



## George Perry Woodward Jr.

December 22, 1956 - April 10, 2024

Montgomery - George P. Woodward died unexpectedly April 10, 2024. He was born December 22, 1956, in Del Rio, the son of George P. and Marion (Smith) Woodward.

After high school, George served honorably in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman in the United States and abroad. After his discharge from the Army, he married the love of his life, Tracey Butterfield and relocated to Temecula, California where he worked as a U.S. Border Patrol Agent.

During his long and highly recognized career (George was a recipient of the US Border Patrol Highest Honor for Bravery the, Newton/Azrak Award) of government service, he worked briefly as a US Immigration Inspector in Limestone, Maine before becoming one of the first US Pre-Clearance Immigration Inspectors in Shannon, Ireland. George was instrumental in getting this much valued program up and running efficiently which remains viable and replicated in many global positions to this day. After this, he and his family returned stateside and settled in Swanton, Vermont where he finished his sterling career as a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent. George wore many hats and traveled to many faraway places during the course of his career on assignments like Singapore, Philippines, and Fiji with missions focused on disrupting global human traffickers and in conducting terrorist interdiction operations. After his retirement in 2009, he did not sit idle very long.

George did two separate tours as a key contract Law Enforcement Advisor in Afghanistan. With postings in Kabul and at the infamous Torkham Gate in the Kyber Pass of the Nangahar Province, he conducted numerous border security operations "outside the wire" supported by the storied US Army 101st Airborne Units. As a joint operational unit, they kept lethal aid out of the battle space, significantly reduced drug smuggling activities, and assisted the Afghan people in receiving much needed medical and combat zone sustainment supplies that insurgents were trying to hijack.

After returning from Afghanistan, he was fortunate to be able to ride his Harley Davidson cross country numerous times exploring the beauty of the country he loved so much. George adored his family deeply, finding immense joy in their presence. Texas, his beloved paradise, became a cherished part in his life and there, his spirit will live on.

He is survived by his wife, Tracey, his sons, Christopher Woodward and his wife Sherrie of New Hampshire, Patrick Woodward and his wife Esha of Vermont, one brother, Harold Woodward and his wife Leia of Montgomery, sisters Gail Petersen of Ohio, Ellen Love and her husband Bob of California. George is also survived by his granddaughters, Emma Woodward and Bridget Mitchell and many nieces and nephews.

A service of remembrance will be held at 11 am, Thursday, April 18 at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 20850 Eva Street, Montgomery. Interment will be at the New Montgomery Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## New Montgomery Cemetery

08 Old Plantersville Rd  
Montgomery, TX 77316

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery  
20850 Eva St.  
Montgomery, TX 77356

## Funeral Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
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<https://www.shmfh.com>

# Tribute Wall

AE

“ Aimee E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..

Aimee E. - April 20, 2024 at 08:41 AM

AE

“ The G, is how I know George. Tracey and George brought me into their family and made me feel loved. I enjoyed talks and dinners with Tracey and G (AKA T&G). G would ask me what I wanted for dinner and I would always pick his yummy stir fry. As we sat down to eat, G would make sure to mention that we all were family and that will resonate always with me. He gave me a cool kitchen gadget as a gift one year- and that gadget made the move to MN. My time with G, left me with knowing a person of such integrity and accountability. His standards were high, rightly so, and it was an honor to know and see that wonderful character trait. It seems those traits are not forefront these days as you take a peek around in society, and G kept it alive- Thank you G!



*In closing, I considered it a gift to be able to see the wonderful love between T&G and hear their stories of life as they walked their paths together. I enjoyed witnessing so, the smitten look of G as he talked about his T. All that love just resonates outward.*

*I love you both so much. You both have been a huge part of my life. My heartfelt thoughts are sent to you T and all of your family. You and G are forever in my heart.*

*Aimee Eberle*

Aimee Eberle - April 20, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..*



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April 17, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ *Tracey and family, My sincere condolences to you all on the loss of a great loved one. When word spread amongst his Swanton Border Patrol family of his passing no doubt a great pause of reflection occurred on how much George meant to every one of us. I was fortunate to be at Swanton Station when George arrived from his overseas assignment and he stepped in like he had been there for years. He was cherished as a great friend, agent, leader and always conducted himself with the utmost professionalism while displaying his pride in the uniform. I will forever remember our 30 day detail together to Miami Sector. Thank you George and may you rest in peace.*  
*Paul Moran.*

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**Paul Moran** - April 16, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *Dawn L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..*

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**Dawn L.** - April 16, 2024 at 03:50 PM

SP

“ *Swanton Sector, US Border Patrol purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..*



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**Swanton Sector, US Border Patrol** - April 16, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TT

“ *Thinking of you, The BCU Leadership Team purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..*



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**Thinking of you, The BCU Leadership Team** - April 16, 2024 at 09:57 AM

TT

“ *Thinking of you, The BCU Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..*

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**Thinking of you, The BCU Leadership Team** - April 16, 2024 at 09:57 AM

BD

“ Tracey and Family,

*Always the staunch professional, George set the standard for all others to follow. I respected him greatly and will forever value our friendship both in and out of uniform. He was truly the "best of the best" and will never be forgotten.*

*Brian Devaney  
Isle of Hogs, VT*

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**Brian Devaney** - April 16, 2024 at 08:33 AM

NS

*I have such good memories of our get togethers. It has been along time but memories never fade. My love and condolences to your family.*

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**Natalie Smith** - April 16, 2024 at 08:54 AM

ER

“ *George is among the very best of men I have ever had the fortune to call a friend. Many conversations over coffee ( with Butch Bunting ) in Swanton, Vermont. So many laughs and memories shared. I know how much he loves his family. I'm sure he's riding his Harley as we speak.*

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**Eugene Rich** - April 16, 2024 at 07:15 AM

BM

“ *George was a great all-around guy. He will be missed.*

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**Bill Mogavero** - April 16, 2024 at 04:52 AM

JM

“ When I worked at the Highgate Springs, VT port of entry, George was one of the BP agents in Swanton who provided coverage between our stations as well as backup for officers working at one-officer stations; he was always very professional and helpful - a credit to his service. Jim MacKenzie, SCI (ret.)

Jim MacKenzie - April 15, 2024 at 10:34 PM

TP

“ The Pedlar's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..



The Pedlar's - April 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

TP

“ The Pedlar's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..

The Pedlar's - April 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

TH

“ Travis H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..

Travis H. - April 15, 2024 at 07:15 PM

GS

“ George and I worked many years together in Swanton. He was a great mentor and friend. The greatest gift he passed on to me was his humility. As a leader, I learned from George the importance of letting others take credit for a job well done. George made me into a better person, and I will always be grateful.

Greg Stecher - April 15, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..



April 15, 2024 at 05:31 PM

LC

“ Love, Guy & Beth Choiniere planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..

Love, Guy & Beth Choiniere - April 15, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..



April 15, 2024 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ The Gagne Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Perry Woodward Jr..

The Gagne Family - April 15, 2024 at 03:56 PM

FS

“ Fences Unlimited & The Stove Shoppe purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..



Fences Unlimited & The Stove Shoppe - April 15, 2024 at 03:24 PM

AM

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about George’s passing. I worked many a midnight shift with him in Swanton and will always remember his great sense of humor and dry wit. Truly a great man always willing to show a younger PA the ropes by passing along his vast knowledge and experience. Sending my deepest sympathy and caring wishes to his family. ~ Alex Mederos

Alex Mederos - April 15, 2024 at 03:19 PM

JJ

“ Jackie, Shanna and Jared purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of George Perry Woodward Jr..



Jackie, Shanna and Jared - April 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM