



## Earl Joe Kierstead

July 13, 1947 - September 9, 2009

### KIERSTEAD

Earl Joe Kierstead passed away quietly at his home on September 9, 2009 after a prolonged illness. He was surrounded by those whom he loved most, his family. Born in Indiana, July 13, 1947, raised in Tennessee with his 3 brothers, Carl, Jerry, Mike, and sister, Patty, Joe moved to the San Antonio area after serving his country in Vietnam. He became a firefighter and later a paramedic for the SAFD, retiring in 1985. Serving his community continued as an enterprising San Antonio business man as owner of Alamo and Snow's Auto Title Services. He loved his communities of Atascosa and San Antonio and generously supported them as a member of many community organizations including ESD #5, Atascosa Rural Water Corp., 100 Club, SA Fire Fighters Motorcycle Club, and West Side Chamber of Commerce. Joe was a devoted family man, as a much loved husband of 25 years, to Lori, a loving father of 4 children, Tyler, Rudy, Melissa, and Paul, and a doting grandpa to Jennifer, Jeremy, Tiffani, Andrew, and Alyssa. He was also a beloved brother, brother-in-law, son, son-in-law, uncle, and cousin. Joe had a zest for life and lived a life filled with many joy-filled experiences. He pursued new adventures, many on his Harley with his son, Tyler, wife, Lori, and good friends. He was a supporter of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, rode with the U.S. Marshals' Posse and Palomino Patrol for a time, and even tried stock car racing. He had many interests and enjoyed gambling excursions,

boating, fishing, hunting, and celebrating life. He was lucky in love and life. He will be missed by many.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be held Friday, September 11, 2009 5:00 p.m. with a prayer service to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral service will begin on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the 100 Club for fallen firefighters' families P.O. Box 6741 San Antonio, TX 78209 and the American Cancer Society 8115 Datapoint Dr. San Antonio, TX 78229.

For personal acknowledgment you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Lori I am sorry for the loss of your husband and dad. I knew him a little when you guys came to visit in TN, for the family reunion. I'm one of patty grand daughters. I'll keep you in my prayers. Let God help you heal. He will kept you safe. Take care

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**Suzanne Earle** - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I served with Joe for six years on the City/Couty Bond Oversight Committee for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. Joe was a wonderful man to be around and work with on nearly any civic project. He was a fine man and I will miss his intellect and fi

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**Terrell McCombs** - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Lori, may God be with you in your time of great sorrow. I had only met Joe one time, but you could tell by how much you loved him that he as a great husband and father. Let God hold you in his hands and bring you strength in this most sad time.

Lisa

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**Lisa Winkler** - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE FAMILY.. WE JUST HEARD TODAY THAT JOE PASSED AWAY. WE ARE SO SORRY, I WISH WE COULD HAVE SAID GOOD BYE. JOE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN, WE JUST LOVED HIM. WE WILL MISS YOU JOE. LOVE, THE FRIESENHAHN'S

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**norman & linda friesehahn** - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Lori & family, you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of sadness. Uncle Joe touch many lives and will be greatly missed.

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**Dave & Pam Bernard** - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Lori and Tyler - We are square dance friends of your Mom and Dad. We are saddened by your loss of Joe. Please accept our loving condolences. Love in Christ - Clay and Marie Moulds

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**Clay and Marie Moulds** - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. "Memories are Forever." May the Lord comfort you and surround you with his love.  
*Lois Lassere & Family*

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**Lois Lassere** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Dear Kierstead family,  
  
Our deepest sympathy for you all.  
Joe was such a nice person and neighbor. We will miss him greatly.

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**William & Denise Shuler** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our Prayers are with you at this time.  
*Shorty, Shirley Cruz*

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**Shirley** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Lori, Tyler, and Family: our prayers for your comfort.*

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**Pam and Mindy Gann** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you over the loss of a good man. Joe loved this community and he will be missed.*

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**Lyle Larson** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *i served with Joe in Vietnam in 1966-67. We went over on teh boat together with the 7th MASH. I always remembered him as a good guy, always willing to help someone else witha task. A good guy and a good soldier. I will miss him and all the other friend*

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**Garry Ferguson** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. You are in our hearts and prayers.*

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**Pete & Lillie Ruiz** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Kierstead Family,  
I am sorry for your loss. May God's love make your grief bearable.*

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**John Ruiz** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *FORMER TEXAS, MENERAL WELLS*

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**JACK HUGHES** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KU

“ Dear Kierstead Family,  
We would like to offer our sincerest condolences in this time of such a great loss. We will always cherish our memories of our time together at the dirt track. The world has loss a great and wonderful man. Lori and Tyler we take y

Kurt - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Lois Lassere & Family

Lois Lassere - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ our sincere condolences to the family of our friend Joe.

Richard Mendez,Sr. - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I'll never forget my first thought when Joe, Lori, Tyler and Mindy drove up to my driveway with their motor home with a trailer just as big. First, how is he going to get that in my little driveway? Piece of cake for Joe! Second thought, holly cow my prop

Ann Rasmussen - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Melissa, Jenna, Jeremy and family, our deepest sympathy goes out to you in this difficult time..he loved you very much and will live in your hearts forever..may he rest in peace. Love Diana and Irma

Diana and Irma - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Lori, Tyler, sorry for your loss Joe will be missed greatly. I always remembered Grandma calling to tell me Earl's coming for a visit I would always visit when I could we all had a good time seeing everybody. Will remember you and family in prayers.

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**Randall, Lisa and family** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ My condolences to all of Joe's immediate family. He will be greatly missed. Love ya Lori and Tyler.

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**Kurt Goltermann** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Lori,  
My deepest condolences. Joe will be very sorely missed. Please let us know if there is ever anything we can do to help you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Dennis Binkley** - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the Kierstead Family, Your husband and father was a fine person, always friendly and respectful to everyone he met. We know that you will miss him, as will a lot of other people. Dwell on all the good memories and precious moments that you shared wi

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**Samuel E. Luna, Jr. and Family** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We are very sorry for the Kierstead family. Joe was a fine man who was always there for the community. Even when that meant butting heads sometimes. Joe and Lori will always be special people to our family. When Brooke placed her hog at SA Livestock Show,

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**David & Kim Mahaffey** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Lori, Tyler and family. We were so very sorry to hear about Joes passing. He, as well as you Lori were so kind and helpful with Kendall and learning to ride horses so long ago. Of course that was the kind of person Joe was and the kind you still are

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**Denise Donica** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Joe just can't be replaced. He was just that good. I served with Joe at Ft Jackson SC and in Vietnam with the 7th Surgical Hospital. Joe was proud of his Vietnam service and I was proud to have Joe as a friend. He was an operating room technician

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**William Harrell** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Lori,  
My heart is with you & Tyler at this very difficult time. Please know that we love you though we cannot be there with you.

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**Laura Grayson** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Lori

*I am sorry for the loss of your husband and dad. I knew him a little when you guys came to visit in TN, for the family reunion. I'm one of patty grand daughters. I'll keep you in my prayers. Let God help you heal. He will kept you safe. Take care*

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**Suzanne Earle** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Lori, I was saddened by the passing of your husband Joe. My condolences to you and your family. I pray to God to give you the strength to move on with your life. I respected his time and dedication to the Southwest ISD education foundation.

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**Jose Limon** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Lori, Tyler sure was sorry to hear about Joe's passing he sure will be missed by all. I will keep you and the family in my prayers. I can't come but will be thinking of you. Call me when you get settled some. Take care and I love you

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**paulette kierstead** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Lori and Tyler,

We know words cannot express the sadness and pain that comes with losing someone who is your whole world. We also know that friends and family will be a big part of your support through this time. We are here if you need us and will

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**Mona Huizar** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Lori & Tyler,

Lori, I would like to offer our sincerest condolences in the time of your loss. It was a great honor to have know such a wonderful man. He was such an inspiration and supporter for our children through their years of youth sporting even

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**Lisa & Johnny Ruiz** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Lori, Tyler & Family*  
*Words cannot ease your sorrow, but know that you & your family are in our thoughts & prayers and that with time things will return to a state of "normal".*  
*Tommy & I consider ourselves very grateful & blessed to have had the opportun*

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**Tommy & Lilly Kunz** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *My heart is saddened by your loss. Joe was a great man. Always kind and giving so unselfishly. I know words can't possibly provide the comfort you need right now. God is there to help you and sustain you through your grief. "Reach out and take His han*

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**Trish Kierstead** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *Lori, Tyler, and family,*  
  
*We are saddened by your loss. Please accept our condolences. It was a pleasure knowing Mr. Kierstead, or as we called him TK's Dad. It was a pleasure having you both as parents while coaching Tyler. If there is anything we c*

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**Steve & Karen Young** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *Lori, Tyler and family...We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers will be with you during this difficult time. He will truly be missed by those in the community, we all appreciate the support he showed for all the kids.*

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**Vivian and Brad Baldwin** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Served with Joe 7th Surg in Vietnam  
great guy to be around with

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**Joe Mikoli** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Lori, Tyler, and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We had some really good times over  
the years and we will miss Joe terribly. He was funny, had a great  
sense of humor, and always the life of the party. Our thoughts  
and prayers are with you.

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**Bubba & Janet Lothringer** - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM