



JAY AND LORI CARNES
BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE
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Jay and Lori Carnes are the owners and operators of Carnes Funeral Home, a multi-site Houston-area chain that specializes in compassionate care to loved ones and their families. They support more than 50 employees and operate services in both traditional and non-traditional end-of-life options.

They are active community leaders along the Texas Gulf Coast. They are the founders of LifeDonation.org, an emerging community organization that is creating a database for people who want to donate their bodies to science and education. Together, they are the recipients of the 2013 Lesley Hayley Community Service Award from the Texas City – La Marque Chamber of Commerce.

Lori has more than 13 years of experience as a registered nurse in the fields of newborn nursery, post and antepartum, home health and Hospice. She joined Jay at the funeral home six years ago.

Jay is an accomplished Galveston business executive who owned and managed companies before he launched Carnes Funeral Home. He is the current President of the Texas City Rotary and the Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Galveston. Lori serves on the Hospice Care Team in Texas City and the Perry YMCA board. She is on the board of the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce.

Jay is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University. Lori studied at Stephen F. Austin and graduated from Galveston College. They have a 5-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, who enjoys dancing on her parent's popular parade bus, The Dancing Queen.

Previous community services and accomplishments:

Jay Carnes

Past President – Galveston Kiwanis

Past Chairman/Board of Directors – First Baptist Church, Galveston

Announcer – Ball High School, Galveston and La Marque High School, La Marque

Lori Carnes

Past President Santa Fe- Hitchcock Rotary Club