



Henry Parsons

December 27, 1941 - April 9, 2007

Henry Russell Parsons, 65, of Tyler went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, April 9. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Stewart Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Dwayne London and Richard Rossi officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. Russell was born on Dec. 27, 1941, to the late Tim Parsons and Lottie Beatrice London Parsons in Gallatin, Texas. He served in the Army from 1960 to 1963 and after completing basic training in Fort Hood and Fort Carson, Colo., he was stationed in Germany and in Korea. He moved to Tyler in 1949. He was a pressman for the Tyler Morning Telegraph for 29 ½ years. He also worked for CodyCole USA Inc. as a security officer. He received Jesus Christ as his Savior at Central Baptist Church in Lindale when the late Rev. Gale Galloway was pastor. He had been in agriculture classes in high school and loved to participate in bullriding and rodeos. Later, his hobbies included playing the guitar and singing in a group at area nursing homes and special events. He also had a love for the Lord and His Word. He married the former Rhonda Christine Rossi on Jan. 6, 1996. He was a loving and devoted husband to her and she was equally devoted to him in return. He leaves behind his wife of 11 years, Rhonda Parsons of Tyler; his mother, Lottie Parsons of Jacksonville; brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Liz Parsons; daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Bill Carter of Hawkins and Judy and Bruce Gregg of Flint; daughter, Dee Parsons of Flint; grandson, Hugh Carter Jr. of Hawkins; granddaughter and husband, Kandi and William Hinckle and

great-grandson Dakota Hinckle of Hawkins; grandsons, Clint Parsons and Dusty Parsons; many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Tim Parsons of Tyler; and son, Hank Parsons of Hawkins. Pallbearers will be Buster Scates, Art McClelland, Mark Layne, Bobby Carter, Bill Carter and Hugh Carter. He was known by many and loved by all who knew him for his kind heart, his friendliness and his constant smile. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, 75703. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

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“ Rhonda,

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Mike & Cindy*

Mike & Cindy Smith - April 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I just wanted to let my dear friend and former co-worker Rhonda how sorry I am to hear about the passing of Russell.*

Rhonda, we might be separated by a few thousand miles, but know I'm thinking about you and wish you nothing but strength and wisdom as you deal with your loss.

Bill Davis - April 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a lose to Russell's family. In the short time we knew Russell, how could you not like and love him. Always had time to sit and chat and just make a friend. We will not only miss his extreme dedication to his job, but also his extreme dedication to our friendship. Russell was a wonderful person and heaven has one more super individual add to the list.*

Rhonda, please know and believe that if I can do anything to help, please do not hesitate to call.

Mark Kuchera - April 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM