



## Ret. Sr. Corporal Charlie Wayne Hellen

June 3, 1944 - August 23, 2021

A celebration of the life of Ret. Sr. Corporal Charlie Wayne Hellen, 77, of Tyler, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021, in the chapel at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler with Rev. Kenny Ray, Rev. Ronnie Scott, and Jimmy Jackson officiating. Burial will follow at Elderville Cemetery in Elderville under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Thursday in the chapel at Green Acres as well as following the committal service in the fellowship hall at Centre Presbyterian Church in Elderville.

Mr. Hellen passed from this life on August 23, 2021, at his residence in Tyler. He was born June 3, 1944, in Scott County near Forrest, Mississippi to the late Charlie Woods Hellen and Myrna Opal Sorey Hellen. Wayne graduated from Kilgore High School in 1962 and went on to earn degrees from Kilgore College and Tyler Junior College. He dedicated his life to public service and served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. After his military service, Mr. Hellen went on to a long, successful career with the Texas Department of Public Safety as a State Trooper which included several years as the head of a drug task force. He retired in 2002 and later came out of retirement at the request of the director of DPS and served for several more years. Wayne was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Master Mason having been raised to a Master Mason on April 7, 1994 at Bullard Lodge #785

AF&AM. Mr. Hellen has also been a member of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler for 50 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William Delmar Hellen.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Betty Dianne Dorman Hellen of Tyler; daughters, Deena Dianne Hellen and Andrea Dee Hellen; grandchildren, Justin Lane Pope and Madelyn Dee Pope; sisters, Charlene Hellen Moore of Henderson and Laura Ann Hellen Parker and husband Clyde of Lake Cherokee; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family as well as many friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Justin Lane Pope, the retired DPS Tuesday Coffee Club members, and John Eric "Ric" Freeman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elderville Cemetery

15760 TX-322  
Longview, TX 75603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel  
1607 Troup Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75701

## Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Teresa Jordan Malone lit a candle in memory of Ret. Sr. Corporal Charlie Wayne Hellen*



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**Teresa Jordan Malone** - September 07, 2021 at 10:25 AM

DS

“ *I knew Wayne back in the 1960's and we shared a few experiences. He was a very kind and helpful person. I am sorry to hear of his passing and would like to offer my sympathy and my prayers to his family during this difficult time.*

*Don Sullivan Orange, Texas*

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**Don Sullivan** - September 05, 2021 at 09:27 PM

BT

“ *Belinda Rhodes Hammock, Austin, TX lit a candle in memory of Ret. Sr. Corporal Charlie Wayne Hellen*



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**Belinda Rhodes Hammock, Austin, TX** - September 02, 2021 at 05:01 PM

MP

“ Dianne, Wayne was the trooper that helped me out of my suburban after a bad wreck on I-20. As we were standing next to the guard rail he said this is dangerous with the rain and "if I say jump jump" right then an 18 wheeler topped the hill and crashed into the scene sending Wayne and me over the guard rail both rolling down a very steep embankment along with all the firemen at the scene. When we all realized we were ok we all crawled back up to the interstate. He was most happy with the trucker. He later came by to check on me in the ER even though I think he had hurt his knee. Every time I pass mile marker 550 I look down to my left and remember his warning and both of us rolling down the hill. Just a great guy. I think we later determined you were friends with my grandmother Dr. Prejean. David Prejean

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**M DAVID PREJEAN** - August 31, 2021 at 03:57 PM

MP

*Most unhappy with the trucker. And that was an understatement.*

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**M DAVID PREJEAN** - August 31, 2021 at 04:50 PM

KB

“ Wayne was a great law enforcement officer. I worked with him many years. He worked so many years serving our communities selflessly. I know what a sacrifice this was for him and his family. He was also my friend . Treated me like a daughter. I will be forever grateful to have known him.

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**Kathy Birt** - August 31, 2021 at 01:10 PM

RG

“ So sorry for the loss of Wayne. You are in our hearts & prayers during this difficult time.

