



Freddie Roach

February 2, 1945 - November 3, 2008

A memorial service for Freddie “Butch” Roach, 63, of Flint will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 10:00 AM in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Bowen officiating. Additional speakers will be Brett Sumpter, Paula Cannon and Matt Roach. Mr. Roach passed

away on Monday, November 3, 2008 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

He was born on February 2, 1945 in Tyler to Durward and Dorthea Harkrider Roach. He grew up in Tyler and attended Tyler Junior College. Mr. Roach was a dedicated employee of Tyler Pipe Industries for 43 years, where he served as a supervisor in the machine shop. He was a member of Mount Selman Baptist Church, a Scottish Rite mason, and a Shriner, as well as an avid hunter and fisherman. Mr. Roach was a kind and generous man, a loving husband, “Daddy”, “Pappy”, and friend. Mr. Roach was preceded in

death by his first wife, Judy Roach; father, Durward Roach; brother, Bill Roach; and best friend, Tommy Moore. He is survived by a loving family including his wife, Betty Lynch Roach; mother, Dorthea Roach; daughter, Missy Sumpter and husband Brett; step-children, Paula Cannon and husband Ted, Coy Moore and wife Mai, Billy Joe Moore and Stephanie, and Anna Traylor and husband Royce; grandchildren, Sydney and Dylan Sumpter; step-grandchildren, T.J. and Kayla Cannon, Lindsey and Adam Traylor, and Terry Burton; sister, Cheryl Roach; brother-in-law, Frank Alexander; nephews, Matt Roach, Lee Roach, and Jon Roach; and many special friends and extended family members. The family would like to extend special thanks to the

dedicated nurses and aides from Hospice of East Texas who compassionately cared for Butch in the last months of his life. Memorials in honor of Freddie "Butch" Roach may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75701; Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701; or Grace Community School, 3215 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Ten years ago when I joined Tyler Pipe Butch was one of the few that offered any help he could provide. . . And he meant it!

I always made a special effort to stop by and check on Butch whenever I could and felt that we moved from acquaintances to friends. When he saw me come through the door he always asked "How's the Goat business?", and was truly interested.

Every time he indicated an interest in coming over to see the goats. I am just sorry that it never happened.

He was a gentleman and friend to the end and I will miss him.

Bob McCutcheon - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Missy, Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dad, and we want you to know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers...

Brenda & Larry Hill - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Brett, Missy and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Tim and Julie Smith
And family

Tim and Julie Smith - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Dearest Missy, we are praying the Lord will bless you with strength as you grieve the loss of your Daddy. There were never two parents any more proud of their child than Butch and Judy Roach, you are the answer to their prayers and then some. Please know our family is truly saddened to hear of Butch's passing. We are thinking of you and your family and we pray God will grant you the peace that passes all understanding. With much love, The Wakefield Family.

Tammara Wakefield Cooper - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all of the members of Butch's family. We were neighbors and friends of Butch over the back fence, counting him among the finest of people. It is with much sadness that we bid him 'Goodbye' knowing that he will now find rest. May God Bless him in eternity.

In Christian love,

James and Alma Jones

James and Alma Jones - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Betty and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you, in your loss, Butch was a fine and quite man respected by all.

Love

Harold and Jocie

Harold & Jocie Lewis - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ Dear Missy, Brett, Sydney, Dylan and all of Butch's family:
We were deeply saddened when we learned of Butch's passing.
You all have been, and will continue to be, in our prayers during this
time and the days ahead.

My first memories of Butch and Judy are from over 30 years ago when Judy and I met at TJC - Missy, that would have made you about 7 years old when I first met you - and the thing that I remember most about them was how much they loved each other. I can still hear your Mother's giggles when she would talk about your Daddy. They were truly wonderful people and were just made for each other. But, Missy, you completed them. God heard and answered their prayers when He blessed them with you and there has never been a child more loved than you. I know they were so proud of you and all of your amazing accomplishments. I know they were most proud to see the beautiful woman, wife, and mother that you became.

Butch was a man's man, hard-working, quiet, reserved. He was always happy just to blend into the background, but you always knew he was there with his love and support and to offer help to anyone who needed it. He loved his hunting and fishing and tinkering around making or restoring things. He loved his Lord and his family. And Brett, you were the son he never had. He was so proud of you! I am sure that Butch felt such peace and comfort knowing that you were going to be there to love and care for his daughter and grandchildren when he could no longer be. And it goes without saying how Butch felt about his grandchildren.

Your lives were forever changed on Nov. 3, 2008 when Butch left this world and pain and suffering to be with his Lord and Savior in Heaven. But, your lives were also changed forever because of all of the days before Nov. 3, 2008 that Butch was a part of your lives. He lives on in each one of you. I pray that you all feel that comfort that can only come from God and know that Butch is in Heaven and at peace and happy and he has a brand new body that is no longer in

pain. Your loss, great as it is, is only temporary and you will all be together again some day. I can almost see Butch and Judy now, walking down those streets of gold together, hand-in-hand, and I can hear Judy just a-giggling.

*We love you all and God Bless You!
Treva, Larry, and Whitney Walker*

Treva Wakefield Walker - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“*Dear Betty, Missy, and all.....I was so saddened to hear of Butch's passing. I realize there are no words right now that can comfort you....but I do know that all of the many friends he has will give you strength through their prayers and kindnessesand your love and memories will sustain you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you also and I know he will be sorely missed by all.*

Bronwyn Hammack - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM