



Reginald Lee "Tiny" Gaston

May 13, 1929 - March 10, 2014

Funeral services for Reginald Lee 'Tiny' Gaston, 84, of Richmond, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday March 14, 2014 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg with graveside service following at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2014 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Tiny was born on May 13, 1929 in Cransfills Gap, Texas to Raymond and Alice MacDougal Gaston. His family moved to Richmond in 1942, when he was 13. He attended Richmond High School where he played football and his coach gave him his nickname "Tiny" that has lasted his entire lifetime. He began his career in law enforcement at the age of 18. While living in Richmond he met his true love Margaret Fishar. They married on April 11, 1950.

Tiny served as the night deputy for the Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Department from 1948-1949. He was a police officer in charge of the newly created night patrol from 1949-1950. He then moved to the Richmond Police Department in 1950 as their first Police Chief – the youngest police chief in the nation. He was always grateful to Mayor Hilmer Moore for giving him the opportunity to serve as police chief. He served in that position until 1954. He moved to the

Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Department in 1955 as the Chief Deputy. In 1958, he became Sheriff of Ft. Bend County. During his tenure as Sheriff he served as the President of the Sheriff's Association of Texas in 1971-1972. In 1972-1973 he was Chairman of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He continued his law enforcement career as Lieutenant in charge of the Criminal Investigation Division with the Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Department. In 1985 he ventured into the private sector working with American Pipeline Corporation as a Security and Public Relations Consultant. In 1989 he successfully ran for and was elected Constable of Precinct 1 in Ft. Bend County. He retired in January 2000 after 51 years in law enforcement.

He was a lifelong member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond. He was a 60 year member and past Master of Morton Masonic Lodge #72. He was also a Past Master of East Bernard Masonic Lodge #817, Scottish Rite, Fort Bend County Shrine Club, Arabia Shriners, Ft. Bend Commandry and Richmond Chapter and Council.

Tiny was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo as well as a lifetime member of the Ft. Bend County Fair Association.

Tiny and his wife Margaret owned several businesses together in Ft. Bend County including the Dairy Maid, washateria, and they ran a shrimp boat Margaret F.. Tiny and Margaret enjoyed 53 years together here and now will be able to spend eternity together in heaven.

Tiny enjoyed supporting his children and grandchildren in their endeavors. He supported his grandsons by attending their sporting events and sponsoring their baseball teams. Any girl in the family that was in Girl Scouts could always count on him to purchase cookies from them, usually cases at a time. He passed away peacefully on March 10, 2014 in Richmond, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Alice Gaston and his

siblings, Curtis Gaston, Raymond 'Skeeter' Gaston, Opal Elliott and baby sister Wanda.

Tiny is survived by his sister Pat Wynn, and husband, Albert "Robby"; sister-in-law Audrey Gaston; children, Reginald Lee Gaston, Jr., and wife, Edy; Debbie Kelley and husband, Wayne; grandchildren Michael Gaston and wife Michele, Robert Gaston and wife, Julie, Lisa Hebert and husband, Aaron, Cody Kelley, Jordan Kelley and wife, Bethany, Dayna Kelley; great granddaughters, Meagan Gaston, Nichole Bing, Shelby Jones, and Tina Jones; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Pallbearers are Michael Gaston, Robert Gaston, Cody Kelley, Jordan Kelley, Ken Dillon, and Dustin Black.

For those wishing, donations may be made in memory of Tiny to Morton Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund or East Bernard Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

Mia Settle - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *My condolences to the Gaston family. Just the name "Tiny" would make you smile when you heard it because of his size. I loved listening to his and the late Hilmar Moore's stories about the streets of Richmond and Fort Bend County. Debbie, I enjoyed hearing more when he was in his favorite chair at home and when I visited at Cambridge. The county has lost a giant of a leader. Can't look at a Shrine Circus poster without thinking about him. Thanks for sharing him with Fort Bend County.*

Sharon Wallingford - March 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Gaston Family. Sorry I could not make the service.*

Bert Gubbels - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My condolences to the Gaston family. I was friends with Tiny's children in high school. Spent a lot of time around this fine man. He will be missed.*

Karol Cooper - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Please accept my prayers and condolences on the loss of your father. He was such a nice man.

Denise Adams - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Debbie and family,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our prayers are for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, loving memories to make you smile again and to find comfort in God's gift of a long life with many treasured memories.
God be with you all.
The Grant Family

Doris Grant - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Prayers for the Gaston family. May God continue to help you during your time of sorrow, bless you and keep you safe.
Mr. Gaston will be missed.

Linda Duke Bradberry - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Although I did not know Tiny personally, I do remember him out mowing the lawn on F.M. 2218 at Longleaf Dr. with his granddaughter and grandsons. He would always wave and offer a friendly smile. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved and cherished him.

Melissa Monge - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ R.I.P. Tiny

Charlotte Pence Elliott - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My prayers go out to the Gaston family as they get through this sad time. Sometimes i would see Tiny at his Gaston Dairy Made resturant and he would say hello to patrons. He was a great man and well respected in the community.

Chris Shawhan - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Debbie and family,
Although we did not know your father personally, Dustin talked about him alot and I know he was a great man. Prayers for you and your family.

Alan & Sandra Black - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Tiny was an awesome uncle and a better man. The Family is sorry we could not be there to celebrate his wonderful life. He taught us all how to live a good life. He will be missed. Much love to the Gaston Clan

Jay

Jay T Elliott and Family - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We enjoyed Tiny at Shriner Dinners usually sitting with him and Bo. I used to visit him at Cambridge as my sister was there. I would wake him up and we would visit and he had that wonderful smile. His grandson's picture was there and we would talk about grandchildren I couldn't stay long which was probably a blessing to him. Ralph and I loved him and I bet everyone loved him. I would tell him stories of Politics or when the Judge drove thru the typewriter company and make him laugh. We will miss him but what a joyous time he is having now.

Mary Woodall Walker - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Rest In Peace Tiny. You were a true example of what all Lawmen should aspire to be. I'm honored to have known you and I'm certain my father Wesley Meyer felt the same.

Diana Meyer-Sherrill - March 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the family of Tiny, he will be missed greatly in the Clown Community at Arabia Shrine. Our prayers are with you at this time. The Masons have lost a great man.
Love John and Sheila McGaughy
Draco and Ducky
Arabia Shrine Clowns

John and Sheila McGaughy - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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KH

“ My heart goes out to your family. Tiny was truly a legend and always will be. He was such a remarkable man, kind and compassionate to all. He will be greatly missed, especially at our family reunions. I will always remember what a great man he was.

Love and prayers,
Kim Henderson

Kim Henderson - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Tiny was remarkable and I will forever remember how he welcomed me as a new Trooper to Ft. Bend County in 1974. Since that time, we had many opportunities to sit and talk about law enforcement and life in general. He was truly a great man and I feel that he made me a better person by learning from him. Tiny, thank you for all the insight and memories you gave me the last 40 years. May God bless your family and may you rest in peace.

Bob Mayne - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ What a beautiful spirit! It has been a blessing to have him here with us for so many years.

Blessings to his family! ðŸ‘¼
Al & Nita Sulak

Nita Sulak - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ It is so hard to loose good men and good friends. Tiny was the very best in both categories. Our sympathy to the family and our thanks to God for allowing us the privilege of knowing him
Julius and Beverly Baumann

Beverly Baumann - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a very special person and everyone loved him.

Lee Wayne & Linda Albrecht - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ May God give your family peace and comfort during this difficult time. My dad, Eugene Balis worked for Tiny at the Sheriffs office and both of my parents were friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Gaston. May he rest in peace.

Judy Balis Kaderka - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ May the family find peace and comfort with God at your side during this difficult time. Tiny was a very special person to our family, he was Sheriff when I was an Officer with Richmond Police Dept. later when I became Asst. Chief of Police, remained friends and had many dealings with him, always gentle, polite and treated me with respect. Then, his grandson Robert Robb married our granddaughter Julie Davis Gaston and we became family.

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LO

“ Deepest sympathy to all the family.

Lavern Oakes - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am Doll ZenobiaEason Tindall's daughter, Ola Gaston's granddaughter. I remember visiting the Houston area when I was 10 years old. What a wonderful family! Blessings on you all. May your memories of Tiny be happy ones of a life well and fully lived.

Linda Williams - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Prayers for yalls family

Edward jurek - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. What a remarkable man he was. I so enjoyed my visits with him when I worked in insurance. God bless you all!

Dickie and Brenda Jaynes - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We met Tiny & Margaret in Arabian Campers and traveled all over the country. Tiny and Margaret were game to go any where and do any thing. Our condolence to the remaining family I know you will miss him BUT he goes to a better place, God Bless you all.
Mitch & Maudie Mitchell

Duane & Maudie Mitchell - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *He will be missed greatly by those that knew him and loved him!*

Doug ivey - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Our prayers are with all.*

Bobby McKinney - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Sending love and comfort to the family, friends, and everyone whose lives Tiny touched in such a positive manner. It was my honor and privilege to have known him. RIP, Big Man!*

Sandi Shields - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *His size and his spirit were seemingly contrasts but he was above all a wonderful person. May the warmth he spread to all who knew him comfort you at this difficult time.*

Sue Plemons - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ He was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. He will be missed at the family reunion for sure.

Alice Gaston Lucas - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ We were so sorry to hear about Tiny. He was truly a good man, and a good friend Everyone will miss him.

Gerald and Nancy Patterson - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Lee, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tiny was a wonderful man and was always a great friend of our family Pat, Linda, Ashley and Austin McColloch

Patrick McColloch - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry we will not be able to come to the memorial services being held for this great man we call Uncle. All of the family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Tommy and Sandy Shields - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ My sincere condolences to Tiny's family. I worked with the Ft. Bend County Sheriff's Reserve unit when Tiny was Sheriff and later as a Reserve Constable when he was Constable. I was truly blessed to have worked with Tiny and to have had him as a leader and friend.

Bob Neese - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family. ArleneFrank Vojtek and family

Arlene Vojtek - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Robb, Julie, and family,
I am keeping you all in my prayers. I was honored to have met Mr. Gaston several years ago when he so graciously gave my mother a freezer. What a compassionate man. He will be missed by so many. God Bless you and comfort you.
Hugs,
Karen

Karen Cunningham - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Another cherished member of our family seemingly sent home too soon again. If I can accomplish even a quarter of what Tiny was able to, I'd say I lived a pretty good life. Rest in peace, sir.

Casey Shields - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM