



RH "Sandy" Bielstein

March 30, 1945 - April 2, 2017

RH "Sandy" Bielstein, 72, of Rosenberg, TX passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, April, 2nd 2017. Born in Houston, TX to Audrey and Rolland Bielstein, Sandy lived most of his life in Fort Bend County.

Sandy was passionate about many things... the law, music, food, comradery, and family. In his spare time he could be found playing the guitar, collecting random treasures from obscure websites, plotting his next prank, or "holding court" solving the world's problems. Sandy was always surrounded by loved ones... Whether it be his sons Sean, Christian, or Mark, his grandchildren Skylar, Grayson, Jackson, or Olivia, his best friend, partner in crime, and loving wife, Marsha, or any of the many people that he called friend.

Both Sandy and his family are very proud of his past. He was a decorated Marine and Vietnam veteran, spent 20 years with the Houston Police Department, and practiced law for over 10 years, before serving as a County Court Judge in Fort Bend County until his passing.

The family will have a service for Sandy on Sunday April 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at River Pointe Church located at 5000 Ransom Rd, Richmond, TX 77469.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to a scholarship set up in

his name. Donations to the Judge RH “Sandy” Bielstein Scholarship Fund can be made online at www.stcl.edu/give or mailed to Attn: Philanthropy and Alumni Relations 1303 San Jacinto St. Houston, TX 77002. Please make note of the scholarship fund name when making a gift.”

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of RH "Sandy" Bielstein*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - April 07, 2017 at 02:35 PM

SS

Hard to believe you've been gone almost four years now. I remember the last time I saw you-it was about three weeks before you passed. You dropped by my home out of the blue and we had an amazing heart to heart conversation for almost 45 minutes. You were my best friend, my mentor, and my confident. We had no secrets. I remember the many conversations we had at your home at the kitchen table overlooking your back yard drinking some Jameson. My life hasnt been same since you left us cuz. There will always be a hole in my heart that will never be filled. You were always there for me. But by the grace of God I will be blessed one day to see you again. God bless you Sandy Bielstein. Nobody loved you more than I did.

Stephen R Smith - March 17, 2021 at 04:48 PM

GG

“ Sandy was always your best friend and you knew he meant it. As a litigator who tried cases against Sandy, I can say a 2 week Misdemeanor DWI I tried against Sandy back in the late 90's wore the heck out of me and I have never fully recovered from the vigorous and successful defense he gave his client. Wow! What a great guy! RIP Sandy, you served your country, your clients, the citizens and your friends very respectfully and with total commitment. Prayers for his family. I was so proud to be a part of the effort that led to your election to Judge.

Greg Gilleland - June 19, 2017 at 11:51 AM

LK

“ Thinking of y'all during this time! Sandy was an amazing guy! He will be missed by many! He was always great to our family! Hugs!

Lynn Kahlenberg - April 08, 2017 at 10:41 PM

EK

“ Sandy, it was always a pleasure to be around you, a very big heart, very friendly, thoughtful, helpful to anyone. I will always miss you. Rest in peace my friend.

Ed & Deana Kahlenberg

Ed kahlenberg - April 08, 2017 at 10:15 PM

TF

“ The George Jacobs Family purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of RH "Sandy" Bielstein.



The George Jacobs Family - April 07, 2017 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of RH "Sandy" Bielstein.*



April 07, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ *Thank you for your service, fairness, and love of football. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to your friends and family. Warm regards, Cleveland "Chick" Harris (former Houston Texan position coach)*

Chick Harris - April 07, 2017 at 09:27 AM

CS

“ Sandy Bielstein, always reminded me of a Civil War general. He had salt and pepper hair when I first saw him, and a full beard. In looking at images, I suppose it was Grant. Although a tall man, he carried himself with elegance.

I remember when I first came to Fort Bend County, watching him as a practicing defense lawyer, moving with purpose through his dockets, serving his clients' needs. As a judge, he had an open door policy which meant his office was a gathering place for lawyers to have coffee or just to drop by to chat. He was available to discuss whatever someone wanted to bring to the table -- to spout their philosophies, to talk about legal issues or to address issues on the docket whenever one of the ADAs and defense lawyer came in about a specific case. He was a wonderful host in that respect -- you never felt like you were intruding.

His courtroom was a place for baby lawyers to get a start. Even if they did not have enough experience to get on the wheel, they were able to obtain an appointment from Judge Bielstein, if they had the patience to wait in the courtroom. When I started out almost 32 years ago, I had a former marine judge, Mike Schwille, in Dallas, Texas, who had the same policy. It was how young lawyers gained their experience.

Personally, he always treated me with respect. He always inquired about my animals. He was not just being polite, but he was practical. Several times, just because he wanted to, he brought me feed for the rescue work I do. He did not limit himself to cat food, but included the horses and dogs as well. It was just such a nice thing to do. And with so many mouths to feed, it was a real help.

I will miss you Sandy Bielstein. I know you did not expect to make such a quick departure. May your family and friends find great comfort in the many memories you left us.

Corinna Steele - April 06, 2017 at 12:55 PM



It for sure wasnt Grant-he supported the South. Maybe Stonewall Jackson. We had many conversations at his home in Rosenberg. He was my first cousin but I considered him by big brother. Losing him left a huge hole in my heart that will never be filled.

Stephen Smith - March 28, 2020 at 11:34 AM

TQ

“ *Words can't express how I feel about the loss of my friend. Sandy and I worked together nearly 20 years ago in a capital murder defense, and spending dawn till dark together each day we grew to know one another in new and deeper ways. Over the years that friendship grew, and I began to appreciate more and more what a marvelous depth of personality he had. A man of profound wisdom in literature, law, and theology, and a person of deep faith. To Marsha and his children - you are in our prayers as we ask the God of Comfort to be your steady companion in the days ahead. To the extent we can, I know your many friends stand ready to help if you need us. I'm honored and blest to have known Sandy, and grieve his loss with you. As he often said when we parted, "Go with God, my friend"... I say to him the same.*

Timothy Quill - April 05, 2017 at 05:17 PM

OW

“ I am heart broken for the loss of a great man. He meant so much to so many of the lawyers and staffers in the Fort Bend Justice Center. He was a mentor to so many, and a friend to all. But he remained special, and occupied a unique spot in my heart.

On my first day as a licensed Texas attorney, a wrong turn brought me to Sandy. Sandy took me under his wing when I showed up in this new place, with no friends, guidance, or experience to do the job. He taught me to be a lawyer. He taught me that standing up for justice sometimes meant standing up to fight an unwinnable fight. As a Judge, in both words and actions, he taught me that respecting every person without regard to race, religion, status, or fortune, was the mark of a good attorney, and the key to a fair justice system.

Sandy was a more than a friend. In times of hardship and illness, he stepped up to help. When I could barely walk, he stepped up to pull me along. When I was distressed, and thought I could go no further, he was my calming influence to get me through the pain. He was my counselor, my guide, my leaning post, and the man who encourage me to be better than I ever dreamed I could be.

I know I will miss his booming voice and smiling face, but I will smile knowing, he's resting in a much better place. In time, someone will come along and fill his seat, but no one will ever take his place. His words and deeds will be legend, and his professional legacy will live on through us, his mentored.

My family and I, along with the people of Fort Bend, owe a great debt to Sandy, and his family for allowing us to share him. I will miss my accidental friend.



O'Neil Williams - April 05, 2017 at 03:55 PM



O'Neil Williams and The Judge.

O'Neil Williams - April 05, 2017 at 03:59 PM



I will always remember your struggle for decent medical treatment and how Sandy reached out to you in practical ways to help you through. I know he knew how you felt because you expressed it to anyone who listened. He did have a gift for connecting to needs and to the people in need. Hugs to you.

Corinna Steele - April 06, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of RH "Sandy" Bielstein.*



April 05, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ *Judge Bielstein, I walk by your office and I keep looking for your smiling face. I will forever cherish all the memories of you and our talks. You helped so many people and always had the best advice. You will always be the Mightiest Viking!!!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I pray that their memories of you will comfort them in this time of sorrow. With Love,
CheRac*

rachel hernandez - April 05, 2017 at 02:37 PM

RH

“ Rachel Hernandez lit a candle in memory of RH "Sandy" Bielstein



rachel hernandez - April 05, 2017 at 02:00 PM

RA

“ We was just a great person. Always smiling and I'm glad I got the pleasure of meeting him.



Raquel - April 05, 2017 at 12:49 PM

FD

“ Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of RH "Sandy" Bielstein.



Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department - April 05, 2017 at 12:20 PM

JF

“ Rest in peace Judge. Thank you for your service and friendship. You will be missed.



John Minchew and Family - April 05, 2017 at 11:27 AM

ST

“ So sorry about your loss. He was a great man. I always enjoyed talking with Sandy when he come to our office. Praying for all of you.

Sharon Tijerina - April 05, 2017 at 10:47 AM

MK

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Bielstein family. May his Memory be a blessing.

Michael Kahlenberg - April 05, 2017 at 10:41 AM