



Mr. L. Dale Summers

May 21, 1949 - June 20, 2019

Funeral services for L. Dale Summers 70, of Henderson will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Bar None Cowboy church with Jason Taylor officiating. Interment will be at Rusk County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson.

Leonard Dale Summers died Thursday June 20, 2019 at his home after battling Cholangiocarcinoma under the care of Angel Care Hospice of Henderson. He was born May 21, 1949 in Dermott Arkansas and lived in East Texas for over 60 years. He began his career in Law Enforcement in Harris County in the constable department. He also began the first police department in Mount Enterprise TX where he served as Chief of Police. His career moved him to Henderson, Kilgore and then Flower Mound Police Departments. He worked in the Denton County DEA Drug Task Force. After moving back to Henderson Dale was Eastern District Supervisor of Texas for the US Marshall Service for 15 years. He helped open Bradshaw State Jail and served as Captain. Most of Dale's career was spent at Rusk County Sheriff's Office for seven different Sheriffs. He ended his career as Lieutenant over the CID Division.

Family will receive friends from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM, with services following on June 22, 2019 at Bar None Cowboy church. Survivors include his wife Cassandra Jo Summers of Henderson; sons Scott Summers of North

Carolina, Dale F. and wife Dawn Summers of Pasadena; daughters Shana and husband Tony Gary of Longview, Rebecca and husband Brad Roy of Tyler, Kirby and husband Cody Edmondson of Longview; grandchildren Allison and husband Donald Patton of Kilgore, C.J. Gary of Austin, Brittany and husband Jamison Wright of Longview, Tyler and Ryder Edmonson of Longview, Lane Kelly of Longview and Maddix Roy of Tyler; and two great grandchildren Kinley and Bailey Patton of Kilgore, Brother Jerry Summers and wife Cindy of Lake Murval, and Brother in law Matt Holmes and wife Marilyn of Tyler. Numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Rusk County CID Sergeant's Johnathan W. Rhodes, Roy P. Cavazoz Jr., Austin W. Wright, Shane S. Perrault, Russell D. Smith, Jamie L. Yocom, and Blake L. Humber. Honorary pallbearers will be Matt and Mason Holmes, Derek Chatham, Brian Burre, and Mike Castle.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Rusk County Memorial Gardens

5013 US Hwy 259
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Bar None Cowboy Church
9162 HWY 43 E.
Tatum, TX 75691

Service

JUN 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bar None Cowboy Church
9162 HWY 43 E.
Tatum, TX 75691

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 21, 2019 at 03:47 PM

LS

That man was the best grandpa and sheriff, anyone could ever be.

Lane summers - April 03, 2025 at 08:26 PM

TI

“ Only one L Dale Summers at Flower Mound. I worked for him in Fort Lauderdale. We were at Owl Flex. We made components for A/C systems. This has been so long ago (try like '88). He had a little girl if I remember correctly (well she's not so little now). This is what impressed me about Dale.He was manager of factory operations at Owl Flex. Fran told me he's a cop. I was like , "oh great". I jumped the gun big time. I was talking with Dale. Told him I'd been in trouble with the law a few times in the past. Expected the worst. I was wrong. All cops I've run across,they hold your past against you. Not Dale. He told me,we all make mistakes. As long as I'm living within the law,he don't have a problem with me. Right there. That attitude. Dale is what law enforcement should be. He's a fair man. Stay on a straight path,that's all he ask of you. He won't hold your past against you. He puts law enforcement in a "positive". This is a freak occurrence that I ran across Dale like this. I don't care what anyone says,law enforcement is a lesser place without Dale.

Tim - September 04, 2024 at 12:14 AM

TJ

“ TRACIE JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



TRACIE JONES - June 25, 2019 at 10:55 AM

UN

Was he ever married to Rebecca Summers?

unknown - May 03, 2022 at 08:19 PM

CW

“ Cass and family, deepest condolences on the death of Dale. We pray for God's comfort for all of you.

Cyndi Walker - June 25, 2019 at 09:36 AM

RT

“ Ricky&Liz Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Ricky&Liz Thrasher - June 23, 2019 at 04:58 PM

LB

“ Rebecca, we are so very sorry for your loss. Thinking about you and praying for your whole family.



