



Larry D. McDugle

October 21, 1944 - January 14, 2012

Larry Don McDugle Larry Don McDugle, 67, of Huntsville Texas went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 2, 2012. He was born in Clarksville, Texas on October 21, 1944. He has joined his father and mother, Hershel and Lila Bell McDugle in Heaven. He is survived by his son, Kevin McDugle, daughter-in-law Carol of Baton Rouge; his daughter, Lorra McDugle Lynch, son-in-law Toby of Montgomery; and his son, James McDugle, daughter-in-law Lorena of Montgomery. His six grandchildren William and Dillon McDugle; Jack, Maggie, and Kaysie Bell Lynch; and Luke McDugle. And one great grandchild, Garret McDugle. He is also survived by his brother Denton McDugle and sister Sharon Jansa. Larry served in the Air Force for four years active duty and two years inactive; he attained the rank of E4. He was a member of the Harris County Sheriff's Reserves for three years. He formally served with the University of Texas police force in Houston at the medical center operation. Larry joined the Huntsville Police Department as a patrolman in 1974 and served there until retirement. For the past 15 years, Larry has worked for the Sheriff's Department under Victor Graham and Clint McRae. Along with his love for the community of Huntsville, he has served as the commander of the American Legion Post 95 for many years. The city of Huntsville has been a tremendous part of Larry's life and he has taken personal pride in the safety of his community. He was honored with the Huntsville Shooting Range named in his behalf. Larry was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the 100 Club in 2010 for his 40 years of service in law enforcement. Along with many

certificates, trophies, and awards, Larry was respected and loved by many. Larry McDugle was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, mentor and friend. Captain McDugle will be missed and loved. Daddy, with tearful eyes we watched you slip away but we will treasure our time forever. No words or tribute could ever do you justice because of who you are and what you have done. We love you Dad! A memorial service will be Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Services will be held at the Walker County Storm Shelter/Hearts Museum. Celebration of Larry's achievements and life will be held after memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made to: The 100 Club, 5555 San Felipe St, Ste 520, Houston, Texas 77056-2733. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry D. McDugle*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Larry&I went to washington jr high in 61.We had paper routes together with the houston chronicle.Our girlfriends beverly&arlene were best friends,so there many double dates in the 55 chevy with the duntov cam&flexipipe dual exhausts. There was a hole in the grill where the cam went in.Didn't pull the engine.Larry his dad&I took a vacatation together to Arkansas&southen Missouri.I went back to ga.&saw him once more@Pickens st. when I came back to Houston on Navy leave in 63.So sorry I lost contact.We were good little hellions.Just happened to look him ur on face book.*

Mickey Jones - July 05, 2012 at 07:06 PM



“ *To the family of Larry McDugle, I send my deepest sympathies. We have known Larry since he first came on the HPD scene in 1974. We attended the same church for many years & I came to know Larry as a man of his word. He was an upstanding individual with whom you always knew where you stood. May the Lord grant each of you peace that passes all understanding & may you find strength at this time to endure those thing you never thought possible. My deepest regards!*

Denise Snyder-Pharries - January 18, 2012 at 07:35 PM



“ *Kevin and family I am so sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts are prayers are with you.*

Shannon Nunneley Poldrack - January 17, 2012 at 05:21 PM

SS

“ To Larry's family,
I am saddened to hear about Larry's passing away, but I know he is no longer in pain and is resting in our Savior's Arms.
I pray God will keep all of you close to His side in the days to come.
Shannon Skains Sims - daughter of Nell Skains

Shannon Skains Sims - January 12, 2012 at 08:57 PM

PD

“ Larry McDugle has gone to be with Jesus. Everyone else will be going sometime too. Good to see no deeds go unnoticed, especially by law enforcement personnel, as Judgment Day approaches.

Phillip Donald - January 12, 2012 at 10:55 AM

BM

“ This man really touched my life. He had great vision only interrupted by those who said "you can't do that" and then he did, proving them wrong. He was always supportive of my actions even when I made a lateral transfer out of the Police Department. If it had not been for Larry I never would have touched a computer much less make a lucrative career in the IT Industry. He will be missed...for who he was and all that he did...

Bill Michaelson - January 10, 2012 at 02:24 PM

VP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Larry. I first met him when I bowled on a league with him. He was a wonderful person, and very caring. I know he is going to be missed by those of us that he has touched both professionally and as a friend. May God Bless you during this sad time and your family are in my prayers.

