



## Bryan Edward Rockett

March 27, 1956 - September 13, 2016

Memorial services for Bryan Edward Rockett, 60, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. David Dykes officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Rockett passed away Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at The Hospice of East Texas Home Place following a lengthy illness.

He was born March 27, 1956 in Hodge, Louisiana to Arthur and Tela Rockett. Bryan accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at an early age. Throughout his personal and professional life, he attempted to live by those Christian principals. Bryan is a member of Green Acres Baptist Church.

Mr. Rockett graduated from A. M. Barbe High School in Lake Charles, LA. After high school, photography became a hobby for Bryan. Although never receiving formal training, he put much time and effort into learning this skill. God given talent and a perfectionistic eye allowed him to hone his craft and create beautiful portraits. Bryan spent his career photographing individuals and families. These magnificent portraits hang in thousands of homes across Louisiana and Texas.

Bryan was a member of the Professional Photographers of America and the Professional Photographers Forum of East Texas. He was named PPF's Photographer of the Year multiple times.

Bryan was preceded in death by his baby brother, Michael Eugene Rockett; paternal grandparents, Carlus and Lois Rockett, and maternal grandparents,

Wallace and Irene Davis.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Leda Rockett; a son, Collin Rockett of Oklahoma City, OK; a daughter, Abigail Rockett of Tyler, TX; parents, Arthur and Tela Rockett of DeRidder, LA.; brother and sister-in law, David and Linda Rockett of Covington, LA; sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Robert Graham of Santa Fe, NM; nephew and wife, Thomas and Ashley Rockett of Philadelphia, PA; nieces, Laura Beth Rockett of Nashville, TN, Laura Catherine Graham of Santa Fe, NM, Rebecca Graham of Philadelphia, PA and great niece, Evelyn Rockett of Philadelphia, PA. He is also survived by devoted friend and employee, Brandi Traylor of Houston, TX.

Honorary pallbearers will be Nathan Hughes, Guy Pyron, Sam Smead, Rueben Salas, Gary Fox, Robert Graham, David Rockett, Thomas Rockett, Russell Watson, Robbie Watson, Ray Watson, and Trevor Watson.

Visitation is scheduled following the memorial service.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd. Tyler, TX 75701

# Previous Events

## Mem. Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

## Visitation and reception after service

SEP 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

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“ Leda, I recall your brother Ray taking me by on several occasions to Bryan's studio in Ruston. I recall how impressed I was with his work and how nice of a person he was.

*I have heard such nice things about him from Ray and the tributes speak well for his goodness. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bill Hageman*

*Houston, Texas*

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**Bill Hageman** - September 18, 2016 at 09:27 AM

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“ I have known Bryan for almost 40 years, and have the utmost respect for him both personally and professionally. Bryan hired me in 1978 while I was at Louisiana Tech University majoring in photography and for the next 13 years he built a thriving photography business called "Bryan Rockett Creative Photography" in Ruston, LA. Together, we photographed thousands of school pictures, portraits, and weddings. He taught me, the importance of faith, family, and friends. He taught me how to handle people, run a business, and actually make a living taking pictures. In 1991 he sold me that business and moved on to the next chapter of his life centered around his family. I will forever be in dept to him for helping me establish my career in photography. He certainly left his mark in this area and people still ask me about him. Photographers and artists ultimately enrich peoples lives that they come into contact with, and I am so much better for having known Bryan. He was just a "good guy". May God be with you all.

*Tim Garlington*

*Portraits Plus Photography*

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**Tim Garlington** - September 16, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bryan Edward Rockett.*



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September 16, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ *We send our sympathy and prayers to Leda, Collin and Abigail and the Rockett family in the passing of your dear Bryan. We have loved and respected Arthur and Tela and their family for many years! We pray for God's grace of peace and comfort during these difficult days!*



*In Christ,  
Mural, Camille and Family  
Lake Charles, La.*

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**Mural Cormie** - September 16, 2016 at 12:59 PM



“ *Christopher, Brenda, Kathryn, & Caroline Boylan purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Bryan Edward Rockett.*



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**Christopher, Brenda, Kathryn, & Caroline Boylan** - September 16, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ *Tim Garlington and the Staff at Portraits Plus purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bryan Edward Rockett.*



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**Tim Garlington and the Staff at Portraits Plus** - September 15, 2016 at 05:36 PM