



## Joe W. Caldwell, III

July 13, 1926 - March 27, 2016

### Joe W. Caldwell III

Joe W. Caldwell III of Lubbock, Texas departed from this life to join the heavenly choir on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at the age of 89. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama on July 13, 1926, to Elizabeth and Joe W. Caldwell, Jr. Raised in Texas and Alabama, Joe graduated from Morgan County High School in Hartselle, Alabama at the age of 16. On the day after his 17th birthday, he enlisted in the US Navy and boarded a train headed for Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Joe served on the USS Chicago in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, he attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and Tarleton College in Stephenville, Texas. He had a brief career in radio at KTSA in San Antonio, after which he joined the life insurance industry, retiring after 40 years. He managed offices in Lamesa, TX, Albuquerque, NM, Denver, CO, and Lubbock. In 1949, he married Nonie Cooper who predeceased him in 1977. Joe married Karen Smith in 1978. They shared 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Joe was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he served as deacon and elder, and taught Sunday School for many years. After retirement he was an active member of the St. Mary/Lakeside Hospital Auxiliary, Hospice of Lubbock, the Lubbock Amateur Radio Club, and the South Plains Woodcarvers.

He is survived by his wife Karen, along with children Keith and Julianne

Caldwell of Pine, CO; Kelly and Les Chapel of Colorado Springs, CO; John and Lisa Caldwell of Lubbock; Stacy Smith-Tow of Lubbock and Stephanie and Said Sham of Houston, TX , and their children and grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Robert L. Caldwell, and his wife Marge, of Dallas TX, in addition to two nephews and a niece. The family would like to also express their gratitude to Accolade Hospice for their loving support and care.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 1, 11 a.m., at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 7702 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX. A reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
7702 Indiana Ave.  
Lubbock, TX 79423

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Benny Garrett lit a candle in memory of Joe W. Caldwell, III*



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**Benny Garrett** - July 21, 2016 at 07:40 PM

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*Joe was my friend i will miss him*

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**Benny Garrett** - July 21, 2016 at 07:43 PM

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“ *I volunteered with Joe at Covenant Lakeside. He always kept us entertained. I still have one of the small wooden crosses he whittled. I will miss him.*  
*Ted Dockery*

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**Ted Dockery** - March 30, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ Joe Caldwell was my Manager, and mentor, at Southwestern Life Insurance Company when he gave a skinny kid a chance and a contract in September 1980, when most every indicator except his experienced hunch about my intellect said I wasn't going to make it in the insurance business. Because of Joe, and others along the way, I now have 36 years experience in insurance sales, and have the premier credentials of CLU and ChFC which were conveyed upon me by Joe's brother Robert at that ceremony in 1989. Directly, and indirectly, Joe's life has touched thousands of people with millions of dollars in benefits of the miracle of pen and ink known as life insurance. I will be forever grateful for his impact in my life as a friend and mentor.

-David Sanderson, CLU, ChFC

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**David Sanderson** - March 29, 2016 at 09:48 PM