



## Van Joe Upton

February 10, 1946 - July 26, 2024

Van Joe Upton, 78, of Rosenberg, Texas passed away on July 26, 2024. He was born on February 10, 1946 in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Van honorably served our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. His hobbies included camping and tending to his garden. He was famous for his Bar-B-Que and baked beans. This loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend will truly be missed.

Van is preceded in death by his father, William Roy McBee Sr.; mother, Otha Rhea McGaughey; step father, Robert McGaughey; his in-laws, Allen and Elizabeth Albrecht; his uncle, William Upton, brother-in-law, Phil Dunn and his nephew, Cory McGaughey.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 43 years, Sherry Upton; children, Sonya Moreland, Rhonda Taylor and her husband, Chris, Jeffrey Upton and his wife, Brittany, and Kevin Michael Upton and his wife, Francesca; siblings, Robert McGaughey, Connie Dunn, Vickie Bragg, Yvonne Jones, Sheila Glover, William Roy McBee Jr., Barry McBee, and Linda McBee Leverett; brother-in-law, Randy Albrecht and wife, Brenda; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Known as "Papa Van", Van's legacy will live on through his grandchildren, Anthony (AJ) Moreland, Amani Bullard and her husband, Alex, Lauren &

Emmanuel Taylor, Jackson & Mackenzie Upton and Lilyana & Abigail Upton.

A service celebrating Van's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 3, 2024 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

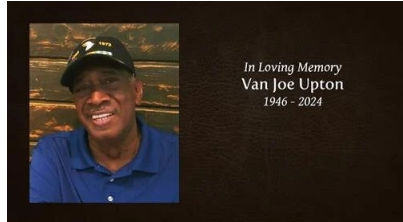
AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 341-8800

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Van Joe Upton*



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**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - August 01, 2024 at 02:28 PM

BM

“ *Van was a great neighbor and friend I live down the street from him for years he was always a great neighbor always had good advice and always will to talk about any and everything.  
It going to be hard to pass by and not see him sitting on the porch, but in my head he will still be there and I will never stop looking over there for that smile and wave.  
Bryon*

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**Bryon Mays** - August 09, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Van Joe Upton.*



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August 03, 2024 at 08:37 AM

DJ

“ Sherry, We wanted to express our condolences to you and everyone. Sorry we won't be able to be there. Our hearts and prayers are with you. Van will be greatly missed. He always kept family together. If he didn't call, he would send a music video to brighten your day. He didn't miss holidays or birthday's! Rest in heaven cuz. Love u all.  
David & Marie Jackson Racine, Wisconsin



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**David & Marie Jackson** - August 02, 2024 at 05:13 PM

DD

“ Dennis Dittfurth purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Van Joe Upton.



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**Dennis Dittfurth** - August 02, 2024 at 06:45 AM

BF

“ Billy and Cindy Dittfurth & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Van Joe Upton.



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**Billy and Cindy Dittfurth & Family** - August 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

WD

“ *To Sherry & Family*

*We extend our thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this time. Van had a huge impact on our family and in our lives and will be deeply missed. Van had his little catch phrases like, its none of my business But? and let us not forget about the the prettiest rose in the garden. We always knew when one of the prettiest rose gave the signal it was time to come home,he knew it was time to do so. I believe God gave his signal to servant Van it was time to come home for the for the final time leaving us to question why. But as it has been written for us not to put a question mark where God has put his period. So, to my brother as we always said brother from a different mother May You Rest In Peace. Love Always Cindy and Mr. Bill Dittfurth*

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**William Dittfurth** - August 01, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CB

“ *To the family of Van Upton*

*Van always sent words of comfort whenever he heard someone from his home community had pass. Now, it's our turn. May his love and precious memories forever comfort you.*

*Remember the good times you shared with him. Rest in Peace, Sweetwater, TN hometown man. Charles (Lukey) and Melissa Billingsley*



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**Charles and Melissa Billingsley** - July 31, 2024 at 11:12 PM

BC

“ To-Sherry, Sonya, Rhonda, Jeffrey & Kevin sending heartfelt sympathy, love ❤️ & prayers 🙏🙏 to you in the loss of your loved one Van, who was my dear beloved Nephew. Van and I grew up like sister & brother since I was only 5 years older than him. Memories of VAN will always live in our hearts and minds forever! May God comfort and strengthen you at this most difficult time! REST IN PEACE VAN! NO MORE PAIN & NO MORE SORROW! 🌹



AUNT BEATRICE UPTON CHEESEBORO  
& FAMILY, SUITLAND, MD

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Beatrice Cheeseboro - July 31, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Van Joe Upton.



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July 31, 2024 at 05:27 PM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “Jesus plainly told her: I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

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R Bell - July 31, 2024 at 12:28 PM

CC

“ Dearest Sherry, Jeffrey, Kevin and your families,  
I am so deeply sorry for your loss and am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. May your precious memories of Van comfort your heart. Remember where there is great grief there was great love.  
Connie and Mike Clark



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**Connie C Clark** - July 31, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TF

“ The Crawford and Galloway Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Van Joe Upton.



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**The Crawford and Galloway Families** - July 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TO

“ We met Van year's ago when our niece Brittany met Van's son Jeff, Van welcomed us into their as if he had known us all of our lives, every time we would go to visit Jeff & Brittany, Van & Sherry would always make the trip from Houston to Austin to visit us & he would either BBQ while he was there or BBQ at home & bring it with them his BBQ was the bomb. Van you will be missed terribly. Rest In Peace my friend. I thank God that I was blessed to be a part of your life. Love You. Tonya & Steve Stallings.

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**Tonya** - July 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

AW

“ Van, you will be truly missed! I will never forget our memories of going to Sonic to get slushes when I was a kid! So many fun times and a memories that I will hold onto dearly and never forget! Sending all of my love and prayers to the family through this difficult time. - Amber Westfield (Dittfurth)

Amber Westfield - July 29, 2024 at 12:27 PM

LK

“ Mr Upton you will truly be missed. I remember all the pens you would bring us at the Rosenberg Vet Clinic for years.. We always needed pens and you supplied them. Always a smile then you came into office. You will be missed. Linda & Leslie

Linda Kroesche - July 29, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Van Joe Upton.



July 28, 2024 at 11:45 PM

MC

“ Van i will surely miss our conversations, concerns, hopes, and wishes we shared over the years. High school bonded us, education guided us, faith and Jesus Christ was our keeper. Sherry i know you, the sons, and daughters, will miss him as i will my prayer will be with you. --Mitchel Carson

Mitchel carson - July 27, 2024 at 04:04 PM

CD

“ *My loving big brother. I will truly miss your inspiring text messages. We all made wonderful memories together and I will cherish them forever. To all my family, I love you dearly.* □



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**Connie Dunn** - July 27, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SB

“ *To: Sherry Upton & her two sons, may God wrap his spirit around you all. Give you strength, comfort and peace. During these hard days ahead. Van was great friend for over 40 years. I will always remember how he loved Sherry & his sons. God bless you all. Kind regards Sam & Tim Barnes rest in Peace my dear friend. Love you !!!*

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**Sam Barnes** - July 26, 2024 at 08:49 PM