



Marvin Lee "Sleepy" Fallin

January 25, 1949 - January 27, 2010

Marvin Lee "Sleepy" Fallin, born January 25, 1949 in Brownsville, Texas, passed away at the Michael DeBakey Veteran's Hospital on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Sylvan Fallin Sr. and Ethel Lillian Fallin. He is survived by his wife Judi McGrew Fallin, his son Walter Lee Fallin, stepson Joe McGrew and fianc  Michelle Dasenbrock, brother Lloyd Fallin Jr. and wife Judy, brother Edward Fallin and wife Donna, and sister Barbara Jean Van Tassel and husband Charles, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and many cherished friends.

Services will be held at the VFW Hall at 1303 Semands, Conroe, Texas on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. A private interment will be held at a later time at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and was involved in various veterans' associations.

You are invited to leave condolences to the family on Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home-Willis, website at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Lee "Sleepy" Fallin*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I've tried to find you for years and today as I'm riding into Houston from Austin I find this obituary. My heart is heavy to read of your passing.*

You will never be forgotten as I too have a lot of great memories with you.

Honi

Honi Beck Canon - May 09, 2018 at 02:28 PM



I knew Marvin back in the 60's, went fishing and playing cards with him and my dad. He was truly a great guy. Wondered and tried to find him for a while, so sorry to hear of his passing. R.I.P. My friend. Tom Jones

Tom Jones - October 06, 2023 at 10:10 PM

“ This winter I was remembering an old friend, one who I hadn't seen in many years, & his birthday bonfires: On what seemed to be the coldest day of the year, my old friend would faithfully build a raging bonfire & merrily invite friends to come & enjoy! At first I thought : Who would ever think to attempt such an event in this cold weather? But year after year, people would come & enjoy, & year after year, his fires warmed everyone, & Sleepy always made room for all. As true in everyday life, the fires of Sleepy's loving, warm friendship & passion for life insulated many from the cold.

I missed my old friend & was considering to look him up, hoping to let him know what a powerful figure he was & maybe enjoy a bit of rekindled friendship. Instead, too soon, I find myself not knowing quite how to offer heart-felt sympathies to the significant people in Sleepy's life. Sleepy was such a remarkable person, though, that there is much to be said as I remember your husband, father, brother, & friend. Sleepy was a unique, definitely one-of-a-kind leader of a man with many dimensions of talent:

'Sleepy The Artist' had a perceptive vision for tiny, perhaps even obscure details in people as well as objects, that only he had the ability to enhance into fine qualities.

'Sleepy The Builder' could easily unite teams of people to strive toward positive outcomes as easily as he could construct homes & buildings.

'Sleepy The Teacher' was integrally strong to be honest within himself & encourage honesty from others. He demonstrated boldness to timid hearts.

'Sleepy The Counselor' supported people as they found ways through their own unknown emotional territories.

'Sleepy The Friend' never let go of the people he cared about, & he did all this & more with love.

An early memory of 'Sleepy the Visionary' brings to mind him showing me a photo he'd taken of his hand: In the close-up he was holding a deeply hued,transluscent, prism-like bobble, directing, "Do you see that, do you see that? Look at that!" in referenceto the brilliant beam shining through the bobble. I can still hear Sleepy's voice asking the same, "Do you see that?" & see the gleam in Sleepy's bright, smiling eyes revealing Sleepy's well-known secrets to life's happiness: to approach every situation with enduring, compassionate love & the ease of a hearty laugh.

I wish comfort to Sleepy's special people. Sleepy left behind a legacy of admiring friends. The spirit of Sleepy dwells in lifelong impressions that will live forever in our hearts. I feel lucky to have known Sleepy.

Morganne - February 06, 2010 at 06:15 PM

PR

“ *To Sleepy: You will be remembered fondly, you affected my life in a most unexpectedly positive way.*

To Judi: I've known you for most of my life, my heart goes out to you. I will be there for you and your son Joe as long as I live.

My deepest condolences to all who feel the loss of Sleepy. He will be greatly missed by many.

