



Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter

September 25, 1941 - July 23, 2015

Stephen S. (Mad Dog) Graeter, 73, of Montgomery, Texas, was born on September 25, 1941 and passed away on July 23, 2015 at his home in Montgomery, Texas. Memorial service will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 20850 Eva St., Montgomery, Texas on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 2:00 PM with Captain Ronnie Silvio of the Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Office officiating. Fellowship will follow at Lone Star Community Center, 2500 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery, Texas.

Stephen was born in Shreveport, LA. to Russell & Edith Graeter on September 25, 1941. He went to high school at Longview High School and graduated in 1960. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1961 & served as an Air Policeman, training sentry dogs in Toul-Rosieres Air Base, France. He went on to earn a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University and graduated from the National FBI Academy. He worked as a law enforcement officer for Celina PD, Carrollton County Sheriff's Dept, Harris County Sheriff's Dept, & Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. He enjoyed golf and working in his yard and mentoring potential law enforcement officers. (He was always looking for recruits). He received Officer of the year award in 1978, Legion of Honor Award and Silver Star for Bravery both in 1983. and was involved at teaching at both Harris and Montgomery County Sheriff's Academies.

Stephen was preceded in death by his father and mother Russell and Edith Graeter. He is survived by his wife Deborah Graeter of Montgomery, brother and wife, Bill and Janie Graeter, daughters Rhonda and Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Graeter, son Scott Graeter, stepson Tommy Benson, step daughters Melanie and husband Conrad Lee and Deborah Jo and husband Lee McLean, granddaughters Julie Dykes, Kori Davis and Breann Nobles, step granddaughter Stormi Lee, step grandsons Hayden Benson, Lee Kenen, Aiden, Seth and Devlen McLean, great grandsons Zachary and Christian Dykes, niece Stephanie and husband Don Jeffrey, nephew William (Skipper) Graeter, grandnephews Matthew and Christopher Jeffrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to National Cancer Society or Lone Survivor Foundation. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Montgomery and Harris County Sheriff's Departments.

Written memorials to the family at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Montgomery

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ 1 file added to the album Toul Air Force Base 1963



John K. Gergen - August 31, 2024 at 07:26 PM

JG

“ I served with Steve from 1961 to 1964 in the USAF. We went to Air Police School together and were both assigned Toul Rosieres Air Base, France. We were in the same Flight together when we arrived. Later Steve switched to K9 squadron and shortly after I did to. In 1963 I was promoted to A/1 class and became his K9 Flight Commander. As his flight leader and Bay chief we spent many an hour drinking and laughing together with our flight. Unfortunately Steve got demoted several times for drinking and fighting. As his flight commander I never had a problem with him. He was just having a hard time adjusting to the Air Force and the boredom of long hours of standing duty. It was not easy on any of us. It is sad to see he passed away, but he had a great career in Law Enforcement. I am so happy to hear this. He was a great guy and fellow Trooper. A final salute to my fellow Airman I served with.

John K. Gergen - August 31, 2024 at 07:05 PM



“ Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

RB

“ A big guy, with a big heart and a big character. Thank you for making me laugh and being my buddy. You will be missed dearly. But never forgotten. The legend lives on.... My heart and prayers go out to D.K. and the family. See you on the other side, my friend.
Much love,
Rebecca (Becky) Brown

Rebecca Brown - August 08, 2015 at 05:30 PM

AD

“ Stephen was tough as nails, sure glad he was on my team! Many stories and great memories. It all started when I met Billie Frances, he was asked to run me out of town ... He met me, we shook hands and he switched sides. Sure glad he did, we made a great team! He will be truly missed!

Arlen Dunham - August 08, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter.



August 07, 2015 at 08:11 PM

TS

“ Captain Graeter: Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Tommy Scott, 46C, Houston Fire Department

Tommy Scott - August 07, 2015 at 07:17 PM

JN

“ *John & Suzanne Nobles purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter.*



John & Suzanne Nobles - August 07, 2015 at 03:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter.*



August 07, 2015 at 01:25 PM

HL

“ *Stephen was one of the most respected classmates of Longview High School class of 1960. Harvey Long.*

Harvey Long - August 07, 2015 at 10:11 AM

DS

“ *I will always be grateful for the man I called Uncle Steve! He is a lifelong family friend who always had my back! No one and I mean No One was ever to hurt me or make me feel less than a perfect angel! When I ever doubted myself, one call or text across many miles and I was reassured of my self worth and beauty! After 50 years I was still told "I love you baby girl". Forever in my heart, until we meet again walking the streets of gold! I love you Uncle Steve!*

Diana Dunham Sellers - August 07, 2015 at 09:02 AM

BD

“ He was my friend from 3 years old to 73. If Stephen was your friend he was loyal forever. He was a good man to have you back if it took a lot of action or just a few kind words. My deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and children. He will be missed by many.
Billie Frances Dunham

Billie Frances Dunham - August 06, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ Rest In Peace. Say Hi To Misti Bluth & Kenneth Bowyer For Me In Heaven. You Were A Good Person Loved By Many. *Charlene Myers*

Charlene Myers - August 06, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter.*



August 06, 2015 at 11:28 AM

LB

“ *Steve was one of a kind. A cop's cop. Never did back down from a challenge and dare the person to challenge him. It was a pleasure working under him at MCSO. Larry Brandt, MCSO, retired.*

Larry Brandt - August 05, 2015 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stephen S (Mad Dog) Graeter.



August 05, 2015 at 03:11 PM