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**Ronny & Martha Griffith** - August 31, 2021 at 11:40 AM

SO

“ Wayne will be dearly missed!! I met him while working at UT Health as a Medical Assistant. I always looked forward to his weekly appointments and we became fast friends. I was telling him at one of his appointments that I had applied with DPS and he said I am a retired trooper (he had never mentioned that on our visits). Wayne put in a good word to Lt. Kimble for me. I am so glad I got to know him and his wife! I will miss seeing you Wayne! RIP! Prayers for all his family and those who loved him.  
Shelly O.

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**Shelly O.** - August 30, 2021 at 08:46 AM

DS

“ Donna Saffell lit a candle in memory of Ret.  
Sr. Corporal Charlie Wayne Hellen



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**Donna Saffell** - August 29, 2021 at 07:44 PM

TJ

“ Sometime in the early to mid-1990's myself along with a few high school friends had been dove hunting in the Arp area, we had left the pasture and headed towards Hwy 64 where I failed to make a complete stop at a stop sign. A mile and half down the road Wayne already had a vehicle pulled over on Hwy 64, as I approached the traffic stop Wayne kindly waived me over too. He wrote me a warning and left me with the rest of my life to wonder how he knew of my failed complete stop. He was certainly legendary!

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**Tim Johnson** - August 29, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DE

“ Wayne was my Partner in 1994-1996 in Tyler. We got along Great and he was fun to work with. He taught me a lot in the short 2 yrs. we worked together. He always had a big Chaw of Tobacco and I didn't chew but he would offer me some and laugh when I turned him down. I last saw him a couple of years ago. It was great to see him. I Loved Ole Wayne and he was Red Patch through and through. A Great Guy. Rest In Peace Brother. Prayers for The Family.. 🙏

Darrell W. Estes - August 27, 2021 at 03:10 PM

AS

“ Wayne will be a presence missed and such a blessing. I have enjoyed the Tuesday's coffee talk, you would always come by to chat and say hello.

Amy Staines - August 27, 2021 at 02:35 PM

CS

“ Great man, great law enforcement officer. He will be truly missed.

Carol Smith - August 26, 2021 at 09:48 PM

JS

“ Sending thoughts and prayers. Wayne was such a good friend to Dennis and our family. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Judith Stewart

Judith Stewart - August 26, 2021 at 07:21 PM

JS

“ The world lost a very good man, we will miss him alot. See you again one day.

JS - August 26, 2021 at 01:12 PM

BB

“ On behalf of both the Brooks family/neighbors of Elderville & the Public Safety Division of the E TX Council of Governments, we pray Holy Spirit will fill ALL his Nearest & Dearest with our Lord's Comfort, Strength & Encouragement, during this time of temporary transition to life here without him. Gal. 6:2  
Well DONE Good & Faithful (Public) Servant!  
Beverly A Brooks - Criminal Justice Planner

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**Beverly A Brooks** - August 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RF

Wayne was as decent, honest , fair and honorable a man as i ever met ! He was a GIANT in the law enforcement and legal community and a true family man !

RF

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**ric freeman** - August 30, 2021 at 01:28 PM

SH

My mother in law and father in law were neighbors in Elderville for quite a long time. They were fine people and we love them and their son and daughter in law . hey were like family to us. Our children grew up together. I don't e\believe I had the pleasure of meeting Wayne he was always working, but his mother would always speak of him so I felt as if we knew the family. I am so sorry for the passing of a good man. Our condolence to his wife, Laura Ann, Jason, Jana and Romney. I pray for God to give you peace and comfort for the days to come. Sending our love to everyone.

Sue, Gene ,Pam, Michele, and Ashley .The Hester Family.

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**Sue Hester** - September 01, 2021 at 01:10 PM

CA

For sweet Diane and family, Bobby and I are sorry to hear of Wayne's passing.He made the world a better place. Love to you and yours . Bob Florence and classmate Charlotte Florence Autrey

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**Charlotte Autrey** - September 07, 2021 at 04:19 PM