



Greg "Stump" Hardy

May 15, 1959 - June 22, 2020

Greg "Stump" Hardy is the son of Presley and Shirley Hardy, the brother of Cindy, Roland and Kristy Hardy, father to Elizabeth and Keith Henneke, uncle to Cade, Nikki, and Emily Hardy, and grandfather to Hardy and Hunt Henneke. He was a family man from birth, being born into one of those rare families where the parents and children are deeply connected to one another as friends, family, and confidants. It's hard to say he was particularly close to one of them over the other, because Greg was so deeply connected to each of them. He was devoted to his mother and fiercely adored his father. He was a best friend to his brother, and he could not survive without his sister. He loved and celebrated every moment of Cade and Emily's life, being one of the rare uncles that is there for the graduations, weddings, and other life events too often missed.

Greg's devotion did not end with his little family, however, as he proudly served his community for 30 years, first as a sailor in the United States Navy and then as a corrections officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He especially was proud of his military service and honored to be a part of the 7% of Americans who have worn the military uniform. He was on the USS Nimitz when he learned that his wife had given birth to his only child, Elizabeth.

Greg responded to becoming a father in his typical way: he dove right in with his entire heart. From that day forward until his death, Greg doted on Elizabeth making her feel the depth of his love from thousands of miles away.

Elizabeth grew up confident as children do when they know they are the apple of their parent's eye, and only twice in her life did she doubt that she was the most important person in her father's life: first when she married her husband, Keith, and Greg instantly adored him, and second when she had her two children, Hardy and Hunt. Greg enjoyed being a father, but he loved being a grandfather, and his two "replacements" became a source of immense joy in his later life.

In his spare time, Greg was a search and rescue trainer of K9 dogs, leading teams of dogs to locate missing persons or apprehend suspects, a devoted motorcycle rider, and a creative woodworker. Greg will be remembered as the best friend to many, as he leaves behind dozens of folks who received text messages every morning from him urging them to have a good day and checking in on a dozen more in the evening.

Greg loved so deeply that he created a chosen family, adopting people into his life who he loved with a fierce passion and devotion. Had Greg written a farewell to all of those whom he called family he would have named more here, personally acknowledging those who filled his life with joy. Once Greg loved you, something changed in your life because you knew that love was forever, it was deep, and it was unconditional. And he loved so many of you that way.

Greg lived life on his own terms, in his own way, guided by a heart that had an immense capacity for love. The night before his death, Greg declared that he was living his best life riding his motorcycle high on a mountain with dear friends. He died with the wind in his hair, filled with the love that had carried him throughout his life. To say he will be missed simply does not capture the hole that fills so many hearts today. But what a legacy he has left behind.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 27 from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas, with services on Sunday, June 28 at 4:00pm. He will be laid to rest at Brooke Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Camp Hope, 9724 Derrington Rd., Houston, Texas 77064. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at w

www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Greg "Stump" Hardy

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Greg, I still can't believe you are gone. When Mrs. Shirley called me, I was so heart broken to know you are no longer with us. You were loved and will be missed.



Carla Coleman - June 29, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ Peggy Kroesche lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



peggy Kroesche - June 29, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ One last picture, my partner in crime ... I know you were looking down loving every minute of it! ❤️



denise - June 28, 2020 at 07:41 PM

BB

“ Never saw Greg that he did not smile & shake my hand, or hug me.
Prayers for all of the family. Byron & Mindy Bush

Byron Bush - June 28, 2020 at 03:13 PM

CH

“ Christine lit a candle in memory of Greg
"Stump" Hardy



Christine - June 28, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CS

“ Will always remember you Stump. Enjoy that
highway in heaven. Can hear that motorcycle
roaring. You are for ever in my Heart.



Cindy Smith - June 27, 2020 at 11:13 PM

SB

“ Mrs. Shirley & family, we are so sorry to hear about Greg's accident
and death. Please let us know if we can help with anything.
May God hold all of you close and comfort you in this time of
sorrow.
Sharon & Don Burton

Sharon Burton - June 27, 2020 at 01:57 PM

TU

“ Beautiful infectious smile and always full of laughter.
My heart goes out to the Hardy family❤️. Heaven received one of
the best Angels last Monday and always know that he's watching
over you💙



Teresa Uhlig - June 27, 2020 at 01:44 PM

DC

“ Darlene Cole lit a candle in memory of Greg
"Stump" Hardy



Darlene Cole - June 27, 2020 at 07:36 AM

DT

“ Donnie & Dorothy Tucker lit a candle in
memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



Donnie & Dorothy Tucker - June 26, 2020 at 10:20 PM

DM

“ David McKee lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



David McKee - June 26, 2020 at 09:14 PM

CM

“ Around 2 yrs ago I met up with Stump at a large restaurant on I -45 in Fairfield Texas where we had lunch and we talked about different things but mostly about motorcycles. Greg had rode his Indian Dark Horse and I rode my indian Scout. I Thankful that I met this Amazing Man Stump Hardy. I salute and respect you Greg. Ride in the Heavens my Friend.

Cecil Moon - June 26, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.



June 26, 2020 at 07:01 PM

TU

“ Teresa Uhlig sent a virtual gift in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



Teresa Uhlig - June 26, 2020 at 04:55 AM

GS

“ Mrs. Hardy, Elizabeth, Roland, Kristie, and Cindy. Words cannot express the sadness I feel for the loss of your son, father, and brother. It only seems like yesterday when I called GP and arranged to borrow a trailer to bring a 12 month old gelding (Jet) to the barn to board. What followed was the wonderful God-given opportunity to get to know and love your family while you watched me and my young children learn to muck stalls, train and love horses. Greg adopted us like extended family for so many years especially teaching my daughter some of her most cherished memories of training her first horse when she was 13, how to bottle feed a calf, and getting to hang out and ride horses when Elizabeth visited. Crystal grew up with a love and passion for horses, barrel racing, and sharing this love with all of her children and through 4-H and lessons. We have and will always remain grateful for the unconditional friendship Greg and his family shared with ours. May God’s presence be with you now and always.

Gwen Stanford - June 25, 2020 at 11:51 PM

LT

“ LSJA Team purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.



LSJA Team - June 25, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cassandra Kohl - June 25, 2020 at 11:49 PM

HT

Stump was a good and honorable man. I always looked him up at rallies and enjoyed riding with him.. May he rest in peace eternally in Heaven.

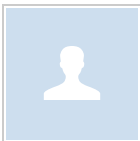
Howard Tucker - June 26, 2020 at 08:22 PM



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Cassandra Kohl - June 25, 2020 at 11:27 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.*



June 25, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Cassandra Kohl - June 25, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cassandra Kohl - June 25, 2020 at 09:53 PM

CH

I love this picture, did you take it?

Cindy Hardy - June 26, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Once in a while we find a person that leaves a big part of themselves in your heart. Well Stump was one of those that left a place in many hearts not only mine. To me he will always be Stumpy, the one that taught me many things as I followed him and his taillights of his bike all-over the country. Riding and camping from rally to rally and town to town we had a great time together. Stumpy taught me how to ride and even picked my ass up off the ground a few times when some lessons took me a bit little longer to learn. When I wasn't following his taillights, I was riding on the back of his bike just letting go of the world and taking pictures. We rode thousands of miles together and saw so many things. Times were always good and stories were always in development. Let's all share some stories... that is what life is all about...isn't it? Stump and I were at a Rally, I believe it was last year, tornado warning was rolling into the area. As the night started to fall, we could see the tornado forming in the distance. Most left the camp grounds early in the day, but the little crazy in the head people stayed to see what would happen. As we all huddled under a not big enough covered building getting wet and celebrating for a bit more, then headed to the tents to ride the night out. I remember Stumpy saying “hope the tent hold up tonight.” As I was thinking “me too” since we were in it! Getting up the next morning, crazy thing we slept through most of it. We found out that morning the Tornado tore up many homes, flattened many areas, flooded the towns and surrounding area. As we were trying to make it back home through all the devastation, the flooding water, trees, animals and so many obstacles everywhere covering the roads. We wondered what in the hell we got ourselves into.

