



## Joe W. Cleveland

November 27, 1948 - March 27, 2021

Joe Wayne Cleveland, 72, of Rockdale passed away at his home on Saturday March 27, 2021. The family will receive visitors at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Rockdale, on Thursday, April 1, 2021 from 5 – 8pm. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 1pm at the Milam County Cowboy Church (2100 US HWY 77, Rockdale).

Joe Wayne has been a part of the Rockdale community for 67 years. He began his school days at RES and graduated from RHS in 1967 with his high school sweetheart. On August 30, 1969, Joe Wayne married Sarah Erskine and spent the last 51 years and 7 months together in Rockdale. Joe Wayne was dedicated to a life of service, one act of which was filming the Rockdale Tiger football games for the past 50 years. He was inducted into the Rockdale Tiger Hall of Honor in 2014. Joe Wayne was known as one of Rockdale's Tigers biggest fans. During the course of his life Joe worked in the potrooms at Alcoa for 33 years, where he became a supervisor and safety coordinator. After retiring from Alcoa, Joe Wayne spent the last 12 years as a Safety Director at Perry & Perry Builders. Joe Wayne was a family man, an avid golfer, a dedicated hunter and he left a legacy for many.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sarah Cleveland; his sister, Shirley Leopold; brother, Carl Cleveland and wife Donna, and sister Brenda Barchenger and husband Joe; his children, Nikki Kirk and husband Joe "Bimbo" of Cameron,

Kenny Cleveland and wife Lindsay of Rockdale, and Shellea Griner and husband James of Hutto; grandchildren, Ty Kirk and fiancé Andrea Rey, Jordan Kirk and wife Cierra, Jessa Cleveland, Baileigh Griner, Janey Cleveland, Madilyn Griner, Jamie Griner, Joely Cleveland, and Johanna Cleveland; great grandchildren, Katherine Doris Kirk and one on the way, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. We love you "41".

In lieu of flowers, the family requests you honor Joe Wayne's life by making donations to the Milam County Cowboy Church and the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Memorial Service

APR 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Milam County Cowboy Church  
2100 North Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



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April 05, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *I was very saddened to hear of Joe Wayne's passing. I have very fond memories as the youngest cousin to Joe Wayne and his family He always made me feel very special and that was how the entire family was. As a kid a trip to Rockdale was always a treat. My deepest sympathies to Sarah and the entire family. My prayers are with each of you during this time.*

*Mike Cleveland*

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**Mike Cleveland** - April 02, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ *Barton Gibbs*

*Joe will be missed but always remembered!  
He and Sarah are are remarkable, kind  
hearted people. Joe filmed our varsity football  
games for many many years. I miss talking with him after games  
and him offering his coaching advice. We will miss you Joe!  
Condolences to all the family.*



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**Barton Gibbs** - April 01, 2021 at 02:37 PM

CS

“ *Connie Seelke lit a candle in memory of Joe W. Cleveland*



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**Connie Seelke** - April 01, 2021 at 12:44 PM

CS

“ *Joe Wayne was a kind and loving man. One of the few people around Rockdale that always greeted me with a smile and friendly hello. He and Sarah were always my favorite customers at the Wagon Wheel and Chuck's BBQ! I will never forget him as a friend. Thank you Joe, just for being you.*

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**Connie Seelke** - April 01, 2021 at 12:43 PM

PM

“ *So sorry for your loss. Joe Wayne was a wonderful person. As a classmate he was always smiling and had that attitude that nothing couldn't be done. He will be missed.*

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**Pat Mars** - April 01, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



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April 01, 2021 at 09:06 AM

LC

“ Mrs. Shirley, Shelbey, and Dusty, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time.



Lora J Cornelius - March 31, 2021 at 05:55 PM

DB

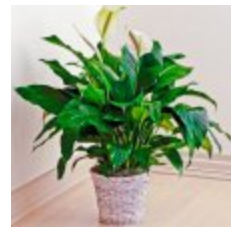
“ We are saddened by the news of Joe Wayne's passing. He was always such a kind man, especially when Uncle Bob passed away, he was so sympathetic & accommodating to our Hallettsville family. Sara, Aunt Shirley and all the family, may friends and family console you in your time of grief and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in God's peace.

Larry & Denise Bujnoch  
Hallettsville

Denise Bujnoch - March 31, 2021 at 08:52 AM

KG

“ Keno Girls purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.



Keno Girls - March 30, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



March 30, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



March 30, 2021 at 11:35 AM



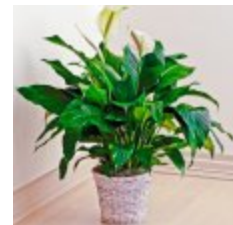
“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



March 30, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ *Love, Sandy Grindle purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



**Love, Sandy Grindle** - March 30, 2021 at 09:03 AM

SG

“ Prayers today, and tomorrow, and tomorrow...with love and a forever belief in the power of healing.

*Sandy Grindle*

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**Sandra Grindle** - March 30, 2021 at 09:00 AM

AF

“ Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Joe W. Cleveland



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**Aretha Flores** - March 30, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.



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March 30, 2021 at 01:19 AM

MS

“ I moved to Rockdale, Texas in 1953 at the age of 6. Joe live right up the street from me on College Avenue, he was on Murray. We became good friends as we got older. I moved back to Rockdale in the fall of 2017. We reconnected and I would travel to every football game with him except one. It was such a joyous 4 1/2 months watching the Rockdale Tigers win the state championship one more time. I shared many memories with Joe and I will miss him dearly.

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**mike scarbrough** - March 29, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



March 29, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *Prayers for this wonderful family...loved by all...* 🙏🌹

**Barbara Laffere Dietrich** - March 29, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sorry to hear this!! prayers for the family!!*

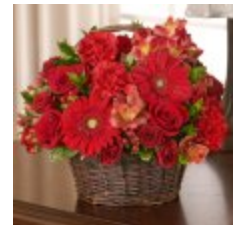
*Steve and Kathy Bright (Burnet, Texas)*



**Kathy Bright** - March 29, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



March 29, 2021 at 06:49 PM

RM

“ At last Saturday's March 27th Rockdale Lion's Club scholarship Golf Tourney, we all were saddened to hear of Joe Wayne's passing, yet enjoyed many fond memories of Joe Wayne. He was a pretty doggone good golfer and an even better friend to so many.

*From Ron Montgomery, The Lions, and all the golfers, our sincere condolences to all the Cleveland family and our thanks to his long time support of the Lion's golf tourneys.*

*Keep "rolling those putts in, Joe Wayne, I don't think you can miss on those Heavenly greens".*

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**Ron Montgomery** - March 29, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.*



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March 29, 2021 at 05:52 PM

SD

“ *Prayers and hugs to Joe's family.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**sue Davenport** - March 29, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JC

*Prayers for Joe's family* 🙏🙏

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**josie cavazos** - March 29, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Joe W. Cleveland.* ”



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March 29, 2021 at 04:12 PM