



David Glenn McDowell

August 27, 1940 - December 16, 2011

David Glenn McDowell passed away Monday, December 12, 2011, peacefully at his home. David was born August 27, 1940 in Clarksville, Texas, to David Brady McDowell and Pansy Mae Mathews. David was raised by his grandmother Ida Elizabeth Parmer along with cousin, Robert Brady Foster. David was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas. David enjoyed time with his pastor Bro. James Featherstone. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge # 19, located in Huntsville. David served 6 years in United States Army and National Guard. He served 39 years in law enforcement, retiring in 2004. He attended Henderson County Junior College where he received an associate degree in Police Science. David continued his education to achieve his license as a polygraph examiner. David served 19 years with the Palestine Police Department where he achieved the position as Chief of Police and CID Commander. He was a retired State Peace Officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the rank of Lieutenant. David is survived by his wife of 25 years, Donna McDowell; his daughters, Debra Copeland and husband, Chris, Glenda Lennie Minor and husband, Grady, Catherine Venette and husband, John, Angela Dean and husband, Mickey, Dana Holladay and late husband, Larry, Lisa Brown and grandson Justin Brown; sons, David Allan McDowell and wife, Marla, David Wayne McDowell and wife, Susanna; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. David loved each of them dearly. He enjoyed spending time with friends, fishing, gardening and his quail birds. His love of cooking made everyone smile.

Serving as pallbearers are D.J. McDowell, Chris Copeland, Jacob Minor, Sonny Fox, Ronnie Fletcher and Shane Moore; honorary pallbearers are Justin Brown and Ron Elliott. Services for David will be held Friday, December 16, 2011, 10:00 a.m., at Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas with burial to follow at Clines Prairie Cemetery in Walker County, Texas. Family will receive friends Thursday, December 15, 2011, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *David Glenn McDowell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just learned of David going to be with the Lord. I am so very sad to hear this, but thankful he is now with Jesus. I met David when I was a Junior in High School, he was an awesome mentor to me for many years to come. I also worked with David in the Internal Affairs Division at TDCJ, but more than a co-worker, he was a great friend to me, and a tremendous blessing in my life. He was always there for me, no matter the need. I'm praying for comfort for the family and friends, he will truly be missed.*

Tanya Williams - December 29, 2011 at 10:35 AM



“ *Just thought id let all of you know. He had another child.Born 4_18_65.*

Robert Lange - December 18, 2011 at 11:07 AM



“ *To Donna and my half sisters and brothers, I was lucky enough to get to spend 2 days with my dad before he left this life...his words of wisdom to me will be etched in my heart for the rest of my life...Donna you and the family are in my prayers maybe some day I can meet them all again...I just want you all to know I miss him already.*

Catherine Ann McDowell- Venette

Catherine Venette - December 17, 2011 at 02:11 PM

CV

“ Donna,
Alice and I send our sincere thoughts and prayers to you. David was a friend and will miss him greatly. May God be with you in your time of suffering.

Ciro & Alice de la Vega - December 15, 2011 at 09:40 PM

DC

“ I am sadden to hear of the passing of a long time friend. David and I logged many hours in past yrs speaking to students about drugs and chemical products associated with same. David was the ultimate law officer, but his love was with helping people, espically young studens. My prayers and thoughts will be with David's family. Just be assured that David's life journey touched many, to include me. donnie craft

Donnie Craft - December 15, 2011 at 06:33 PM

DJ

“ My most sincere condolences to the McDowell family. Having served with David in the Internal Affairs Division. We worked closely with each other on numerous cases, over the years. David has left us to be with the Lord, and at peace.

David M. Jones - December 15, 2011 at 03:14 PM

KB

“ David, was one of the finest men that I have ever known. He loved his God and his family. He will be greatly missed. He was as good a Police Officer as I have ever worked with.

Ken and Linda Buckhanan - December 15, 2011 at 10:57 AM

TS

“ When I came to work for IAD/OIG, David was the Bureau Chief for Region B in Rosharon. He would frequently share stories about his "Donna". There was no doubt that he truly loved her. God be with you and comfort you during this difficult time.

Tere Sandlin, Region B Secretary - December 14, 2011 at 01:23 PM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to the McDowell family. I served as an Investigator with the Internal Affairs Division. David was my Chief of Investigative Operations. I worked closely with him. I have no doubt that his leadership and guidance made the current position that I hold a possibility. David was a compassionate man that genuinely cared for his people. The Law Enforcement community will miss him a great deal. All would do well by making an effort to walk in David's foot steps as a leader. I wish the best to David's family in this difficult time.

Captain Charles Mann - December 14, 2011 at 11:09 AM

JB

“ My condolences to the McDowell family. I have fond memories of David. I worked with him at the Palestine P.D. David was a Policeman's Policeman. He could always be counted on, and I turned to him often for advice.

Jerry W. Bell - December 14, 2011 at 10:54 AM

RE

“ Donna, we are so very, very sorry. Our hearts and prayers are with you. We know David is now with God and feeling fine. We are proud to have had him as our friend.

Ron and Lou Ellen Elliott - December 13, 2011 at 10:01 PM