Another trip trying to make it home from ROT last year, we rode through one crazy thunderstorm that followed us for hours. It was coming down so hard off/on I could hardly see Stumpy's taillights in front of me. I kept using a glove to keep wiping my glasses to see as the road had turned into a river and my front tire divided the water like Moses. Finally, finding a place to pull to the side of the road, we slid off the bikes and stood under a few thin trees, like that was any better as we laughed. Maybe too scared not to, as the

lightning came down all around. As we stood there pondering what to do as we watch two semitrucks just missing the bikes parked on the side of the road...wondering what the hell we got ourselves into again, getting back on the bike to ride the storm out. After we got home that day, everything soaked, cold and were shacking, we wiped bikes down and poured the water out of our boots, Stumpy looked at me and laughed and said "that was a Hell of a ride", laugh again and said "you're finely a true biker..." crazy man always made you laugh at times...

Stumpy will never have a last ride in my mind as long as his spirit is in our hearts as we ride. I will always be looking for his taillights in front of me and he will still be the one I talk to on the winds of road. His name has already been added to my cut, that way he will still ride with me every time I do and try to keep me out of trouble.

Cassandra Kohl - June 25, 2020 at 09:33 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Decker lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy*



Debbie Decker - June 25, 2020 at 08:03 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy*



M. Hyvl - June 25, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.*



June 25, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.*



June 24, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ *Such a loving and fitting tribute to a worthy man. I met Greg when my sister brought him to our house on the Navy Base in Corpus Christi, Texas. I could tell instantly that he was different than the other men she had dated as he had a quick wit and a twinkle in his eye that showed he had a little of the wild side. I was delighted when he made my little sister his wife and then my first niece on that side of the family made life complete. I know the Hennekes will forever keep alive the memory and legacy of this marvelous veteran and tremendous Texan.*

Cecilia O'Neal Hemme - June 24, 2020 at 09:39 PM

DW

I remember our times growing up, kids in the country. Although we lived in different towns, we did get to visit on occasion. Greg was always the life of the party. 😊 Yes, sparkling blue eyes, a grin and laugh so enjoyable.

Just like his daddy, Uncle Presley, he lived to joke and loved people. He

loved life. He served our country with honor. I'm honored to say my cousin served his country. He loved Texas and America. He loved his family.

His pride and joy was his daughter, Elizabeth and grandsons, Hardy and Hunter. Greg's memory will live on in the hearts of all who know and love him. Missing you but looking forward to seeing you again where there is no sorrow or tears, but only happiness and light in the glory of God. 🙏💙U

Love from all your cousins...

Debbie Hardy Waters - June 24, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DE

“Denise lit a candle in memory of Greg
"Stump" Hardy



denise - June 24, 2020 at 07:54 PM

DE

“ It is so difficult to even try to wrap my head around this. My heart is broken losing you! You were the the brother I never had. I just realized it has been 30 years ago that I first met you next door. So many memories, laughter, crying and FUN adventures!! The ONLY solace I can find in any of this is that I know for a fact you left this earth LOVING what you were doing! Rest In Peace my favorite brother. I love you and miss you. Until we meet again



denise - June 24, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.



June 24, 2020 at 07:29 PM

AM

“ My sincere condolences, Cindy, on the loss of your brother and Shirley on the loss of your first born son. There are no words to heal the pain. Only time and prayer will make it tolerable. Greg had such an infectious smile, which mirrored his dad's 100%!

Ann Mitchell - June 24, 2020 at 07:18 PM

EP

“ Ernie Pegoda lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



Ernie Pegoda - June 24, 2020 at 07:12 PM

RM

“ Rhonda & Gene Mauldin lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



Rhonda & Gene Mauldin - June 24, 2020 at 06:44 PM

AH

“ Annette Massie Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



Annette Massie Hunnicutt - June 24, 2020 at 06:35 PM

H1

“ HHS Class Of 1976 lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy



HHS Class of 1976 - June 24, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Greg "Stump" Hardy.*



June 24, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ *Earl & Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy*



Earl & Sherry Carter - June 24, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ *Ramona Ready Koch lit a candle in memory of Greg "Stump" Hardy*



Ramona Ready Koch - June 24, 2020 at 04:05 PM