Lauren Walker Baker - June 23, 2019 at 04:00 PM

DS

“ Donna (Boatwright) Saffell lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Donna (Boatwright) Saffell - June 23, 2019 at 08:11 AM

BH

“ Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Bob & Sue Henderson - June 22, 2019 at 09:31 AM

TC

“ Tony & Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Tony & Anita Cavaliere - June 22, 2019 at 08:32 AM

SD

“ Sheritina Deville lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Sheritina Deville - June 21, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 21, 2019 at 02:35 PM

RB

“ Prayers For Your Family 🙏 🙏



Randy Bridges' - June 21, 2019 at 12:21 PM

JH

“ Jack And Barbara Hammett lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Jack and Barbara Hammett - June 21, 2019 at 11:16 AM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - June 21, 2019 at 11:03 AM

PC

“ *Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Paula Crim - June 21, 2019 at 10:37 AM

PD

“ *Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Pat Davis - June 21, 2019 at 09:57 AM

RS

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Cass and the family. Dale was a great man and will be missed by many.*

Ricki and Shannon Skelton

Ricki and Shannon Skelton - June 21, 2019 at 09:50 AM

RR

“ Rhonda Blevins Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Rhonda Blevins Roberts - June 21, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DD

“ Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Dixie Duncan - June 21, 2019 at 09:33 AM

SM

“ Shannon & Jason Mckey lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



shannon & jason mckey - June 21, 2019 at 09:31 AM

SS

“ Stephen And Stacey Strong lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Stephen and Stacey Strong - June 21, 2019 at 08:19 AM

PB

“ Prayers going up for the family in this difficult time.

Patti Capps Bryan - June 21, 2019 at 08:13 AM

LL

“ Lonnie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Lonnie Lewis - June 21, 2019 at 07:57 AM

AL

“ Lots of great memories.
RIP Dale and prayers for family.
A.L. Layne



A.L. Layne - June 20, 2019 at 11:53 PM

VA

“ Vernon Arthus lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Vernon Arthus - June 20, 2019 at 11:14 PM

JW

“ *Jack Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Jack Winfrey - June 20, 2019 at 10:46 PM

LW

“ *Lynn Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Lynn Winfrey - June 20, 2019 at 10:45 PM

CF

“ *Dale Summers was always a gentlemen! Very courteous, kind, and never over stepping boudaries. More people should should be like Dale Summers! He will be missed.*



Charlene Francis - June 20, 2019 at 10:29 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hlavaty sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Kathy Hlavaty - June 20, 2019 at 09:44 PM

RJ

“ Randy And Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Randy and Tracey Johnson - June 20, 2019 at 09:26 PM

SP

“ Steve/Renee Propes lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Steve/Renee Propes - June 20, 2019 at 08:40 PM

CB

“ Rest In Peace and Enjoy Heaven Lt. L. Dale Summers. Thank you for your courageous service and your willingness to to serve and protect the citizens of Rusk County and many other areas. You have a wonderful family and I'll never forget you. Prayers for Cass and the family.



Chad Boatwright - June 20, 2019 at 08:34 PM

BM

“ A good man that will be missed. God bless his family.

Bruce Mathis - June 20, 2019 at 07:59 PM

DM

“ I am so very sorry for your kids and your family will be in my prayers.
Debbie McAlister



Debbie McAlister - June 20, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ Been friends a long time with Dale. Worked with him thru the years in Law Enforcement also went to Church with him, he was a good friend and a Christian Gentleman. We're going to miss you brother.

Charles McDonald - June 20, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Dale. Y'all are all in pmy prayers.



Debra Dorsey - June 20, 2019 at 07:38 PM

SF

“ Sonja Maddux & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Sonja Maddux & Family - June 20, 2019 at 07:20 PM

HB

“ Prayers for this family!



Holli Bridges - June 20, 2019 at 06:51 PM

BB

“ *"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God".*

East Texas was most blessed to have had him Serve & Protect us. Our sincere appreciation and prayers go out to all his Nearest & Dearest.

Beverly A Brooks

Criminal Justice Planner

East Texas Council of Governments

Beverly A Brooks - June 20, 2019 at 06:32 PM

DP

“ *We are saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we are. Dale was a friend and a fellow officer to both of us..*



Prayers for his family,

Sheriff Danny and Dolly Pirtle

Dolly Pirtle - June 20, 2019 at 06:20 PM

AR

“ Alfred And Tami Ritter lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Alfred and Tami Ritter - June 20, 2019 at 05:53 PM

MP

“ Margie Moore Pennington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Margie Moore Pennington - June 20, 2019 at 05:42 PM

KW

“ Kathy Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Kathy Webb - June 20, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Donna Aaron - June 20, 2019 at 04:51 PM

MW

“ Dale was one of the best men I knew , he was a great friend ! He will be missed by many

Margie Woolverton - June 20, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Gayla Nail sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Gayla Nail - June 20, 2019 at 04:36 PM



Prayers for the family

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SM

“ Steve And Sandy McMurray lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



steve and sandy mcmurray - June 20, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ Amanda Sledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers



Amanda Sledge - June 20, 2019 at 04:30 PM

TF

“ *The Eubanks Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



The Eubanks Family - June 20, 2019 at 03:25 PM

JS

“ *Jesse & Genna Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Jesse & Genna Stewart - June 20, 2019 at 03:10 PM

JP

“ *Rest in peace Lieutenant. we sure are going to miss you.*

Jason Parker - June 20, 2019 at 02:37 PM

LS

“ *Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. L. Dale Summers*



Linda Simmons - June 20, 2019 at 02:29 PM