



Charles Edward Derrick

August 25, 1957 - December 21, 2014

Charles Edward "Charlie" Derrick passed away at his home in Brady, Texas on Sunday, December 21st, 2014 at the age of 57.

Services will be on Monday, December 29th, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. in Austin, Texas at Hill Country Bible Church. Visitation with the family will be held on Sunday, December 28th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady, Texas.

Charlie was born on August 25th, 1957 in Dallas, Texas to Charles B. and Mary Christine Derrick.

On November 12th, 1983 he married his sole mate and the love of his life, Mary Christina "Chris", together they were blessed with three boys; Jason, Stephen, and Samuel.

Charlie served 28 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety. He enrolled in the DPS Academy on January 8th, 1980 and graduated on May 9th, 1980. His first duty station was in Farmers Branch, Texas with the DPS driver's license division where he was stationed for 1 year. Charlie then was able to fulfill his life long dream of becoming a Texas State Trooper Highway Patrolman in Corsicana, Texas where he served from 1981 until 1989. He was then promoted to Narcotic Sergeant in 1990 and was stationed in Del Rio, Texas from 1990-1994. Charlie was transferred to Austin, Texas after his service in Del Rio, where he served in Narcotic Training. In 1996, he was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to San Angelo where he served for 1 year. He was then transferred to the Post- Seizure Analysis Office where he

served from 1997 until 2001. During this time, he went to the FBI academy for 3 months where he was elected the Session Speaker for the class of 187. In 2001 he was assigned to Narcotic Training as a Lieutenant. In August of 2003 Charlie was the DPS Gun Range Master where he served until his retirement in January of 2009. In October of 2009, Charlie moved to Brady, Texas where he was appointed as the Chief of Police for the City of Brady. Charlie faithfully served the citizens of Brady, Texas and McCulloch County until December of 2014.

He was a devoted, Husband, Father, and Law Enforcement officer and spent the majority of his life serving the people of the great state of Texas. Charlie was a man of faith, honor and integrity. He believed in everyone working together to make his state, and community a better and more safe place to live. Charlie was a member of the Hill Country Bible Church in Austin, Texas where he served as an elder. He never met a stranger; he had many friends both near and far. Charlie's integrity, charm, humor, and smile will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Charles Edward and Mary Christine Derrick; one son; Samuel Derrick; and one Uncle and Aunt; Stephen and Bessie May Eichelberger.

Survivors include his wife; Chris Derrick of Brady, TX; two sons, Stephen Derrick of Brady, TX, and Jason Derrick and wife Kosal of Mt. Vernon, Washington; five grandchildren, Emma, Payton, Grace, Ethan, and Caleb; one sister, Melanie Brown and husband Gary of Dallas, TX; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers family asks that memorials be made in Charlie's name to; Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) P.O. Box 3199, Camdenton, MO 65020; Hill Country Bible Church, 12124 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, TX 78750 or The Haven, P.O. Box 310, Brady, TX 76825.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ We were sorry to hear of the passing of Charlie. We had lots of good times on and off the ball field with him. Evan still talks about being the first to shave his head after winning a ball game in Round Rock when Charlie was his coach when he coached Evan's team at LCPYL. I know he has left many lasting memories with everyone he came into contact with because of his genuine caring attitude and his love of making people laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Chris, and your family.

Joe & Danna Serrano - December 29, 2014 at 10:35 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time and will be for the days and months to come. The memorial service was beautiful and such a wonderful tribute to Charlie.

Rob and Raven Bumpus - December 29, 2014 at 01:45 PM

SF

“ Chris and sons, I first have to first apologize for not attending the funeral service, the spirit was willing but the body wouldn't cooperate. Although Charlie and I hadn't spoken for awhile guys in our profession never forget each other. And Charlie was one of my friends that I laughed with, I cried with, I shared problems with, got solutions from and that I prayed with. He was a unique law enforcement officer and person...funny, smiling, strong, honest, sincere, dedicated to job and family but most of all to God. He knows we are sad but he wants us to know that he is with the Lord, telling jokes, offering to help Him in any way he can and asking Him to take care of us...that's Charlie...one of a kind. I am truly sorry and saddened that he's gone. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.
Stan

Stan Furce - December 29, 2014 at 12:11 PM

BE

“ I consider myself one of the fortunate members of the DPS family that worked along side Charlie. I am proud to say that Charlie taught me a lot of things while working with Charlie in the DPS training unit. Charlie was committed to God, family, work and integrity. Charlie from my family and I thank you.

Bonifacio and Blanca Esquivel - December 28, 2014 at 02:49 PM

CL

“ Charlie was a great guy, enjoyed serving with him on the Haven Board. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Chris and Teresa Leifeste - December 26, 2014 at 04:46 PM

JS

“ Chris, Jason, Stephen & family-Very good memories of times spent in Del Rio, getting out in the country, traveling for soccer games and watching kids grow up. Am so sorry for your loss of a fine guy. We'll keep all of you in our prayers during this tough time.

Jim & Laura Skehan - December 26, 2014 at 09:31 AM

BF

“ Dearest Chris and family,

There are no words that can take away your loss right now, however with the thoughts and prayers from all your families and friends I know that GOD will help you through.

Charlie was loved and highly respected as a husband, father, co-worker and friend. The Heaven above has gained a hard working Angel to watch over his family.

Much love, thoughts and prayers!

Payne Family

Barbara, Philip and family - December 23, 2014 at 02:32 PM

PD

“ *Charlie was able to focus on whatever task was at hand while still embracing the idea that people were the most important part of the workplace. I was blessed to work closely with him at DPS; in fact, those were the best of times during my career there. We worked hard, but we also had fun. I would often be in tears from laughing so hard at something he did or said. No matter what the circumstances, he could always be counted on to listen attentively and then share something to think about. (Some of you, I'm sure, will remember the "ants on a log" story.) He held us accountable, he supported us, he encouraged us, and he often reminded us that we should never underestimate the impact that we can have on a situation or another human being. He certainly impacted us. Rest in peace, my dear friend.*

Paula Dietz - December 23, 2014 at 12:29 PM

CH

“ Dear Chris, Bud and I were so sorry to hear about Charlie. We pray you will have the grace of our Father upon you. We will have you in our thoughts through the Holiday season. We love you!

Carol hahn - December 23, 2014 at 11:16 AM

KC

“ Dear Chris,

My prayers and love go out to you and your family during this time. I never met your husband but I know he was special because you are so special. My thoughts are with you my dear friend and I will uphold you in prayers during the days ahead.

Kandace Chancey - December 22, 2014 at 10:12 PM

KA

“ There aren't words that can express how sorry I am for your loss. Charlie will never be forgotten!

Korey A. - December 22, 2014 at 07:46 PM