



## Larry Martin

August 20, 1956 - September 22, 2008

LARRY ALVIN MARTIN was born on August 20, 1956 in Huntsville, Texas to Lloyd C. Martin and Marilyn Sue Hatch Martin. He died September 16, 2008 in the George Community of Madison County, Texas at age 52. He and his wife, Charlotte were residents of Mission where he had been employed as a member of the Aircraft Section of the Texas Department of Public Safety stationed in McAllen, Texas. While growing up Larry attended first grade in Madisonville, second and third grades in Austin and in 1966 his parents moved to Huntsville where he attended school graduating in 1974 from Huntsville High School. He attended Sam Houston State University and obtained a Bachelors degree in Police Science in 1977. Larry worked as a dispatcher for the Police Department of Sam Houston State University while attending college. He was later employed as a member of the Sam Houston Police Department. His service with the Sam Houston State University inspired him to make his career as a police officer. Following his graduation he applied and was accepted with the Department of Public Safety. While attending college he and Charlotte Barrett dated and were subsequently married. Charlotte also graduated from Huntsville High School and from Sam Houston State University. Larry and Charlotte were married 31 years on September 2nd, 2008. While serving with the Department of Public Safety, Larry was a State Trooper stationed in Navasota, Conroe, Huntsville, and Austin leading his area in DWI arrests. While in Austin, Larry was promoted to the Narcotics Section of TDPS and transferred to Houston, where he was

assigned to a Federal/State Drug Task Force. This is where he discovered his love of flying. He worked as a spotter for the Aircraft Section during his service in the Narcotics section. His goal was to become a member of the Aircraft Section. In that pursuit he started taking flying lessons and obtained several ratings to make himself attractive to the Aircraft Section. In the year 2000 he was promoted to the Aircraft Section and stationed in McAllen. Larry excelled in flying and was trained in helicopters and single engine airplanes. He became an instructor because he loved the challenge and teaching and showing others how wonderful flying was. He retired from the Texas Department of Public Safety on August 31st, 2008 after a 30 year career in police work. Larry attended First Baptist Church of Huntsville while growing up and became a member. Larry was preceded in death by his brother David Scott Martin in 1992, his mother Marilyn Sue Martin in 2007, and grandparents Alvin Martin, Alice Childress Martin and William L. Hatch. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Mission, his father Lloyd C. Martin of Huntsville, his brother Bruce Allan Martin and wife, Sonya Martin of Frisco, Texas, two nephews, Alvin Lloyd Martin of Hilltop Lakes and David Bailey Martin of Frisco and two nieces, Magan Nichole Hutchins of Latexo, Texas and Alice Ann Martin of Frisco, and his grandmother Mariola Hatch of Dallas. Funeral Services will be held Monday, September 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Burial to follow in the George Cemetery of the George Community in Madison County, Texas. The family will receive friends Sunday afternoon September 21, 2008 from 4 to 6 PM at the funeral home. Those desiring to make contributions in Larry's memory may do so to George Cemetery Association c/o Audrey Risinger, 11829 West Caney Road, Normangee, TX 77871.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Martin*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Martin and family,*

*On behalf of all the staff at CBP Air and Marine, McAllen Air and Marine Branch, please accept our most heartfelt condolences on your loss.*

*Larry was well liked by all fellow officers and he will be missed as an outstanding officer, aviator, and comrade in arms.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Gus Gonzalez** - September 24, 2008 at 10:07 PM



“ *Charlotte, I considered Larry my first real partner in the Department, and I owe my career to him. I miss those early days and his undeniable wit and wisdom. He was and is my hero because he always stood for what was right. We laughed together many times - even after eating the cake you made for your boss's birthday and the many hours we spent looking for that cake mix in the stores...pineapple with cream center! He will always be my hero, and my heart goes out to you.*

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**micki scheffler** - September 23, 2008 at 07:58 PM

IR

“ *To Charlotte and the Martin Family...  
Our deepest condolences are with you during your loss. May you be filled with the Lord's strength and peace. Larry will be remembered always. Our prayers are with you.  
God bless you all,  
The Rosa Family*

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**Ismael & Dora Rosa** - September 22, 2008 at 10:55 PM

BR

“ *Charlotte, Doris and I are deeply saddened by the loss of Larry. He was a friend that we will truly miss. Friendship given from the heart is never truly gone it is kept forever in the hearts of the recipients.  
Thanks for the years of memories Larry.  
Until we meet again.  
Keep the rubber side down.  
Bobby & Doris Richardson.*

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**Bobby & Doris Richardson** - September 22, 2008 at 07:04 PM

SS

“ To the Martin Family: My prayers and thoughts are with you. Larry was a special guy that I worked with throughout the years. From his time in Navasota, to Huntsville, to Houston to The Rio Grande Valley. As a matter of fact he was the first Highway Patrolman to stop me in my brand new sports car in 1983. He convinced me or shall I say he impressed me enough to slow down. In 1987 I joined the proud folks of DPS and have worked with Larry throughout the years. I remember the support and concern he showed to the family of Todd Thane (Navasota) when he was involved in a very serious car accident. Ms Thane holds Larry and his support in her heart today. I will hold our brief telephone conversations in my heart forever.

Gods blessings,

Sue Scrivener, SPCF

Texas Department of Public Safety Communications

Tyler, Texas

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**SUE SCRIVENER** - September 22, 2008 at 12:42 PM

LH

“ Mr. Martin,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. You have been on my heart and mind constantly. Lisa Hayman - Waterwood

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**Lisa Hayman** - September 22, 2008 at 10:17 AM

JG

“ To the Martin Family: I remember Larry very fondly from high school days and all of us visiting together at the Laniers. Larry was such a funny guy who made you laugh and enjoy times with friends and family. My heart goes out to you in such difficult times and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Janet Leeper George** - September 22, 2008 at 08:17 AM

LG

“ *Ms. Martin, I am saddened to hear about Larry's passing. He and I shared a passion for flying and riding motorcycles. I cherished the time I spent flying with him where we shared unforgettable moments. The DPS family has lost a dedicated Officer and wonderful friend.*  
*Leo Garcia TXDPS*

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**Leo Garcia** - September 21, 2008 at 10:15 PM

FH

“ *To Charlotte,*  
*Mary and I offer our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. We have many fond memories of Larry and you from when we first met many years ago, to Larry's goofy smile and not so calming sense of humor as a groomsman in our wedding, to the many times we shared a laugh over burgers, BBQ and beer with friends, to the time when our oldest (then 4 or 5) asked who the funny looking man was with the long hair at our house (after Larry went to Narcotics and looked the part). I regret that I am unable to attend Larry's service, but you are all in our thoughts and most sincere prayers.*

*Frank, Mary and the boys...*

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**Frank Hidalgo** - September 21, 2008 at 08:31 PM

GF

“ *Martins---My heart goes out to you. I remember growing up with yall on Roundabout Rd/ Sunnyside in Huntsville. We had great times playing football in yard, riding bikes, band, skeet shooting, Normangee and just being kids. I will always hold a special place in my heart for yall. May God comfort you at this difficult time.*

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**Gus Lanier Jr. and Family** - September 21, 2008 at 07:10 PM

JD

“ I have been so saddened since I read about your son...There is nothing I can say or do at this time to comfort you...If anything, be comforted that you had Larry for the time he spent with you. My daughter,Hannah, and I remember the kind things you did for us and wish we could do the same for you. Please know that you and yours are in our thoughts and of course in our Prayers...

*Jeanette DeLong*

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**Jeanette DeLong** - September 21, 2008 at 06:36 PM

RF

“ To the Martin family.

*I don't know what I can possibly say to help comfort you during times like this, but I wanted to let you know that Larry was a good friend of mine and I will miss him dearly. Although Larry transferred to the McAllen area several years ago, Larry and I continued to keep in touch with each other on a regular basis. Our conversations would often revolve around Larry's love of "flying", his love of "biking", and even his love of the rock-n-roll band "Boston". The entire Martin family is in my prayers and thoughts. Take care and God bless!*

*Ronald Fields (Katy, Texas)  
DPS Class of A-81*

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**Ronald Fields** - September 21, 2008 at 08:36 AM

SA

“ Dear Charlotte and family:

*My deepest condolences as you deal with your loss. Larry was a great friend since I first met him in the DPS Houston Region in 1980. I consider it a great pleasure to have worked with him for so long. I will remember him by his great service to the State of Texas.  
Your friend, Steve*

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**Steve Powell, Ret DPS Aircraft** - September 20, 2008 at 10:25 PM

PN

“ Charlotte, there are no words to tell you how sorry we are to hear of your loss. We often talk about our Cal-Tex rides and how Larry would lead the path for all us and I might add that it took us quiet awhile for us to catch up with the both of you. I know many were touch by that smile of his that we will all remember.  
Love Pat & Teresa

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**Pat & Teresa Null** - September 20, 2008 at 09:20 PM

GG

“ Many fond memories of your fine family make this sad news even more so. You are in the thoughts and prayers of many during this time.

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**Gregory Gathright** - September 20, 2008 at 06:18 PM

GF

“ Charlotte, Bruce & Lloyd,

*Our deepest sympathies and regret for your sorrows at this difficult time. Larry was always a part of the Lanier family as neighbor, High School Band member, friend and motorcycle rider. Thanks for all the good times! Heaven is a great place to be right now with total peace and perfect health! We will be unable to make the funeral but please know our prayers and thoughts will be with you Monday and always!*

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**Guy Lanier & family** - September 20, 2008 at 03:46 PM

RS

“ Larry, both you and Carlotte have been both brother and sister to Dee and I. You will be missed by all who rode with and knew you. The world will be less one of the "Good Guys" and heaven will welcome you to your new assignment. May God bless and keep you. Ron and Dee Dee Stimson

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**Ron and Dee Dee Stimson** - September 20, 2008 at 11:35 AM

SB

“ Charlotte - Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. May God give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Our love and prayers are with you.  
Love, Susan & Bobbi Barrett

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**Susan Barrett** - September 20, 2008 at 10:26 AM

NE

“ To Charlotte and family of Larry Martin,

*Our prayers go out to you and love and condolences go out to you at his time. I only knew Larry through Cal-Tex but that alone was enough to know that you guys were wonderful. I will always remember Larry and Charlotte passing everyone up along with Kulak (ten yards and a cloud of dust) on many rides. I know he is flying on the "wings of eagles" now. God bless and God speed.*

*Psalm 121*

*I lift my eyes to the hills,  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth!*

*Sincerely,*

*Nick P. & Cathy Einecke  
Galveston, TX  
Riders and Survivors of the Storm*

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**Nick and Cathy Einecke** - September 20, 2008 at 10:09 AM

SE

“ Dear Charlotte, Bruce and Lloyd, our hearts are so saddened to learn of Larry's death. Your family has suffered so much and we want you to know that your Huntsville friends are suffering with you at this time. We will be out town both Sunday and Monday, but we will offer up to our dear Lord our prayers that He will sustain you, lift you, guide you as you face the days ahead. Our deepest sympathy to your family now and in the long days ahead. With prayers and hugs for you-Sunny and Bob Ernst and Family

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**Sunny and Bob Ernst** - September 20, 2008 at 08:35 AM

GC

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. May the good lord take you in his arms and take away the pain that you are suffering from. I met Larry on the Cal\_Tes rides and really enjoyed his company.*

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**GR Culpepper** - September 19, 2008 at 11:11 PM

LH

“ *Larry, was a friend, I will miss our talks about police work & motorcycling and just stuff!*

*God Bless you my Friend!*

*Larry Hall  
Harris County Sheriff's Dept.*

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**Larry Hall** - September 19, 2008 at 07:30 PM

SP

“ *Dear Charlotte and Martin Family,  
We are so very sorry to learn of your loss. My daughter Lisa and I have no words to express the sorrow we feel for each of you. Larry was always so kind and giving. He will be remembered exactly like that and with a big smile on his face.  
In friendship and love,  
Sheri Parrack & Lisa Keith*

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**Sheri Parrack** - September 19, 2008 at 12:56 PM

BG

“ To the Martin Family - we are so sorry for your loss. Larry will be missed by his family, friends and co-workers, as well as the HHS Class of '74. Turn to your family, faith and friends to help you through these difficult times.

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**Barry & Mary Lynn Golden** - September 19, 2008 at 09:27 AM

BM

“ There was a group of us that became police officers in the 70's. We stood together, we went to school together, we were neighbors, we shared bike stories and our passions. Like boat rides and a cold evening drink after a hot day. And dogs. Thank you for all of the technical advise over the years, nothing burned up. Thanks for taking me flying and not running out of gas. You made the world a better place. We will miss you but will meet again. Until then, Adios.  
Braxton Morton A-80

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**Braxton Morton** - September 19, 2008 at 08:20 AM

JD

“ Martin Family - We know that words are of little comfort to you at this time, Larry was a good friend and one who was always willing to help his fellow officers with advice. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless you.

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**Joe Guzman/TX DPS** - September 19, 2008 at 08:09 AM

HH

“ Larry,

*I can only hope you knew just exactly how much you meant to me as a friend first and a partner second. In work, I definitely shared your belief that the story is supposed to end with the bad guy going to jail! That's just what we set out to do when we went to work, and we were quite successful at it!*

*I can say without reservation that my life was immeasurably richer having had you as my friend. Sadly, there will also be a hole that only you could fill with your leaving.*

*I'll miss you, you "RB"!*

*Your Friend and Partner,*

*Howard*

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**Howard Hawbaker** - September 19, 2008 at 12:29 AM

RT

“ Charlotte we are so sorry and shocked to hear of your loss. Please let us know if there is ANYTHING we can do. If you want a place to run away to and hide, you are welcome at our place.

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**Ron & Melody Toppins** - September 18, 2008 at 09:50 PM