



Robert Britton,

August 16, 1956 - March 28, 2011

Services for Robert Leo Britton, Jr., 54, Tyler, will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Rose Heights Church in Tyler, with Rev. Milton Gardner officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Officer Britton passed away March 28, 2011 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. He was born August 16, 1956 in Tyler to Robert Leo and Billie Ruth Carter Britton. He was of the Baptist faith. Officer Britton began his career in law enforcement at an early age. After graduating high school he worked for the Smith County Jail. He later went to work for the FBI in Washington DC and then for the Arlington Police Department. Robert dedicated nineteen years to the Smith County Sheriff's Office. Robert loved his work at the Sheriff's Office and also his overtime work at East Texas Medical Center. When he wasn't at work, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had a passion for telling stories and was known to call his daughter in the middle of the night to tell a joke so as not to forget it. Robert was preceded in death by his mother, grandparents; sister-in-law, Vicki Britton; and his father and mother-in-law, Olin and Frances Buck. He is survived by his loving family including his children, Kelli Britton and Kris Britton both of Tyler; his children's mother, Marsha Britton of Tyler; father, Leo Britton, Sr. and step-mother Vivian Britton of Tyler; brothers, Fred Murphy Britton of Ft. Worth and Robert A. Britton of Tyler; brother-in-law, James Buck of Arlington; sister-in-law, Nancy Buck of Arlington; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Pallbearers will be B.J. Williams, Toby Hughes, Gary

Hinshaw, Rod Langlinais, Brooks Adams, and Daniel Leon. Honorary pallbearers will be the Smith County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division 50. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703.

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Robert...be sure and tell a joke to Rick and all those others that you have worked with over the years...ya'll can really take it easy now.*

Cleo Swinney Pace - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *We at the Tyler Office of the United States Secret Service express our condolences to you in your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time.*

Nona H. Burke - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *I can't believe he's gone from this life. Robert has been a good friend since I first met him in 1971 at Robert E. Lee, and was my only friend during some tough times in the late 70's. He was always funny, and could always prop me up when I needed it most. Praise God that this life is not all there is for anyone who will trust Him. I look forward to seeing my buddy Robert again.*

Jay Owens - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Marsha & kids,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Robert was a great guy. I didn't get to see him much over the past few years, but when I did he always had a smile on his face. You are all in my thoughts & prayers. If there's anything I can do, please let me know. He will be greatly missed.

Apryl Crum - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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from your American friend of Filipino origin, sincerest sympathies to Britton Family.

please accept our prayers for the repose of the soul of Deputy Robert and for strength in our Christian faith.

<http://www.simpletruths.com>

Ed Santos - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

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Robert was a very good friend. We were in the band together at Moore Junior High and Robert E. Lee High School. We lost track of each other over the years, but I remember the fun we use to have in school. My sympathies to the family. May you always remember the good times. God will see you through this.

Debbie Wallis

Debbie Martin Wallis - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

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Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you and let the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

Credit Dept- Southside Bank - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I have known Robert over 36 years. We had several classes together at Robert E Lee. He was always so funny and joking around about everything. Our cordless phone once accidentally called 911 and Robert called us back since he knew us to let us know the battery in it sometimes does that along with some ribbing at the same time. He came out one evening to speak at a neighborhood watch program we were starting up. A real good guy. You will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Robert, Rest In Peace my friend.

Richard Wilmoth - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ The first thing I thought of when I heard the news was that Robert was always smiling. It has been a long time since Robert E. Lee, but I still remember him that way.

I ran into him only once since high school, and it wasn't because he stopped me! Robert was an asset to his city and his profession.

Rita and I pray that God will richly bless and comfort the family.

Gary Salyer - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Smith County lost a good officer and we all lost a WONDEFUL friend but Heaven gained at the same time. I pray for the family including his Law Enforcement family that he has left behind. I can see Robert now telling his jokes in Heaven. Rest in peace fellow officer.

Tim & Mary Thompsopn - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Robert was such a sweet guy and so funny. I wish I had kept in contact with him after high school. My prayers are with you his family and friends. May God bless you with peace and understanding during this time of loss.

Mary Beaty Morgan - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We were saddened to read about this tragic event in the Houston Chronicle. Please know you and your family are in our prayers. May God grant you special strength during this difficult time.

George and Glenda Crawford - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am the Patrol Supervisor in Hide-A-Way, Robert was a pleasure to have been a friend and co-worker. I always enjoyed working with him whenever he came to Hide-A-Way. I wish I would have had more time to listen to all his stories, since he grew up with my uncle Richard Wilmoth. R.I.P.

Dennis & Nancy Wilmoth - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM