



Donald Pinkerton

April 14, 1948 - April 3, 2005

Memorial service for Donald Ray Pinkerton, 56, Tyler, is scheduled for 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Michael Dent officiating. Private burial service will be in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Pinkerton passed away Sunday, April 3, 2005 at his ranch in San Saba. He was born to J. P. and Helen Blair Pinkerton on April 14, 1948 in Tyler. Mr. Pinkerton lived in Tyler all of his life. He was educated in Tyler public schools, graduating from John Tyler High in 1966. He graduated from Tyler Junior College and attended U.T. Tyler. He was President & CEO of RPR Construction Co. Inc. He was honored to serve as Smith County Commissioner Precinct 2 for two years. Prior to that he was elected to serve the community for three terms as a Tyler City Council Member and also served as City of Tyler Mayor Pro-Tem. He was a Board Member of Tyler Chamber of Commerce, Past President of Bell Elementary School PTA, Past President of Northeast Texas Chapter of Associated General Contractors of America, and Past Vice-President of Tyler Jaycees, and was a Mason with St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 53 in Tyler. His community service included appointments as current board member of Salvation Army in Tyler, East Texas Fair Association, and Lakeview Methodist Conference Center. His past service included appointments as board members with the Smith County Peace Officers Association, EMS Administrative Agency, Texas Rose Festival Association, Dallas Chapter Associated General Contractors of America, Tyler Economic Development

Council, Tyler Half Cent Tax Board, and committee member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Mr. Pinkerton served 23 years as a Smith County Deputy Sheriff Reserve, was a sponsor of Habitat for Humanity of Smith County, past graduate of Leadership Tyler-Class III, and a Charter Member of Tyler Sunrise Rotary Club. He was an active member of Marvin United Methodist Church where he served as a member of the Administrative Board, Finance Committee and attended the Seekers Sunday School Class. He was honored in his life by receiving the Tyler Patrolman's Association Certificate of Merit, the Philanthropist Award in 2000, and Life Membership of Texas Parent Teachers Association. He enjoyed golf, boating and fishing, hunting, car rallies, cooking and entertaining family and friends. He especially looked forward to spending time with his two grandsons. He will always be remembered as one who gave all of himself to others. He was preceded in death by grandparents, W. S. and Anna Blair of Tyler and Fletcher and Ella Pinkerton of DeValls Bluff, Arkansas. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Pat Pinkerton; daughter, Lori Pinkerton Coe and husband, Donald of Tyler, and Amy Pinkerton Chesley and husband, Brad of Tyler; grandchildren, Walker Coe and Leo Chesley, both of Tyler; parents, J. P. and Helen M. Pinkerton of Tyler; sister, Sharon Leonardi and husband, Richard of Arlington; numerous nieces, nephews, and his special family of employees of RPR Construction. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, 75703. Memorials may be made to Prevent Blindness Texas - East Texas Branch, 824 S. Beckham, 75701, Salvation Army, 633 N. Broadway Ave., 75702, Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., 75701, and Marvin U.M.C. Endowment Fund 300 W. Erwin St., 75702.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Pat,
There are no wants to express your lost. My heart hurts for you. We know God needed a special person in heaven with Him and that is why He chose Don. Larry and I pray that God will give you that extra strength during the days ahead. God be with you and your family.
Love, Larry and Sheila

Sheila Chambless Adams - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Sorry for the delay with this tribute Pat as I was not aware of this wonderful option. I knew Don for probably 10+ years and never met a greater man. I first met Don when he was on the City Council and he helped us by voting against someone trying to change the residential zoning in our neighborhood to commercial so they could build some duplexes. He helped put a stop to that. In the years to come, I sold Don several of his Skeeter boats that he loved to enjoy. My Dad and I also were fortunate enough to go deer hunting with Don and others on his South Texas ranch one year. Man, could he cook! We had a wonderful experience that weekend with Don. What an awesome host and entertainer he was and treated everyone as his equal. Anyway Pat, I just wanted you and your family to know what a wonderful man Mr. Don Pinkerton was and that he is greatly missed by all.

Russell Williams - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Jeff,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will pray for you and your family during this difficult time.
Stephanie Leggett

Stephanie Leggett - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Pat, Lori, Amy, and family,
My heart goes out to your family, I am so sorry for your loss. I can remember spending alot of time at your house with Amy while we were growing up, and I grew to love you all so much. I will keep your family in my prayers each night, and I am always here if you need anything. All my love and prayers,

Jennifer Daughtry - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Pat, girls, Sharon and Mr & Mrs Pinkerton
My heart aches at the loss of Donnie. His generosity to "his" Tyler will never be forgotten. Every time I would see a construction sign with his company name on it I would think back to the first grade and throughout our school years and how his love and respect for others could be seen even then. Please know that your family will be in my prayers and that Donnie will never be forgotten. I am so proud to have known a man with such integrity.
So many memories keep us close
as days and years go by,
Memories that fill the heart-
a warm and tender tie.
And every happy memory brings a joy
that does not end,
Don was a very special person,
and my dear and trusted friend.
In Christian Love, Pam

Pam Moore Pickett - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Pat, I just want to let you know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss of Donnie.
If you need me for anything, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.
Brenda

Brenda Costilow Hill - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My prayers are with the family of Mr. Pinkerton. I wish them all strength through a difficult time and peace in knowing he made a difference in the world and will make one from heaven too!

shannon simmons-goheen - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *The city of Tyler, and the world was made a more special place by your life, and the contributions you made. You will be soarly missed, and always remembered.*

Michelle Pearson - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Pat,
I want you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

If ever God put a true servant and angel on this earth to do his work, Don fit this role to a tee. His memory will live on forever with all the great things he did for others. His love for God and family is what made him the man he was.

Don never met a stranger, or turned his back when there was a need for his compassion and help.

If more people would follow the example that Don set forth of how to live the way God wants all of us to do, this world would be such a better place.

I want to thank you and him for always being a friend to me. and I pray that God will comfort you and your family through this time.

Scott Acock - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Pat and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Don for a long time and he will be missed. He could always make you laugh with his quick wit and humor.*

W. D. CARROLL - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ Pat,

Jerry and I are so sorry about Donnie. We are certainly thinking about you and your family at this time.

Sandy

Jerry and Sandy Inscore - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Pat,

With our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We are so thankful that we got to spend time with both of you this past December and will cherish those memories. It is times like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. You will be in our hearts and prayers.

Love, Pat & Larry

Pat & Larry Nesbitt - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Pat, my prayers are with you and your girls during this time of sorrow. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that so many people have been touched by so many "good works" that Don accomplished for Tyler. You have to admit he went the way so many of us pray we will go. Please take care of yourself and if there is anything I can do for you, just ask. Sincerely, Tish

Patricia (Tish) Cline - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Pat

Our hearts hurt over the loss of Don. Please know that we are praying to God to comfort you and your family.

Love

Marilyn

Matt & Marilyn Holmes - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Pat,

My heart is so heavy over the loss of Don. He was a good man, husband, father and grandfather and will be missed.

I will always remember the "Cousin's Cruise" last year and how much fun we all had with you both.

My prayers are with you and all of the family.

Dickie and Kenneth

Kenneth and Dickie Hicks - April 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM