



Mr. Joe Laughlin Jr.

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Wilbern Joseph Laughlin, Jr. (guitar fingerpicker, author, philosopher, chemist, raconteur, husband of Riva and daddy to dog-son Buddy) passed away on September 5, 2014 in Houston, Texas after a long illness. He was born on January 18, 1953 in Galena Park, Texas to Wilbern Joseph "Boots" Laughlin and Mary Harbuck "Jane" Laughlin.

Joe graduated from Galena Park High School in 1971. He attended the University of Houston and then transferred to Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. He graduated with a double major in Biology and Chemistry in 1976. He married Riva Denise Padgett on June 12, 1976.

Joe worked in the labs with NL Industries for 10 years and then followed his heart to his true calling, teaching. He taught Advanced Placement Chemistry at Robert E. Lee High School for almost 20 years, retiring in 2007.

Joe had two great loves in his life - his guitars and his wife, in that order. His musical loves spanned the genres. He sang with the Houston Symphony Orchestra Chorale for 10 years, sang in church choirs, belonged to the North Harris County Dulcimer Society and the Bay Area Bluegrass Association, and played his guitar at any and all opportunities.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Col. Michael D. Laughlin. He is survived by his wife, Riva, his nephew Mike B. Laughlin, and his niece Amy Laughlin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hugworks. Hugworks provides therapeutic music to children in hospitals and to senior adults. You can make a donation online at <http://www.hugworks.org/>, or can mail a donation to Hugworks, 752 Mary Dr., Hurst, TX 76053.



Events

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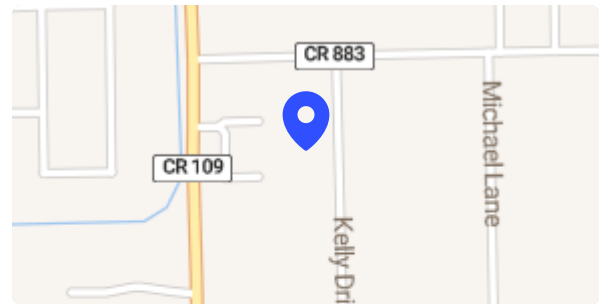
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Visitation

 **Friday**, September 12, 2014


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **Garden Road Baptist Church**
2101 Garden Rd., Pearland TX 77581

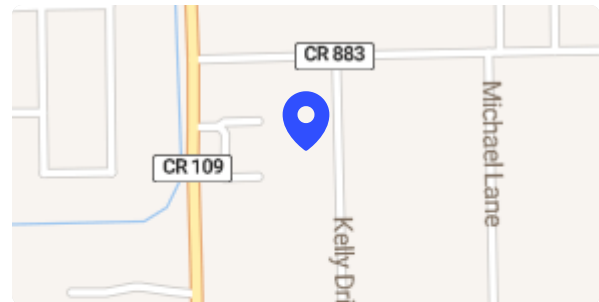


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, September 13, 2014

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

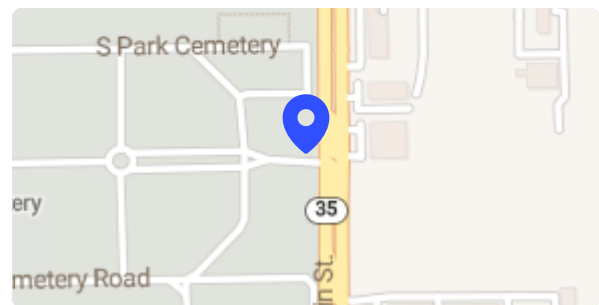
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Cemetery Details

 **South Park Cemetery**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581

 **(281) 509-9228**





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Roy posted:

Riva, I'll always remember the good times I had with Joe and his support during and after my divorce. I'm sad to know that he has passed. We will all see him again in Heaven. Roy Eanes

December 16 at 4:56 PM



Suzanne Campling posted:

I have lots of fine memories of pickin' and grinnin' with Joe and Riva, but the most recent time spent with them was at their home, eating Joe's amazing good cooking and hearing him tell stories about he and Riva's "adventures", my favorite being the time when they were alligator wranglers....you'll just have to wish you were there ;-)! With so much love in the memory, Suzanne Campling

September 13 at 7:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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