



Darwin Keyes

August 17, 1946 - January 22, 2016

Darwin "DOK" Oran Keyes. 69, of Needville, Texas, passed away on January 22, 2016, after a lengthy illness.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel. Pastor Greg Garcia of Creekside Christian Fellowship will be officiating.

Darwin was born in Woodsboro, Texas on August 17, 1946. He served in the United States Army until being honorably discharged in August 1967.

He was a police officer for over 30 years before retiring from the Fort Bend Sheriff's Office in 2011. He loved spending time with his sons and their families. He enjoyed gardening and sharing his fruitful garden with family and friends.

He is preceded in death by, father Milton Warren Keyes, wife Blanche Keyes; mother Viola Schlichting; stepfather, Floyd Schlichting; sister, Priscilla Keyes Rauch.

Darwin is survived by his partner in life, Sandra McLemore Keyes; 2 sons, Brandon Keyes, wife Shannon; Blake Keyes, wife, Melissa; grandchildren, Kylie Vega, Kyndal Vega, Holland Keyes, Karris Keyes, and Memphis Keyes; sisters, Rosanna Schlichting Gilliam, husband Bill; Virginia Keyes Landry, husband Clyde; Kathleen Keyes, partner John Herlihy; brothers, Sherman Schlichting, wife Joy; David Keyes, wife Nona; Warren Keyes, wife, Nancy; Luke Keyes, wife, Mary; stepmother Pat Schlichting Truett; brother in law Marcus Rauch; and numerous nieces and nephews, family and friends.

The family of Darwin Oran Keyes wishes to thank all their numerous friends for their support through this difficult time.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218 in Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ You were a very caring person and my prayers are with the family.

Cathy Svajda - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Mike Shannon Enright - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Great times with you at FBCS0 - always a smile for everyone!
Love and peace to you my friend

Leah Binford - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I remember your bachelor party in the 70's. There is not that many of us around from that time or era. Darwin was a long lasting friend, he always had a smile and waive when we saw each other. Barbara remembers him well at the court house, he was very curious and got the job done. His trustee's he worked, had a high respect for him. The last time I visited Darwin was at Oak Bend, I was in a room next to him, it was a good visit. RIP brother, you left us with great history.

Al and Barbara Dobson - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Doc you will be missed. We had great times at Fort Bend . You always made me smile. R.I.P.until we meet again. Prayers sent up for the family .Sorry I am on vacation and could not make it to the memorial.

Janice Sexton - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ We've lost a great guy. Always had a smile on his face and some vegetables in his car for you. God Bless!

Linda Urbanek - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Thoughts and Prayers for the loved ones of DOK. He was such an enjoyable person here at the Sheriff's office and his shoes cannot be filled. Rest assured he has found a garden to tend and a rose bush to trim! And DOK, it IS 3 O'clock! You will be missed!

Timothy Anders - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ We shared many a beer and good conversation at the fire pit. You were a true friend always working in your garden and sharing your crops. You will be missed; may you rest in peace!

Argus & Sally Looper - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Doc, will miss you, share a lot of memories from the old days.

Bernie Renken - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ We were sorry to hear of Darwin's passing. There are lots of good memories of visits to the farm in Geranimo and learning to shoot a pistol. Our condolences to the family.

William and Mollie Thane - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ To the Keyes family, so sorry for your loss.

Chris Bedynek - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ I love your beautiful family so very much, Mr Keyes. Your legacy will live on through them, and they will do you proud. Rest easy. I hope the ground rises up to meet you, and may the wind be always at your back.

Victoria Hodder - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ You truly were one of the good guys in the law enforcement business. I am glad that I had the opportunity to know you and work with you at the Sheriff's Office. You made a positive impression on me when I was a younger deputy. RIP, DOK, we got it from here!

Frank Jr Cempa - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ Please accept my condolences and know that I am thinking of your family at this time. I worked with Doc in the early 80's. He was a good officer and everyone looked up to him. Wayman Edmonds Patrol deputy , retired.

Wayman K Edmonds - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Keyes family.*

Steve Enright - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathies are with your family. You were always a pleasure to work with and be around.*

Robin Sassman - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PS

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VL

“ *We wish we could be there for the service, but Clyde can't travel anymore. I remember writing letters to Darwin while he was in the service; I must have been only 8 or 9 years old. God rest his soul.*

Virginia and Clyde Landry - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *My prays Are with you at this time.*

Andy Erdelt - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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BS

“ *Doc will be truly missed by all. He was like family to all of us that had the honor of working with him. So happy to have had him for a friend. He kept us laughing in the jail. He was a GREAT Man. God Bless you All.....*

Barbara Reinhardt Stone - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *To a great man that I had the opportunity to work alongside for many years. Your smile, your laugh and your character will be greatly missed.*

Chris Carlson - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our condolences to the family of Darwin.*

Jim and Cricket Dietert - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ *Dear Blake and Melissa,
So sorry about your Dad and Father-in-law. I pray that he keeps you close to him in the days to come.*

Vicki Vogler - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Darwin was a wonderful man, kind and generous, never met a stranger. May God be with each of you during this time.

Betty French Stewart - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Always a smile on your face. I was blessed to have had you for a friend.

Mary L. Smith - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ You served the citizens of Fort Bend County Honorably. When I was transferred to fugitive warrants in 1991 you took me under your wing and showed me the ropes! Thank your for your friendship and Rest In Peace.

Bruce Denney - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I was lucky to have known and worked with the man known as "DOK". He got along with everyone and was liked by all.
Thanks for the memories DOK!
Your pain and suffering are gone and you are in a better place. RIP

James Leach - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ God only takes the Best! Sending our sincerest condolences to the family. God bless.
Sheriff Arnold S. Zwicke & Staff

Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Remembering special memories of working with Darwin at the GCSO years ago. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing. May his family find comfort in his loving memories and may God give peace in your heart during this difficult time.

Dawn Caddell - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My dear classmate at Navarro...1st thru 12th grades...goodbye.
Janet Rehfeld Hill

janet hill - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Darwin,
Thanks for taking me under your wing and providing me with a place to live back on February 1, 1974 when I moved to Fort Bend County as a new Trooper. You were a true friend ever since. Thanks for all the memories and may you now rest in peace. God bless your entire family.

Bob Mayne - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WT

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William and Mollie Thane - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Sharing our condolences with the family. Rest in peace Darwin. Till we meet again.

Larry & Cheryl Herrmann - January 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM