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Joseph Lawrence Heap, Sr. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 6, 2011. He was born in New Orleans, LA on October 26, 1931, and spent the past five years as a resident of Covington, LA. He is the son of the late Edwin Kent Heap and Florence McCoy Heap. Brother of Dorothy Heap McDow, Raymond Ernest Heap, and the late Eddie, Jim, Bob, Ted, Jerry, Bro. Harold Heap, F.S.C., and Catherine Heap Voizin. He was a devoted husband to Joan Fasting Heap for the past 56 years and a loving father to six adoring children: the late Joseph L. Heap, Jr., Kent F. Heap, Sr. and his wife Cathy, Holle Heap Corenblith and her husband Arthur, Donna Heap Zeigler and her husband Sean, Holger Heap and his wife Autumn, and Charlotte Heap Shelley and her husband Chris. He is survived by 12 grandchildren: Christian, Kenyon, Joseph III, Kent Jr., Mitchell, Kelsey, Katelyn, Korey, Sean, Wyatt, Wade, and Cooper, and a host of nephews and nieces, and many good friends.

Joe was a graduate of Holy Cross High School, where he excelled in football and track. He graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame, where he was named Academic All-American for three consecutive years. Joe went on to play for the New York Giants before he fulfilled his duties with the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Lt. Col. He retired from Shell Oil Co. after working 30 years in management of Human Resources, where he received the President's Award for saving a man's life. He recently was placed in the 2007 Greater N.O. Sugar Bowl Hall of Fame. He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Through all of his greatness and his achievements, he was the epitome of humility.

Joe enjoyed boating with his late Uncle Herman on the "Smile-A-While," fishing and hunting with his sons, watching Notre Dame football on Saturdays, volunteering with his brothers at the Abbey's Pennies for Bread, golfing with his brothers and buddies at City Park, watching and feeding the birds in his backyard, getting together with his Good Friends group, keeping in touch with his comrades from Holy Cross and Notre



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Dame, but mostly he enjoyed spending time with his wife and family.

The family wishes to thank St. Tammany Hospital and Hospice for taking such good care of Joe in his final days.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 9, 2011. A mass will follow at St. Joseph's Abbey, 75376 River Road, Covington, LA 70457 at 1:30 PM. A military burial service will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 10:30 AM in All Saints Mausoleum in Metairie Cemetery, New Orleans, LA 70124.

Joe's wishes were for contributions to be made to Holy Cross High School in New Orleans, LA.



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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 9 at 7:33 AM



Kim Miller posted:

I have many wonderful memories of your dad. He will be missed.

April 17 at 5:41 PM



Gerald Goertz posted:

Ray Heap and family. Joe was a wonderful person and will be missed by many. Please my condolence.

April 15 at 10:02 AM



Gerard And Mary Rose Shaw posted:

We knew Joe from Shell and I remembered when he ran track for Holy Cross. I believe he could have won the gold medal in the olympics if he had attempted to qualify. He will be missed.

April 14 at 2:16 PM



Gail Melton posted:

I worked with Joe many years ago when he was the Shell Pipeline HR Manager. He was a good person and I'm sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

April 12 at 9:04 AM



Debbie Leblanc posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. I knew Joe from when he worked for Shell Pipeline. He was the HR Representative when I was hired on by the company. I remember him as a very nice and caring person. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. After viewing the pictures, I can see that he had a large family with many wonderful times together. May your memories of him help you to cope with his loss. My deepest sympathy, Debbie LeBlanc

April 12 at 8:42 AM



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RW

Rob And Karen Whitaker posted:

Ray and Marilyn: We are so sorry for your loss, Ray. I did not know your brother Joe and all of his experiences. Perhaps that was in keeping with the private manner in which he lived (per the article in the Saturday Times Picayune sports section). You are in our prayers during this time of bereavement. Rob and Karen Whitaker

April 11 at 6:57 AM

BH

Bob Hanrahan posted:

Joe was a great friend, athlete and role model who I'm susre will be greatly missed. Please accept my condolence.

April 10 at 5:22 PM

VN

Vicky C Martin, R.N. posted:

Mr. Heap was special to me. I feel privileged to have been able to care for him for the last several months and enjoy a cup of delicious coffee at the end of every home visit.

April 10 at 4:25 AM

GG

Gary Gautier posted:

Kent, Scooter, and Family -- Haven't seen y'all in a while but often think of good times in the old neighborhood. Sorry to hear about your loss. Gary

April 9 at 5:01 PM

HC

Humberto R And Dianne Charneco posted:

We are very sad to hear about Joe's death. Joe was a great man and we feel fortunate to have known him. Today we were talking about our great conversations with Joe at our wedding reception. It was so meaningful to us that your family is part of our lives. We love that Donna was our flower girl. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We already miss him but will never forget him. Love Dianne and Bert

April 9 at 9:27 AM



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HL

Harry And Betty Lindsey posted:

Charlotte and Sean we are sorry for your loss. God was in need of another "TIGER" in heaven. God bless him and your family. Harry & Betty Lindsey

April 9 at 8:43 AM

BL

Barb & Tom Layton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Isaiah 26:19 give you hope and comfort.

April 9 at 8:34 AM

GC

Glen Casanova posted:

May you be comforted by the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the loss of your brother, uncle and friend.

April 9 at 5:23 AM

LL

Larry Lindsly, Gerry Puyau, Wheeler Lalonde posted:

We all had the privilege of working with Joe. He was always very level headed in his day to day dealings. And yes, he never spoke of his many athletic achievements but he did speak of his family. We will keep you in our prayers--he was one of the "good" ones. We're glad we had a chance to know him a little.

April 9 at 3:09 AM

JK

John (Jack) Kegaly posted:

As a sophomore on the 1953 Undefeated Fighting Irish Football Team and a fellow USAF ROTC Cadet, it was an honor for me to have counted Joe Heap as a teammate. Joe was one of the most respected participants in both of those activities for which I remember him the most. The fact that he was an upper classman never entered the picture. Joe was a real gentleman and will be remembered with great respect. May he rest in peace. John Kegaly #78

April 8 at 4:36 PM



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TP

Tara Paille posted:

We are all feeling the loss of Uncle Joe. He, along with all his siblings will never be forgotten. I look forward to the day when we can have a "BIG" Heap Reunion and everyone will be there together again. My thoughts are with you in this time of loss. God keep this family close to you.

April 8 at 1:53 PM

NL

Nancy Mutter Landrieu posted:

Kent, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. I'll keep you and your family in my prayers.

April 8 at 6:48 AM

CG

Cathy & Greg Gebo posted:

Charlotte and family, I did not know Mr. Heap, but I heard many wonderful stories from Charlotte and from my son, Josh, who was fortunate enough to have spent time with you all. I pray that God grants you peace. My father, when he was a young man, followed Joe Heap's achievements, and he considered him to be a hero. I have no doubt that he was a hero to many, and you were blessed to have called him husband, father, and grandfather. Much love, Greg, Cathy, and Family

April 7 at 5:56 PM

PL

Paul And Beth Leblanc posted:

Dear Aunt JoAnn and Family, Our prayers and love go out to all of you. I know that all of the special memories will keep Uncle Joe's spirit alive within your hearts! Love, Paul and Beth LeBlanc

April 7 at 5:17 PM

JM

Jeff And Jill Marshall posted:

We thank Lt. Col Joseph Heap for defending our great country with his service in the US Air Force. He was a true hero. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of his family. A donation will be made in his name to the St. Tammany Hospital Foundation. We love you Kelsey. Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Jill

April 7 at 11:39 AM



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RH

Rachael Hitt posted:

Charlotte, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. We are sending you and your family our prayers.
The Hitt, Chauvin & Landry Families

April 7 at 10:19 AM

JH

Jeff Heap posted:

If there's a football league in Heaven, make way for a fast as lightning Academic All-American Half-Back. And, when you hear thunder, well, that's just Joe Heap breakin' records in God's League.

April 7 at 10:18 AM

MH

Matt Heap posted:

Uncle Joe was a good man, and he will be deeply missed by all. I know he's in a better place where there is only happiness. RIP Uncle Joe. Matt Heap

April 7 at 9:23 AM



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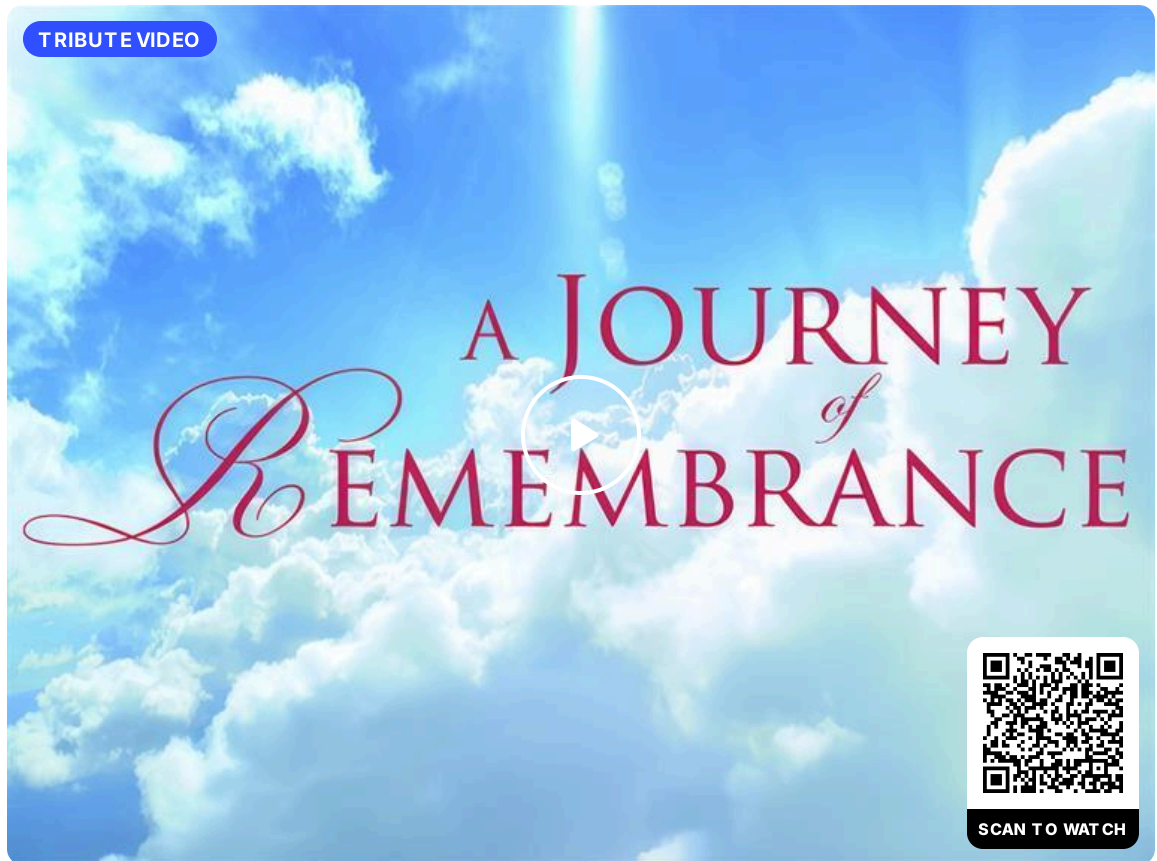
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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