



## J. B. Snead

June 1, 1918 - August 6, 2015

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Born June 1, 1918 in Fannin County, Texas to Bert and Hattie Snead. He grew up in West Texas where he started working the farm with his father and with his younger brother, Rene Snead. Although the brothers would have many adventures together, JB found his soul mate in 1935 when he saw Edna Redwine at County Line School and asked her older brother for permission to escort her home. Married in 1938, the newlyweds began their marriage during the Great Depression where JB made 15 cents an hour working 10 hours a day, 6 days a week while working his own farm.

The Lord blessed J.B. and Edna with three children, Gene Snead, Bettye Parker, and Carole Rogers, and, over the years, with 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. J.B. was very devoted to his grandchildren. He spent a great deal of time taking his grandchildren to playdays, hosting summer vacations and doing many other activities with them. Later in life, J.B. delighted in spending time with his great-great-

grandchildren, listening to their stories as he drove them around in his wheelchair scooter.

J.B. and Edna lived in County Line, Hereford, Sunray, and eventually settled in Lubbock, Texas to be closer to and to help with his Grandson, Jay Ferguson, during Jay's illness. He became a faithful Deacon at Bacon Heights Baptist Church. J.B. and Edna have lived the last 5 years in Austin, and he's continued to share amazing stories with vivid detail -- from names and dates to specifics on favorite tractors and chewing gum. And even though he claimed that he was "blind in one eye and can't see out the other," he continued to regard his bride with the same joy and admiration as he did on the day of their wedding.

J.B. and Edna enjoyed helping with the construction of new church buildings in Mexico, Idaho, Alaska and Etter, Texas. He worked with the construction and Edna helped cook to feed the workers.

PaPa taught us that, no matter how strong and powerful you are, without faith and love, all else is worthless. He showed us that the real measure of a man is not counted by his appearance, but by his heart.

J.B. was preceded in death by his brother Rene Snead, sister-in-law Jinx Snead, grandson Jay and great-granddaughter Taylor. He is survived by his wife, Edna Snead; his children, Gene, Carole and Bettye; his 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren; and innumerable friends and loved ones.

The family would like to give special thanks to all of the nursing staff at Brookdale in Westlake for their tender, compassionate love and care for J.B. throughout the time of his stay and for the warmth they've shown to Edna and to the rest of the family. We also want to thank Brookdale Hospice for their

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A visitation will take place, Thursday, August 13, 2015, at Sanders Funeral Home, Lubbock, Texas.

A Memorial Service will take place on Friday, the 14th of August at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. The interment is to be conducted at Resthaven Cemetery.

A celebration of J.B.'s life will take place at Bannockburn Baptist Church in Austin, Texas in the following weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Bacon Heights Baptist Church or Texas Talking Book Program for the Blind.

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# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th. St.  
Lubbock, TX 79407

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Service

AUG **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bacon Heights Baptist Church  
5110 54th. St.  
Lubbock, TX 79414

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Melissa, Ronnie, Bill, Ada and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of J. B. Snead.*



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**Melissa, Ronnie, Bill, Ada and family** - August 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

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“ *You were so special, always teaching us with love and patience. My fondest memories were of your waking me up to drive and we would go change water in the middle of the night. I remember on vacations, sitting on the bank of the river with a fishing pole, no talking just looking at each other and smiling. You were so great to spend the hours that you did with Jay, Karen and Mike, they loved spending time with you riding horses and play days. Thank you for being the father and grandfather that you were. You will not be forgotten. I love you*

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**Bettye Parker** - August 09, 2015 at 08:19 AM

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“ *My sweet sweet Papa - to me, he was so big and strong. He knew it all. He knew how to do everything. He was my special special Papa!!! I will miss him so very much. I will miss his funny little sayings that always made me smile! I love you Papa!!*

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**Traci Green** - August 08, 2015 at 08:54 PM