



Roger Crabtree

June 4, 1961 - March 30, 2008

Services for Roger E. Crabtree, 46, of Tyler will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 11:00 AM Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler with Rev. Bob Logan officiating. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM in the Haven of Memories Cemetery in Canton under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Crabtree passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2008 in Tyler. He was born on June 4, 1961 in Dallas to Nolen and Joyce Dearing Crabtree. Mr. Crabtree was a graduate of John Tyler High School and attended Tyler Junior College, Texas Christian University and the University of Texas at Arlington. He was a defensive driving coordinator. In his spare time, he enjoyed rock climbing rescue, golf, fishing, camping, scuba diving, mechanics, electronics, and helping others. Roger was skilled in epicurean fine cooking and was an expert in homeopathic medicine. He was considered a dilettante. He was a member of the Christian faith. Mr. Crabtree was preceded in death by his grandparents, Oliver Dearing, Nolen C. Crabtree and Ruby Crabtree. He is survived by a loving family including his parents, Nolen and Joyce Crabtree of Canton; a sister, Candel Burnett of Tyler; grandmother, Inez Dearing of Canton; friends for life, John Feliciano of Tyler and Shelly Lacy of Ft. Worth; aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends. Pallbearers will be Rusty Wilkerson, Robert Dearing, Randy Wilkerson, Kenneth Dearing, John Carrasco, and Jose Feliciano. Honorary pallbearers will be John Feliciano, Jeff Feliciano, Dwayne Dearing, Mike Butler, Mark Thacker, and Shannon Bateman. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 1,

2008 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. If you need anything, or just want to talk, call us. We are here for you, and we love you so much!!! May the Lord give ya'll the strenth to make it through your loss, and bless you with His everlasting love in your hearts through the grieving. Sincerely,
Mr. Robert Carpenter &
Ms. Christy Ray.

Robert Carpenter & Christy Ray - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Teri, Troy and Amber Hargrove

Teri - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Roger Crabtree from a woman's point of view:*

How could you not love him? He was the perfect man. He was a genius, he was gentle, kind, caring and passionate. He wanted to protect the people he loved and he did that. He protected me even when I didn't need or want it. He is still protecting John, even in death. He shared everything he had with everyone. He shared his knowlege, his family, his heart and soul with me. He always had a kind word, even when you didn't really feel listening. One time, I was whining and crying (cause that's what girls do, sometimes) for no appearent reason and instead of doing what most guys would do, he asked me "what's wrong?" and I said "I don't know!" (which made me cry even more) he hugged me and cried with me. It was the best cry I had ever had. A cleansing of the soul kind of cry. When I had cried all I could (as I said for no appearent reason) he said "are ya done?" I sniffled and said "yeah" and he said "good cause ya ought not to cry cause I love ya". And we both laughed. He tossed back his head which made that tuft of hair in the front swirl in the air, and he bellowed out a good laugh. Unlike most men, Roger understood women. He felt things alot of men never feel or never admit they do. As we are all at a loss, I look at it this way... I have a gain. I knew Roger Crabtree very closely. I am a better person for having known him. Thank you so much, Roger.

Cathie Ashby - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Roger was an extraordinary person and an inspiration to me and my children. We greatly miss him. He showed my children things I could have never showed them and taught them so many things. They are so sad that they have lost their friend as am I. Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss and know that he will greatly be missed by everyone he came in contact with. He left an impression on everyone and because of this he can and will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Connie Kent, Jamie, Israel

Connie Kent - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Crabtree Family,

I worked with Roger when he worked for ETMC EMS many years ago as a Paramedic, we were partners for many shifts, he was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor and could always make you smile on the worst of days. Please know that I am so sorry for your loss and you and your family are in my heart, thoughts and prayers.

Melinda Switzer - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ John I am so sorry to hear about Roger. He will be missed by many. You have had a tough year or two, hang in there and keep your faith.

If you need anything we are here for you.

Love Always
Jen Cook

Jen Cook - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ When I look in the sky tonight and see all of the stars, I will know that God has instructed angels to turn on their porchlights to welcome Roger Home. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Chad C. Wardrup - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Roger and I go back 10 years. We shared alot of great conversation and jokes. We also shared recipes. Because I am from Louisiana and love to cook and then met Roger, well, it was on then. I taught him how to make homemade roux and gumbo and I must say that his gumbo is much better than mine. We have been distantly close over the last couple of years but always had lots of hugs for each other and talked alot about how much we miss each other and how much we love each other. Roger will be sadly missed by many including myself. God is with you.
Love Justine

Justine Binder - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My heart goes out to John as well as the Crabree family. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but Roger will be remembered in the hearts many. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of great sadness.

