



# Frank Helsley

October 12, 1952 - July 19, 2016

# Events

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**JUL Memorial Service 02:30PM**

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Rest Haven - Rowlett Location

3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

# Comments

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“ I haven't spoken to Frank since we briefly exchanged a couple of emails in 2011 with a question I had about identifying a certain tenor resonator guitar. I just now discovered that he passed a few years ago. I met Frank in Texas in the early '70's when I landed a ranch job in Cameron while traveling through the state during an escape road trip from my home in Minnesota. A friend of my new employer knew Frank, and that he also played guitar, so he arranged to get us hooked up.

I still remember that first meeting like it was yesterday. He came in with his guitar, wearing a brown buckskin jacket with fringe and a yellow, long sleeved shirt and blue jeans. We talked and played for hours. I remember thinking he was the nicest person I'd ever met. After that we were almost always together, either jamming, having dinner at his folks' house, or hiding up inside the organ pipe chamber when his mother would come to practice at the Presbyterian church that his father pastored. He had a deep soul and was a musical purist, with a genuine love and understanding of the blues. We spent many late nights playing Hot Tuna, Mississippi John Hurt and Reverend Gary Davis tunes.

We played guitars and worked together in the flooring industry in Texas and Colorado, off and on for several years. I've always considered Frank as my best friend and only wish we'd been closer in our later years.

My deepest sympathies and love to Kathy and the rest of the family.

David Scheidler - March 02 at 10:04 PM

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“ TRINITY FLOOR COMPANY WISHES TO CONVEY OUR CONDOLENCES TO KATHY AND FAMILY. FRANK WORKED HERE FOR MANY YEARS AND WAS ALWAYS A GREAT EMPLOYEE AND FRIEND.  
JON ROY REID, LINDA REID OGDEN  
AND ALL EMPLOYEES



LINDA REID OGDEN - July 28, 2016 at 10:34 AM

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“ Kathryn, I just heard about Frank and am so saddened by the news of his passing. He was such a kind and gentle soul. I know you are grieving and I pray for comfort and Peace for you in the days to come. Would love to see you sometime. I would also love to see Frank again, and find comfort in the hope that someday I will. Take care, and many blessings to you and your family.  
Love and more love,  
Laura Watkins Mayo

**laura** - July 25, 2016 at 08:24 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Frank and family



**Kathryn Helsley** - July 25, 2016 at 12:49 PM

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“ Our sympathy to the Helsley family on the passing away of your loved one. True comfort comes in knowing that death does not come from God. For He (God), promises to do away with death forever.( Heb 2:14; Isaiah 25:8)

**pfl** - July 23, 2016 at 06:42 PM

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“ Our condolences and prayers for all of Frank's family and friends. As a young girl, Frank was my absolute favorite friend of my older brother, Steve Waters. We attended their church for a while. Steve and Frank had a band together. Frank helped me begin to learn playing the guitar. He was always funny, mischievous but very kind. Several years later he taught me Hot Tuna's Water Song, accompanying me on a solo. I find comfort knowing we will see our loved ones again.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Castleberry

**Lisa Castleberry** - July 21, 2016 at 09:17 AM