of you !!

Kathy Elliott - April 13, 2025 at 10:10 PM

MP

“ Mr Joe Lawson was my best ever back door friend in Spring Forest and a good Marine. May you RIP Joe 🙏

Your friend,
Mario J. Pina

Mario J. Pina - April 11, 2025 at 08:27 PM

KE

Thank you Mario, you were a great neighbor , I'm sure he missed you when you moved away .

Kathy Elliott - April 13, 2025 at 10:11 PM

TB

Mr. Lawson was our neighbor for many years. The whole family loved Joe and JoAnn and the entire family. He could always come up with something to make you laugh out loud. A great Patriot and Marine, we will always remember you.

Tommy Brock & Family

Tommy Brock - April 17, 2025 at 09:33 PM

SD

*Kathy, JoAnn, and Family,
Tim and I are so sorry for your loss. Joe was a great man. He will truly be missed. I know that he will be remembered in Texas, however he will be remembered here in Bama as well.*

Tim and Sheila Dunaway

Sheila Dunaway - April 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Thomas Lawson.*



April 10, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joe T Lawson.*

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