Vicki Pledger - January 09, 2012 at 01:55 PM

NB

“ *Lorra,*

So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Nicole Boston - January 09, 2012 at 08:39 AM

LG

“ *Kevin,*

We are sorry to hear about your dad. Please let your brother and sister know that we are thinking about all of you. It will get better with time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry & Martha Grisham

Larry & Martha Grisham - January 07, 2012 at 11:33 PM

WJ

“ *I feel blessed to have known Captain McDugle through my childhood in Huntsville and then later working with him at the Sheriff's Department. He will be remembered so fondly by all who knew him. Our prayers are with the family at this time.*

Wendy Jasper-Martinez - January 06, 2012 at 07:54 PM

NV

“ *Thoughts are prayers are with the family of a great guy. This is a big loss to this community but the memories will live on forever as we tell our stories to others. God Bless and Keep you close.*

N Venette - January 06, 2012 at 09:08 AM

PH

“ To the family of Larry; we were saddened to hear the passing of Larry. While we hadn't seen Larry in quite some time he has left an impression on our lives. To know Larry was one of the blessings in life. You always knew if you needed a helping hand he would be there. We are comforted only in knowing that Larry is no longer suffering but in the hands of the Father. Larry will surely help to make Heaven a little safer as he did Huntsville. RIP Love Pete and Susan Hayes

Pete and Susan Hayes - January 05, 2012 at 07:17 PM

CF

“ Kevin and Family, we are truly sorry for your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck Grisham & Family - January 05, 2012 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. It was a pleasure to have known Larry and he will be greatly missed.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 and Staff - January 05, 2012 at 11:07 AM

BT

“ We will miss Larry very much. A true friend that was always there when we needed him.RIP. Deepest sympathy to the children.

Barry Pollack,Ina & Moma Tess - January 04, 2012 at 05:51 PM

SY

“ Lorra, sorry to hear about your loss.you are in my prayers.

Sharon York - January 04, 2012 at 05:24 PM

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“ I began working with Larry in 1985 when I started working for Texas State Parole and continued until my retirement in 2006 as Justice of the Peace for Walker County Pct. 2. He was one of the most professional law enforcement officers I had the pleasure of working with. He will be missed by me as well as the entire community. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, his family, may you all find peace.

Amy Bradley, JP (retired) - January 04, 2012 at 03:44 PM

CW

“ Dear Lorra,

So sorry to here of your dad, he was a great man.

Caroline Walker & Rachel Cockcroft

CAROLINE A WALKER - January 04, 2012 at 02:37 PM

HM

“ I had the priviledge to work for Captain McDugle when I was with the Sherrif's Department. He was such a great supervisor and I truly appreciate the things I learned from him in my tenure there. I now work for HPD and am priviledged to work for and with individuals that knew and worked with or for Captain McDugle. His knowledge was boundless. He will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace Captain. Your time on Earth is through, but you will live on in our hearts and memories.

Hollie, Chris & Rope Mitchell - January 04, 2012 at 12:02 PM

TD

“ I was truly fortunate to have been able to work for Larry McDugle. His leadership and guidance make him one of the most respected law enforcement officers that I have known. When 205 got on the radio it would definitely make you sit up straight in your patrol car. In the days before cell phones when the call went out on the radio 205 to 297 respond to my office I was sure I was in some sort of trouble but then I'd get to the PD and he'd send me out to the shop to pick up copier paper. Good memories of a great guy.

Thomas Dawson - January 04, 2012 at 11:18 AM

SG

“ It was with heartfelt sadness that I learned of Larry's Passing. I served on several committees with Capt McDugle and came to know him well. I shall miss him. My prayers go out to his family.

Sandy Glisson - January 04, 2012 at 11:02 AM

PM

“ Larry McDugle will surely be missed by all who new him. To his children, I have lost a parent a few months back so i totally get the all the different emotions you are going thru. My prayer is that you can take some comfort in knowing how well your Dad was loved and respected. He had that deep, strong, authoritative voice but behind it was a very kind hearted, sweet man. He always offered me help. He never failed to come by and check on me when he was at my building and it was because he truely cared about people. It was an honor to know your Dad.

Phyllis Morrison - January 04, 2012 at 10:33 AM

AJ

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Larry. He was a good person and friend. My prayers are with the family.

Arthur L. Jacoby - January 04, 2012 at 10:12 AM

KT

“ I worked with Larry for a number of years and was always amazed at what he could tell you at a moments notice. All bark and very little bite, I was proud to call him friend. My sympathy and prayers are with the family during their time of such great loss. May God bless you all.

Katrina Thomson - January 04, 2012 at 10:11 AM

CD

“ It's funny how someone you work with can shape your life so much.....I always thought that my mother was the only one with the "all seeing eye" until I went to work with the Sheriff's Department. Lt. kept all of us "kids" in line and didn't mind "straighten" us out when we waivered. Just when you thought that he was the toughest old bird you knew, he'd show you a side of him you never expected. Even though it has been several years since I worked with him, I always knew that he was only a phone call away if I was having any questions or trouble finding an answer. He led by example, you continue to learn throughout life.....never be content with what you know.....always seek and learn more. Thank you Lt. for being part of my life.

Chrissy Sonsel Dahse - January 04, 2012 at 09:58 AM

MC

“ Larry has always been the toughest and kindest man I ever knew. I met him first as a veteran and then as an employer. His dry sense of humor often left you wondering if you had just been chastised or joked with. Those of us who were blessed to know him will never forget him. Mine and my family's prayers go with Larry and with his family. Yours will always be a lasting memory, Larry. Go with God!

Michelle Cosper - January 04, 2012 at 08:46 AM

PP

“ *What a gentle giant Larry was...lots of bark and sometimes a small bite or two but always kind. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him. Rest in peace Larry. Many prayers to Larry's family. May you find strength in knowing is in a better place.*

Paula Pemberton-Kelm - January 03, 2012 at 11:59 PM

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“ *Kevin, Lorra, James and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Nancy Pretzer (Gray) - January 03, 2012 at 07:09 PM

M(

“ *Larry was a model law enforcement officer and a valued friend. He always put the profession above his personal goals. He was an inspiration to many throughout the state. I believe heaven is a little safer with Larry on duty. Thanks for your service.*

Mike Gougler Cmdr. DPS (retired) - January 03, 2012 at 04:05 PM

DE

“ *Larry was very special to me through the years and he did what he loved. I met him while he was at Huntsville Police Department many years ago and you could always depend on a firm answer to a question, a solution to a problem and a friend's consolation when you needed one. I will miss him and I know his Walker County Sheriff's family feels the same way. He was always hopeful that he was going to be better, but it just is not our decision about that final journey. Miss you always. Dana*

Dana Eckles - January 03, 2012 at 02:12 PM

JS

“ To the children of Larry D. McDugle: Having also lost my father, I empathize with the feelings of loss you are experiencing, but find comfort in knowing my father, and Larry, are in a place where they are as we will always remember them – strong and confident men that we loved. Hopefully you can find some comfort in knowing how your father touched so many lives in the law enforcement community and beyond. He was a leader, mentor, and friend. I’m sure many of us failed to express our thanks, appreciation, and feelings of admiration to Larry when we could, but I wanted you all to know how much your father meant to me. I consider it an honor to have served this community with your father, and to be able to call him my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jean L. Sanders - January 03, 2012 at 11:42 AM

MH

“ My prayers go out to the family. Larry was a true friend and great to be around with. I knew Larry for many years at work and as a true friend. Larry was a great work partner who took his oath of law enforcement seriously, which I respected a lot. But the most was that he was personal and cared for not only those he worked with but our community.

M Hyvl - January 03, 2012 at 11:07 AM

SC

“ It was my greatest honor to work with and be supervised by such a great law enforcement icon. Larry McDugle was my first contact in my pursuit of starting my law enforcement career. He hired my 21 year old, 135 lbs lanky bean pole butt as a reserve deputy for Walker County. Later on he would interview me for a full time patrol deputy spot and award me the greatest honor of serving my community. His deep voice was always comforting to hear when all hell was breaking loose and scared the crap out of me when he put his radio number in front of mine and called me out because of one of my rookie dumb butt mistakes. Or having him call me at the house the next morning after i just got to sleep from working the night shift, to ask what the hell are these fraternity boys doing in my office wanting to pay for a car radio antennna. Yes, I caused him grief and for that I am sorry. I guess in short, he touched all of our lives in different ways, shapes and certainly forms! He will be greatly missed and I for one am certainly grateful to have known such a law enforcement icon such as Larry Don McDugle. Thanks Capt!

Stephen Countz - January 02, 2012 at 11:13 PM

PG

“ I have worked in/around law enforcement for over 20 years. Five of the best years were spent while I was employed at the Walker County Sheriff's Department. Larry was my supervisor in C.I.D. and I learned more from Larry in those five years than the other years combined. I have the upmost respect for Larry. We spent many hours on the back porch visiting with other personnel and we got to know the real Larry. He was a terrific man and he was a true law enforcement officer. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and the law enforcement community.

Paula Gourlay - January 02, 2012 at 10:43 PM

GS

“ The news of Larry’s passing is very sad. What a great supervisor and a friend. Thanks for your leadership, guidance and friendship. Oh, yes and possessing the ability to scare the bee-goobers out of all the rookies, myself included. You will be missed greatly! 205, 10-24, 10-42...

GP Shearer - January 02, 2012 at 08:12 PM

BS

“ I had the upmost respect for Larry and was glad to have worked with him for many years. You will be missed because you left a very large gap, not only in Law Enforcement, but among your friends and family as well. I am so glad I knew you.

Bobby Sanders - January 02, 2012 at 06:07 PM

BN

“ Larry, I know you are out of pain now, but you will be deeply missed. You were such a good neighbor and always helpful when needed. Walker County will have a void in it's Sheriff's Department without your presence. Prayers for your family during their time of sorrow.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - January 02, 2012 at 04:13 PM