



Joe Nichols

September 13, 1941 - July 27, 2011

Joe Paul was the middle child born September 13, 1941 in Cundiff, Texas to O.W. "Jack" Myrtle Iva Riggs Nichols. Joe Paul attended Jacksboro schools from the first grade through high school. He was keenly interested in music from a young age. He grew up listening to the Grand Ole Opry; Louisiana Hayride and the Big D Jamboree. His father taught him to play guitar when he was nine years old. In 1957, Joe Paul auditioned for the "Cowtown Hoedown" a weekly country western show held at the Majestic Theatre when he was 16 years old. His audition landed him a job performing every other week, which he did for three years. His dream came true when he began performing weekly at the Big D Jamboree in Dallas, Texas. He performed there for 7 years. He and Carolyn Martin, who has supported his quest for a life in country/western music, met in high school. They married in Jacksboro June 28, 1963. In 1970 he formed his own band, The Five Pennies a band known for their traditional country music. Joe Paul's dream has allowed him the opportunity to share the stage with such stars as Mel Tillis, George Jones, Charlie Pride, Hank Thompson, Faron Young, Ernest Tubb, and Kitty Wells. He has received many awards and accolades over the years from various associations. The International Country Gospel Music Association inducted him into the Hall of Fame in 1991 and then in 2009 presented him the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Local CMA awards gave him the 1998 Living Legend Award; the Pioneer Award in 2003; He was inducted into the Texas International Music Association Hall of Fame in 2007, as well as countless

others. He was a devoted member of Cundiff Baptist Church for 56 years, where he served as Music Director; a member of International Country Gospel Music Association and the Texas International Music Association. He and Carolyn ran the Nichols and Beene Tours for 18 years. Joe Paul served as Jack County Commissioner of Precinct 1 from 1998-2008. Survivors: Wife Carolyn Nichols; daughter Jennifer Gasca and husband Chris; son, Joe Paul Nichols Jr. and wife Shauna; sister, JoAnn Hull and husband Don; grandchildren, Allison Cox; Christin, Payton, Tanner Gasca; Erin, Taylor and Jordan Nichols. Memorials may be made to: ALS Association Development Dept.; 27001 Agoura Road, Suite 250; Calabasas, CA 91301; or to Heart of Texas Museum, 1701 S Bridge Street; Brady, TX 76825

Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Nichols*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Joe Nichols*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *So sorry. Peace and prayer for family RIP.*

Thelma Boyington - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joe Paul was an incredible man with lots of character. He was a Christian man and loved the Lord. My prayers are with Carolyn and all of the family. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

Michelle Gilley - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We Barrys' rode the school bus for 12 yrs w/Joe Paul and JoAnn(sister) & we worshipped w/him at the Cundiff Baptist Church, until we all grew up and moved away. Joe Paul sang at my Senior class high school ranch party at the Jack Grace Ranch where we Barry's grew up. Joe Paul sang at my daughter's, Carol Ann Waldrop Haney, funeral in June, 1999. We thought the world of him and his family. We send out deepest smypathies from all the Barrys: Shirley, Jack, Beverly and myself,Kay.*

Kay Barry Hardin - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Our Love, Prayers and Thoughts are with you Carolyn and your family. The wonderful times we had on the tour bus will always be remembered.*

Love

Neoma

Neoma (Pewitt) & Pack Gwaltney - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Joe Paul has always been a shining light of kindness. He will be missed by many.*

Bobby E Riggs - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Carolyn,*

Joe Paul was such a dear person. He will be missed by so many people. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Beverly Nixon

Beverly Nixon - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *We are so deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Joe Paul. He was such a special person and a really good man. He was truly loved by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn, Joe & Shauna & girls and Jennifer during this time.*

Don & debbie Kidd - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ God shared Joe Paul with so many of us ,I always enjoyed seeing him and hearing him sing, I can remember as a young girl thinking Oh what a wonderful man , GOD shined thru his spirit , each time We ran into him , Joyful thoughts of Glory filled my heart.. My deepest sympathy to his wonderful family ,may God comfort you and bring you peace during this time..

