

Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.

October 14, 1952 - June 19, 2014

Funeral services for Robert Earl Duke, Jr., 61, of Henderson, will be held at 4 pm on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Patsy Barham officiating. Burial will follow at Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Bobby was born October 14, 1952 in Odessa and passed away at Hospice of East Texas Homeplace in Tyler on Thursday, June 19, 2014. Born in the Texas oilfields, Bobby worked in the drilling industry most of his life. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and an award-winning archer. He served in the U.S. Army as a medic in Vietnam and Germany.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Earl Duke, Sr. and Era Maxine Hughes Duke; his baby brother, Boyd Duke; and his favorite aunt, Thelma Wood.

He is survived by legions of friends and loving family, including his wife, Alexa Powell Duke of Henderson; daughters Melanie Duke of Henderson, Tammy Duke of Ft. Worth, and Aryn Annalise Powell of Henderson, as well as four granddaughters who were the light of his life: Alyssa Breanne Duke, Jaiden LaFriniere, Kairi Oates, and Audrey Gates; a brother and sister-in-law, Steven & Zhana Duke of Tennessee; sister- and brother-in-law Lisa & Randy Cook of Henderson; brother- and sister-in-law Jay & Rachel Powell of West Columbia;

parents-in-law Jerry & Annabelle Powell of Angleton; and four loving aunts, Libby Hogue of Kilgore, Carolyn Toland of Sherman, Sheila Crone of Sherman, and Iris Guinn of Conroe.

Visitation will be held at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home from 6-8 pm on Monday, June 23, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Youth Activity Fund at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 214 College Avenue, Henderson, TX 75654, or to Hospice of East Texas Homeplace at 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Pallbearers will be Randy Cook, Jay Powell, Ryan Wisdom, Chris Dean, Bobby Colston, and Floyd Ashcraft.

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

Cemetery Details

Duncan Cemetery

9346 S County Road 454
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

JUN 24. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 22, 2014 at 02:19 PM

KM

“ *Kay Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Kay Murphy - June 23, 2014 at 08:35 PM

KM

Alexia and family, I know this is so hard on you. Wish I was there to hold you. If you need to get away to peace and quiet for awhile, my home is always your home. Come spend some time in Ms and watch the squirrels, and we will laugh and talk like we used to do.

Kay Murphy - June 23, 2014 at 08:39 PM

AL

Bless you, Kay... I wish I could! Imagining one of your hugs and listening to you laugh ;-) Love you, girl!

Alexa - June 26, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ *Alexa, our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. I am out of town and just learned of your husband's passing. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. Ken and Di Logan*



Di Logan - June 23, 2014 at 08:35 PM

AL

Thanks so much, Di. Y'all hug each other from me!

Alexa - June 26, 2014 at 08:49 AM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Roberta Vallantyne - June 23, 2014 at 05:04 PM

JS

“ *Jodi Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Jodi Smith - June 23, 2014 at 03:20 PM

LC

“ *Not another Bobby Duke anywhere. One of a kind.....*

Bobby Duke, I will miss you brother; I kept looking up at our last get together, expecting to see you sauntering up any minute. Rest easy old buddy, we'll all see each other again one day.

Larry Don Cook - June 23, 2014 at 03:03 PM

AL

*Remind me that I owe you a big hug when I see you next, Larry Don!
Love you ;-)*

Alexa - June 26, 2014 at 08:50 AM

LT

“ *Laura Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



laura tyson - June 23, 2014 at 01:15 PM

PD

“ *Paul & Wendy Dixon lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Paul & Wendy Dixon - June 23, 2014 at 10:48 AM

DD

“ Debra And Holly Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.



Debra and Holly Dorsey - June 23, 2014 at 09:41 AM

KA

“ Kevin, Diana And Haleigh Albrecht lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.



Kevin, Diana and Haleigh Albrecht - June 23, 2014 at 08:46 AM

KW

“ Kathy & Mark Wortham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.



Kathy & Mark Wortham - June 23, 2014 at 08:07 AM

DC

“ Debbie Carlile lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.



Debbie Carlile - June 23, 2014 at 12:20 AM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Bob & Sue Henderson - June 21, 2014 at 12:39 PM

JE

“ *Julie Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Julie Elliott - June 21, 2014 at 11:02 AM

JE

Spirit is eternal...

Julie Elliott - June 21, 2014 at 11:02 AM

AL

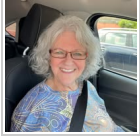
Love you, Julie. Thanks so much for coming in!

Alexa - June 26, 2014 at 08:51 AM

DT

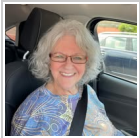
“ *bobby & his dad worked for me @ mustang drilling co. i never had anyone that i liked any better or did a better job than he did , a truely stand up guy. hey lord if you need someone you can count on bobby is there.*

danny thompson - June 21, 2014 at 09:44 AM



“ *May the grace of God's eternal peace cover you all as you go through this loss, hand in hand with Jesus. My prayers and love to you all,*

Stephanie Osteen - June 20, 2014 at 06:12 PM



“ *Stephanie Osteen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Stephanie Osteen - June 20, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ *He was a wonderful man. I did not know him as well as Alexa, but each time I saw him he was a gentleman. Thank you for your service to your country. We all will miss you, but see you again one day. Rest in the arms of Jesus.*

Roberta Vallantyne - June 20, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ *Mandy Welch Duke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Mandy Welch Duke - June 20, 2014 at 04:47 PM

CM

“ *Claudia Morgan-Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Earl Duke Jr.*



Claudia Morgan-Gray - June 20, 2014 at 02:19 PM



“ *Sending lots of love and prayers your way. Bobby will be deeply missed. Love you all, Jeff and Sherry Price*



Sherry Price - June 20, 2014 at 12:31 PM