Stephen Kitchings - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ My heartfelt condolences to you, John, and to Roger's family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

DAN YOUNG - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Roger. I have heard about Roger through mutual friends over the past few years. Sadly, we just met in February. Roger and I bonded and had one wonderful evening out at his favorite restaurant, Del Frisco. We planned to have more, but hadn't done so yet. What a shame!!! Even though I never had the privilege of meeting Roger's family, we spoke at length about you at our dinner. The loss of a son must be devastating and I am so very sorry.

John, you are a dear man and I'm sure your loss is overwhelming at this time. I ache for you for that. Thank you for letting me get to know Roger - albeit briefly. Love, Brenda

Brenda Conine - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ John,

Our thoughts go out to you and Roger's family. We never did have a chance to do all the cooking we had talked about to compare recipes. Roger will be missed. We love you both.

Dan & George

Dan Hendricks & George Lee - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Words can not express the sorrow we feel for your recent lose of a very dear person. John you are in our prayers.

Bruce Kerr - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you, John, and to Roger's family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Ray Smith - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *He will be sorely missed.*

With deepest sympathy,

Don Gaiser

Don Gaiser - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *John,*

Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Bobby Jones and Robert Hall

Bobby Jones - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *John, I am so shocked and sadden by Roger's untimely death. Please accept my deepest condolences. There are no words that can be said to you to ease your pain of the loss of Roger. Just remember that God loves you and he is the only one that can give you the peace that passes all understanding through this difficult time. Again, I am so very sorry. Jerry Clary*

Jerry Clary - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I have known Roger since 1981. He started out as my partner working on the ambulance in Arlington, TX but soon became one of my dearest friends. Despite his outward tough guy persona he was a very compassionate and caring person. I grew to love him more than I could ever have imagined. He taught me to always be on my guard because he was always up to some mischief or prank. The first time he met my father he put rubber dog poo on the deck of Dad's boat - that took guts, luckily Dad was a good sport. If Roger was your friend he was your friend for life. He cherished his family and friends, he used to tell me that he wished he had half the character of his father and all the love of his mother. Roger knew the unconditional love of his family even when they may not have understood his choices - that is the greatest gift. John - You and Roger lasted through thick and thin and everything in between. He loved you more than you can possibly know.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers, please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

*I love you roger and just miss my dear friend,
Shelly Lacy*

Shelly Lacy - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Roger was the kind of guy you liked right away upon first meeting. He had a passion for all the projects he was involved in, and for life in general, such that it energized those around him. He was an awesome guy that you enjoyed being around.

Ronnie Wise - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our Prayers are with you all.
John & Mandy Meazell

John & Mandy Meazell - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Roger and I were great friends when I was in Arlington going to school. We grew close both being from east Texas. I was so shocked to see that he had died. He had such a love of life and a smile that will never be forgotten. My prayers to his family and friends.

Cameron Bryant Buford - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ May the Angels carry Roger to the throne of his maker. We've lost a wonderful person. L.Chaffin

Lynn Chaffin - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ John.. while I will not be able to attend, please know my deepest thoughts and prayers are with you. You're a great guy and you have many friends behind you.

Christopher Cowden - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To all the friends and family this recent loss is extremely devistating. Roger was a dear friend of mine and a kind word from him could cheer my day. He was a very good cook just a genius at every thing he attempted to do. I will miss him greatly. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Risa Rae - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I knew Roger from Comedy Guys Defensive Driving. He was always kind, considerate, and had a great sense of humor. I was deeply saddened to hear Monday morning about his passing on Saturday. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family.

Gene McGuire

Gene McGuire - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I'm sorry, John. You, and the Crabtree family, have my condolences and deepest sympathy.

Jeff

Jeff Woolverton - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ . . . life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away - - Roger led a breathtaking friendship along with John!
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ed santos, PT - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ john,
migrating from Manila, the Philippine Islands and not knowing a soul
in Tyler, TX in 1991, you and Roger have been a consistent sure
shelter replete with fun, FOOD and more fine FRIENDS! my
heartfelt THANKS, Y'ALL!

*"life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the
moments that take our breath away!"*

*through the years, y'all have shared your home with me wherever it
may be. it was a soul searching moment to awake to your call on
Sunday dawn while i was in Roger's Dallas apt. i am pleased that
you allowed me to help get his place in order and bring back his
suit.*

knowing Roger has made me a better person. this has yet to sink in.

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Easter Monday, Week II

ed santos, PT - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM