



# Jay Petty

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**L**owell “Jay” Petty was called home on July 5, 2019 following a long fight with many health issues. Jay was born in Newfoundland, PA but grew up in Phillipsburg, NJ. After enlisting in the Air Force, he was stationed in Texas, later stating he got here as soon as he could. He celebrated his 86th birthday in November, 2018 with family in Mansfield, TX. Jay was the second son of four boys and two girls born to Harry and Grace Petty.

At age 21, while serving in the Air Force in Lubbock, TX, Jay met his one true love, Yvonne Beard Petty. They married in December, 1954 at First Baptist Church in Tahoka, TX. Jay and Yvonne had two children and celebrated 63 years of marriage in Lubbock and Mansfield, TX until separated by Yvonne’s death in 2018. Jay exhibited his true love by taking on the caregiver role for over a decade as Yvonne’s health declined. One of his biggest sources of pride was having three generations of Texas Tech graduates in the family.

Jay, a man of many talents, attended Texas Tech after leaving the Air Force, lacking 1 semester from a degree in architecture. His interests lead him to commercial drafting, real estate sales, home building, and cabinetmaking. He “retired” as Texas Tech Cabinet Shop Foreman in 1996 to his home shop where he kept active building projects ranging from conference tables, kitchen cabinets, furniture, and custom pens until leaving Lubbock in 2018. Jay, a loyal friend, met his best lifelong friends of 60 years, A.D. and Jewel Scott, Lynn and Peggy Ainsworth, and Fonnie Peacock early in his married life. Most have preceded him in death. He was a devoted Christian, remaining loyal to his church, Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, even after health issues prevented attendance.

Jay will be remembered for his discreet generosity, his sacrificial love and care of family and friends, always being ready with a tease, a joke or a story, his “thumping gizzard”, his green thumb, his patient fishing skills, and his ability to fix anything. He



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is survived by his brother Harry of Lubbock, his daughter Belinda of Mansfield, his son and daughter-in-law Scott and Brenda of Fort Worth, his grandchildren Brice of Irving and Brooke of Plano, his nieces Janine of Lubbock, and Tina of Wilburton, OK, his nephews Shawn of El Paso and Dave of Midland, along with numerous grand and great-grand nephews and nieces.

We'll always remember  
that special smile,  
that caring heart,  
that warm embrace,  
you always gave us.  
You being there  
for Mom and us,  
through good and bad times,  
no matter what.  
We'll always remember  
you Dad because  
they'll never be another one  
to replace you in our hearts,  
and the love we will always  
have for you.




# Events


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## Reception


 **Saturday**, July 27, 2019


 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM CT

 **Mansfield Funeral Home & Cremations**  
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063

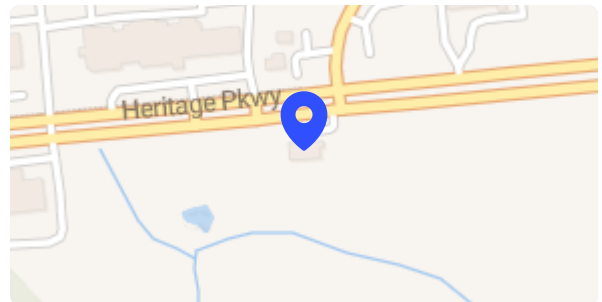


## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Petty family.



July 26 at 12:21 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Reflections of Glory Wreath to the Petty family.



July 25 at 11:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Petty family.



July 25 at 9:14 AM



LV

**Lexi Vessels** posted:

Weekly spaghetti nights with uncle Jay and aunt Yvonne are one of my favorite memories. Jay would always cook his famous spaghetti for all of us to enjoy after a long week and in the summer time, he had strawberry shortcake prepared ahead of time for dessert. You could tell how much he cared for others through his actions, he had such a big heart. He will be missed but I know aunt Yvonne is happy to be reunited with him.

July 24 at 12:41 PM



RM

**Rhonda Miller** posted:

I was honored to get to meet Jay and Yvonne years ago through Their beautiful daughter Belinda( whom is an amazing friend to me)!Jay would bring Yvonne to me to get her hair done and wait so patiently. Always amazed me How sweet and gentle he was with her. I thought to myself, wow, not many men want to wait in their wives at the salon:)Fast forward to the last couple of years, I got to go to his room and visit with him as I would cut his hair. He was always so kind. Jay really wanted to take my husband on a fishing trip.Recently we went to Alaska, So jay told me to be sure to show him pictures as he knew it would be the only way they he would see Alaska. Just a few days before he went home to heaven, Mike( my husband)& I got to go see him& he seemed too enjoy looking at our pics.We sure will miss him. Such a kind gentleman.

July 20 at 3:00 PM



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**Nicole Arenivas** sent a virtual gift in honor of Jay.

I meet Mr. and Mrs. Petty about 3 1/2 years ago, when I was hired on as a caregiver for Mrs. Petty. They were so sweet to my husband and I and treated us more like family. Told us about his duplex when we were having trouble with our apartment and said he was happy to help out such a great young couple. I remember him telling me when we first met about his marriage at the time of almost 61 years and I said wow how amazing , I haven't even been married for 61 days, he laughed and said as long as we both treated each other with respect and put God first we were on the right track to getting there!



July 19 at 3:16 PM

JP

**Janine Petty** posted:

So hard to share one memory. He always liked to tell you a joke. He liked the funnies in the paper and crossword puzzles. Stubborn man, he was always fine even when you knew he was sick. I guess the most memorable time I can remember is putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it for them and he said it looked beautiful. They always welcomed others into their home. Love you and Aunt Yvonne SOOOO Much. Janine

July 19 at 4:50 AM

KS

**Katina Shrum** posted:

I remember being on the lake many times as a child with Uncle Jay and Aunt Von. One time that sticks out in my mind is a weekend I could not have been more than 6 or 7. It was dark and Uncle Jay turned on the spot light and started catching bugs and putting them on my hook, as soon as the hook would hit the water I would get a bite. We caught and released soooo many little perch! I was so excited! As a child i was of course impatient when it came to fishing but because he had taken the time to do that with me it made a lasting impression on a young girl. Boy did he love to fish.

July 19 at 3:56 AM

NI

**Niki** posted:

I loved that every christmas/Thanksgiving/holiday/random day I could count on sitting around a table playing chicken foot with him and Aunt Yvonne. Or that his hugs always seemed to make the whole world seem right.

July 19 at 3:47 AM



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RW

**Rebecca Witte** posted:

Thank you for sharing Jay with us. We were so honored that he became part of our family. I will treasure the moment that I was able to be his bus driver and he was my "Special" passenger. Heaven has gained another Angel. My heart is heavy for the family, but knowing your parents are together again offers much comfort. Prayers for each of you. Hold on to the special memories.  
Rebecca Witte

July 18 at 6:08 PM

KR

**Karen Haley Riesz** posted:

When my cousin Yvonne introduced her fiancé Jay to our family, as a 12-yr-old female, I thought he was SO movie-star HANDSOME! Jay and Yvonne loved playing card and domino games. As a young married couple, they would spend occasional weekends with our family, playing Michigan Rummy, Hearts, 42 and 84 with my parents, and filling our house with their laughter! After Momma's passing in 2007, Jay and Yvonne "adopted" Daddy for Friday nights eating out and playing Chicken Foot. When I moved to Lubbock, they included me in this weekly ritual. After Daddy's passing, Jay was always available for advice and assistance for my dealing with home maintenance and car repair. A prized piece of furniture in my home is a large pecan quilt chest handmade by Jay. He was multi-talented, full of fun, and generous with his friendship. We will miss you, Jay, until reunited with you and Yvonne in the presence of our Lord! - Karen Haley Riesz

July 17 at 6:17 AM



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**Paul Lindsey** posted:

I had the privilege to live across the street from Jay and Yvonne for 29 years. They spoiled me as far as neighbors go. We would go out of town they would take care of my house and when they were out of town I would take care of theirs. These days most people really do not know their neighbors, certainly not well enough to have their house keys and all their security codes. Jay and I declared an unofficial Christmas Lights war. He would put his lights up and then I would put ours up. He would add something to his display which of course meant I had to add to mine. I added to mine plus a little extra, he would then add something to his with a little extra. It was always fun to go out at night and see what had been added to his display. Last year I received a Christmas card from Jay reminiscing about the enjoyment that we both had in our displays. Jay and I played a lot of golf together. One day we came up a large group of players and they let us play through as there was just two of us. They stood off to the side of the green. Jay's shot went nicely on the green. I don't know what happened to mine but it went right into the middle of this group. As we got to the green, Jay told them "Fellas when he shoots for the green the safest place to be is in the middle of the green as he has not hit one all day". This was typical Jay Petty humor that I will miss. My condolences go out to his family. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. Paul Lindsey

July 17 at 5:27 AM



**Jackie Holland** July 19 at 8:45 AM

Fred and I lived next door to Belinda for 16 years. Our introduction was Jay building our "good neighbor" steps. Our friendship grew from there. Both of the Pettys will be sorely missed. Jackie & Fred Holland



**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Petty family.



July 17 at 2:11 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Reflections of Glory Wreath to the Petty family.



July 17 at 2:06 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Petty family.



July 7 at 4:18 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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