



Wayne Douglas Howard

April 21, 2012

Wayne Douglas Howard Wayne Douglas Howard entered this world on June 26, 1945, to Jewel Rannals Griffith in Paris, Texas. He left this world on April 11, 2012, in Huntsville, Texas. He was a loving and supportive husband to Karen Leah for 42 years. He was a stern but caring father to his children: daughter, Karen Ann Buchanan of Houston, Texas, and sons, Sean Patrick and Michael Brian, of Huntsville, Texas. He also was a wonderful big brother to his sister, Kyletta Faye Miller, of Plainview, Texas, and a grandfather to Stephen Buchanan of Houston, Texas. As a young boy, he was turned on to books by an elementary school teacher and developed a voracious appetite for reading. Even into adulthood, you never saw him go anywhere without a book in hand. He was a true blue country boy at heart, who loved the country lifestyle with all the poignant smells of farm and ranch. He loved it so much that he wanted to “box” the smell and sell it, for surely there were others who felt the same way as he. He was never afraid of hard work, as he worked as a ranch hand for many places between Texas and New Mexico. This work ethic served him well throughout his life. He proudly served the United States Air Force as an Air Policeman for four years, during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He then served and retired from the United States Navy after 23 years as Chief Master-at Arms. He served on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier during the Iranian Hostage Crisis and then served on the USS McDonough. Upon retiring, he moved to idyllic Huntsville in 1992 and started working for HISD in Transportation as a bus driver for several years. Later, he briefly worked for

TDCJ at the Eastham Unit, until it became too difficult to continue working, due to his multiple health problems. Thereafter, he loved his country living and passed the time either reading, napping, watching Food Network, puttering with his honey-dos, or watching over his passel of various farm animals. He was a good man who did his best, the best way he knew how. He will surely be missed by all those who loved him and who were touched by him. Funeral services with military honors for Mr. Howard will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Huntsville, Texas on Saturday, April 21, 2012, 10:30 a.m. Family will receive friends Friday, April 20, 2012, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Mr. Howard will lie in state Friday, April 20, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. There will be a private burial at a later date. Serving as pallbearers will be his sons, Sean Patrick and Michael Brian; his brothers-in-law, Donald Seyfert and Jerry Weiser of Friendswood, Texas; Rick Zeplin of Pearland, Texas. Memorial donations may be made to: American Heart Association, PO Box 841125, Dallas, and TX 75284-1125 or online at www.heart.org Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Douglas Howard

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Typical big brother... got me into trouble all the time, just for following him around, wanting to be included. So long, Douglas, and I'll see you in Heaven.

Blessings on Karen and the kids.

Kyletta - April 21, 2012 at 07:53 PM



“ I am praying for you during this time. I hope you can sense the love and support of friends and neighbors.

Pam Huggins - April 19, 2012 at 09:32 AM



“ *The Broken Chain by Ron Tranmer*

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly; In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose. You did not go alone; for parts of us went with you. the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide; and though we can not see you. Youatr always by our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one the Chain will link again.

Kelly

Kelly Summers - April 18, 2012 at 08:43 PM

GA

“ Wayne will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I worked with him at HISD Transportation for many years and he was always willing to do whatever was needed of him.

Gail - April 17, 2012 at 05:00 PM

BC

“ What can I say about Doug.....He was a very kind, sweet and good man, and I feel Blessed to have been able to call him a friend for almost 50 years....doesn't seem that long ago we were all hanging at the base pool.... Karen, my heart goes out to you and the kids. I know you have a hole that can never be filled. Remember he may be gone, but all who knew him will never forget....find comfort in your memories and knowing that he is in a better place.

Betty Sue Creech-Perry - April 15, 2012 at 08:17 PM

BH

“ We both pray that your faith will keep you all strong during this time and that your family and friends will be of great comfort as you plan this celebration of the life of your husband, father and grandfather. But most of all to remind you that your Heavenly Father is always waiting to console you, and will be with you forever.

Bob & Ruth Hendrickson - April 14, 2012 at 03:04 PM

BF

“ Kind, Intelegent, witty, interesting, handsome...Mr. Larry E. Miller. Blessed and happy to have known him....that's me, Bridget Jones Weedn Frickanisce

Bridget Weedn Frickanisce - April 13, 2012 at 08:41 PM