Paul Rose - February 05, 2010 at 01:41 PM

RS

“ *Marvin Lee it is so hard to believe you have left us. May God Bless you and your family. We know you are in a better place now. Just keep smiling as you enter the Kingdom of Heaven. To all family and friends I feel the loss you do, I offer my condolences and sympathy.*

*Respectfully Submitted
Your Cousin
Robert Smith*

Robert Smith - February 05, 2010 at 12:10 AM

KG

“ *We knew Sleepy way back when in the late 70's. We only lived in Texas a short time but he touched our hearts he was a Very sweet and funny man. RIP*

Kathy and John Gomez - February 03, 2010 at 04:51 PM

NH

“ *Sorry to hear the news about Sleepy. Our thought and prayers and with you Judi and his family. Luckily he left us with many, many fond memories, some legal and some not so, his spirit will always be with us.*

Neil & Verna Horrigan - February 03, 2010 at 10:11 AM

CW

“ *there was a time, Sleepy Fallin. There was a time~ RIP*

Cindy Giles Wolters - February 03, 2010 at 12:16 AM

JA

“Lloyd, I am sorry to hear of your younger brother, Marvin Lee's passing. I know it is a very sad time in your life. It may remind you of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." May the Lord bless you and your family today with the memory of Marvin Lee and the knowledge that God loves each and every one of us even unto death.

Jim

Jim Alford - February 02, 2010 at 12:42 PM

JM

“Awe, what a wonderful photograph! Pictures the true Sleepy. Don't think I ever met any of Sleepy's family, except Edward. He would remember me as Jackie's sister. Some really great times were shared with Sleepy - many adventures - all fondly remembered. He never showed me anything but kindness and generosity - shared everything. His heart was sweet - he lived for the moment - he left many friends. Sleep tight, sweet prince. Jami

Jami Stroope Meyers - February 01, 2010 at 03:18 PM

JM

“ Here's to a dear ole friend, Sleepy. Always full of good natured antics and the one that brought life to a lot of parties. We had some large times and some awesome camp fires together, back in the days of ore. Let's not forget to mention some good food and drink too. He liked the element of surprise and to make sure his friends had a good time. I miss the special calling cards he always left when popping in for a missed visit. He would inconspicuously rearrange something around our place, to let us know he had been there. It was a neat way of letting us know he had stopped by. For years now, everytime I see something out of place, I think of him and wonder if he has been there. I guess now, I'll wonder if he's sending me a message from the other side. He was always good to go and Lord knows, always on the go. Flying solo most everywhere he went. I enjoyed years of good friendship, some good fishing and have fond memories of the places we use to go. It's hard to say goodbye to an ole friend. But I would imagine he's stoking a nice warm campfire right now preparing for his visit with his maker, family and friends. Thanks for the warm feeling you stirred inside me Sleepy. It was fun philosphizing with you and knowing you were always around. I pray you're free of any pain now. With deepest sympathy to the ones you left behind.

Love,
Jackie

Jackie Whitfield McKey - February 01, 2010 at 02:35 PM

AH

“ I will miss you Sleepy - I have so many fun memories of you at all the VFW activities. You will be greatly missed. Mindy (deployed in Afganastan right now) asked that I send you her condolences to your family and see you on the other side. Rest in Peace Sleepy.

Alicia Little Bit Helton - February 01, 2010 at 12:02 PM

SH

“ Thoughts and prayers for Sleepy's family during this time of great loss. Sleepy was certainly a bright original and who could ever forget that smile!

Sharon Holmes - February 01, 2010 at 10:33 AM

CW

“ So our beloved sassy Sleepy now sleeps! I wish I could be there with all the friends & loved ones that I KNOW will be there to say Goodby I am with ya's in spirit-- If I still drank the fire water I would certainly have some Kessler for ya Sleepy! Will always remember & be grateful for the times (ALL OF THEM) we shared! BaYou!! Cindy Williams>>>>

Cindy Williams - January 31, 2010 at 09:58 PM

RJ

“ Our sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Sleepy.

Reace James - January 31, 2010 at 01:15 PM

LI

“ Sleepy lived his life exactly how he wanted and did exactly what he wanted to do. He was fearless, strong-willed and opinionated. You never wondered where he stood on any issue! He had a great smile and a good heart. He will be sorely missed.

Linda - January 29, 2010 at 01:12 PM

RA

“ Judi, you are in my prayers.

Rita O'Quinn Atkins - January 29, 2010 at 12:43 PM

DE

“ *We love you and will miss you more than you know. God bless!*

Dennis - January 29, 2010 at 11:44 AM