



Calvin Joseph Short

September 9, 1958 - September 12, 2025

Calvin Joseph “Joey” Short, 67, of Commerce, TX, passed away on September 12, 2025. Joey was born September 9th, 1958 in Galveston, TX, the son of Don Joseph Short and Jessie Gulley Short. Joey graduated from Commerce High School in 1976 as an Eagle Scout, before attending East Texas State University where he earned a degree in Business.

Joey was a well known figure throughout Commerce, with a loud, recognizable laugh you could hear from a block away. He loved to tell jokes, read books, and watch the History Channel. He loved learning and knew a little bit about a lot of things, and was always happy to debate anything, even the color of the sky. He spent the last several years of his life in assisted living facilities and was a staff favorite, his smile and playful nature keeping them laughing.

He’s survived by his children with Jennifer Dorsey Short: Calvin Joseph “C.J.” Short Jr. and Christopher Tyler Short; his daughters-in-law Kathleen Chase and Kira Mills; granddaughter Sage Lyra Short; and siblings Charlene Crocker and JP Lauren.