Jabo and Lori (DUKE) Hale - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ The first time I met Joe Paul at a benefit musical in Mason, Texas he treated me as he had known me all my life. He was truly a kind hearted good man and treated everyone the same. You could tell that he was a true man of God and I thank God that I got to meet him and know him only briefly.

Juan McGowan - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Our prayer are with your family at this time. Joe Paul was a faithful loving person to the Lord and his family. May God hold everyone of you in his hands and tell you, A Job Well Done by your husband, father, and grandchildren.

Bill & Cozy Turner - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Carolina and family, We are so sorry for your lost. We will be praying for your family.

Maudene Rylee - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Joe Paul heard "Well done thy good and faithful servant". Carolyn, we love you and your family. What a tribute you have all been. God bless and peace be with you.

Sue and Pete Peterson - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Carolyn,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We were so sorry to hear.

Love you!
Jessie & Lola

Jessie & Lola Rowe - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We were sad to hear of Joe Paul's passing but we know now the music is sweeter in Heaven. May his family experience the Peace that passes all understanding.

Mary E. Gunter Smith & Vicky Moulton - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I never saw Joe Paul when he didn't have a smile on his face. He always had time to visit anyone who stopped him. He was a kind man who helped to raise two really special children. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Joe Paul will be missed by many, many people.

cindi harrison - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Carolyn, Ronnie and I were so sorry to hear about Joe Paul. He was such a good man. Ronnie thought alot of Joe and spoke of him often. A good Christian man vey humble one that loved his God, family and friends. May God show you his Grace and Mercy at this time and surround you with his loving arms. You are in our thoughts and prayer.Love you and your family if there is anything that we can do let us know.

Pat Allen - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ All of your Jack County family is saddened to hear of your loss of your remarkable talented and wonderful husband, father & grandfather Joe Paul. We are sending prayers and support to you and your family. I have many fond memories of Joe Paul, I recall photographing him for some of his music promos. And especially recall seeing him the last time at the Damron's anniversary, he was so excited to share that a couple of people were saved at his church. That was so important to him - he wanted others to be saved. Anyone that knew Joe Paul knew he walked with God, and it showed. May God be with you and your loved ones.

Renitta Long - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To one of the Best that we have every known.His music we love We will miss Joe Paul very much.

Ross and Barbara Fry - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Carolyn,
To you and your family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy. What a tremendous influence Joe Paul has had on so many lives ~ what a blessing his life and music have been to people across the country. Prayers for God's peace and comfort to you & your children.

Barbara Lawrence - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ *What a blessing the Lord gave me when He allowed me to cross paths with such a wonderful Christian man. I am so grateful for the times I had the priviledge of being in the company of Joe Paul and Carolyn on trips to Branson, Nashville, revivals, etc. Everyone who met Joe Paul, loved him. Joe Paul will be missed greatly but how happy he must be singing with the angels in heaven.*

Nelda Epperson - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Carolyn, Our hearts go out to you and your family during this time. Joe Pual was such a wonderful Christian man and everyone loved him. He will be missed by all. His beautiful music will keep him alive in our hearts. I pray for God's comfort for you. We love you.*

Mike & Regina Holland - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Joe Paul. He fought a good fight & was such a kind man - always with smile. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.*

Amber Garner Parks - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Carolyn, Jim and I were so sorry to hear of Joe Paul's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family. Joe Paul was such a wonderful person to know and we cherish the friendship we had as classmates and as newly married couples way back when. Just know that we love you Gloria and Jim

Gloria and Jim Abernathie - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ CAROLYN AND FAMILY..IT WAS SUCH AN HONOR TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH JOE PAUL. HE EARNED OUR RESPECT MANY YEARS AGO FOR HIS DEDICATION TO TRADITIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO HIS GOD AND FAMILY. I KNOW YOU MUST FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT HE IS IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE. YOUR IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME. THANK YOU FOR SHARING HIM SO UNSELFISHLY FOR SO MANY YEARS.. YOU WERE TRULY BLESSED WITH THE MOST WONDERFUL HUSBAND,FATHER,GRANDFATHER AND A TRUE FRIEND TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM. AND ABOVE ALL THANK YOU FOR TAKING SUCH GREAT CARE OF THIS TRULY GREAT MAN!

RHONDA HULL - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear about Joe Paul. I have not seen either of you in years, but I remember you both vividly from high school. I loved to hear Joe Paul sing and I know this is a terrible loss to you and your children. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda

Brenda Shields Budarf - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Carolyn,
I was so saddened to hear of Joe Paul's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I was so blessed to be able to see him and you last year at homecoming. The angels are singing harmony today.
Love,
Rosemary

Rosemary Henderson Hellyer - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Joe Paul Jr. and our son Don graduated together and played sports together. Joe Paul Sr. sang at our son Don Pruitt's funeral. We will forever be grateful for that. It was so special. I never meet Joe Paul anywhere that he didn't make me feel better. His smile and attitude was always so special. We will all miss him.*

Morris and Chris Pruitt - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Joe Paul was always one of my favorite friends and was a wonderful Christian man. He will be greatly missed.*

Carolyn and family, may God place His arms around you and give you comfort at this time.

Lilly May Stark Bowen - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *My sympathy goes out to Joe Paul's family. I'm a long time fan of his Music. God bless and keep you!*

Mary Gatlin Smith - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Joe Paul & Carolyn, What a nice couple! We had so much fun going on the bus trips, We'll admire our old friend always.

Jake & Jody Murphy - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was such a great man. He used his talent to help so many people. He was a very generous and kind man.

Keith, Tamara and Kayla Martin - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Carolyn,

Our hearts go out to you in the loss of your beloved husband.

Your devotion and love for each other throughout the years has been so heart warming.

May God give you and your family strength, comfort, grace and healing

*Love,
Lorraine and Jimmy Williams*

Jimmy and Lorraine Williams - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Carolyn Words cannot express how I felt when I heard last Saturday afternoon that Joe Paul had passed away. I got home that day from a vacation with my family in Colorado when I received the news about him. I was really looking forward to our trip in Sept. to Branson Missouri on the Nichols and Beene tours. I had talked to you a few weeks ago about the trip. I too know how you are feeling at this time as I lost my beloved husband Kenneth on Feb. 3rd. It was such a shock to me and my family when we lost him. We would have celebrated 52 wonderful years together on July 14th. I know just like Joe Paul we know he is no longer suffering and now he is at home with our Heavenly Father. I remember all the good times my brother Murvin Rogers and my sister Janice Chappell had for a few years around 1957, 1958 and maybe in 1959 when Joe Paul and his Dad used to go to The Stovall Hot Wells in South Bend where we all played and sang at the jamboree there once a month. Joe Paul always sang his heart out to everyone. I am so proud to have known him so many years and also knowing you when we came to Jacksboro to the Branson shows he sponsored. My prayers are with you and your family at this time. I pray that God will comfort you as he has me. Again thanks for all the good times we have shared listening to Joe Pauls music all this many years and also for our tapes and C.D.'s that he made. God be with you is my prayer.

Lola Wooldridge - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Carolyn, Judy and I are so sorry to hear about Joe Paul Thanks for sharing him and his talents with all of us that loved his music and his charm. Thanks for having Dinner with Us in Brady last March. We have many fond memories of him and his kindness. It was obvious the two of you were meant for each other. We want you to know you will continue to be in our prayers. May God bless you and your family and ease your sorrow.
Dale & Judy

Dale & Judy Walker - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Carolyn, we are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It is at times like this that we reflect back on the wonderful times. We have some good memories of our days in Jacksboro and times we spent w/the Nichols family.

*Thank you for those memories,
Kathy & Jamey*

Kathy & Jamey Mccann - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Carolyn, I so enjoyed the trips I took with you and Joe Paul. He had a great talent. Our prayers go out to you and your children. I know he is singing with the heavenly choir.

MIKE AND TINA WARD - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Joe Paul brought so much joy and comfort to others. His music and kindness to others, and my family in particular are more than you can know.

Thanks for sharing him with so many.

Tim Ogle - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM