



## Anthony Ruiz

February 18, 1954 - July 14, 2011

Robert Anthony Ruiz departed this life on July 14, 2011 and was taken from us too soon. Known as "Tony" to everyone who knew him, Tony was born in Biloxi, MS on February 18, 1954. He was the first son of Homero "Peppy" and Iona Ruiz. Tony graduated from Biloxi High School in 1972. Tony's first job was selling newspapers at Keeler Airforce Base in Biloxi, and he continued on with sales when he started working at JCPenny in Biloxi in 1972. He had a long career with JCPenny, advancing to Store Manager of Corsicana in 1998. He was a member of the Lions Club in Corsicana while he was the manager. He took early retirement from JCPenny's in 2003 after 31 years. Tony's true passion in life was a love for the outdoors and all that it entails. Deer and turkey hunting, and all kinds of fishing filled his life with friends and family from Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and most recently Texas. Through his close friends, Armin and Randy Piel he discovered West Texas and spent some of his happiest days in the hills surrounding Iraan, at the "Deer Lease". He so enjoyed his latest position working in the gun department at Gander Mountain in Corsicana, getting to talk about a subject so close to his heart. Tony came from a large family that includes 8 brothers and sisters. With a desire to start a family of his own in 1982, he married who he always referred to as "his lovely Bride" Pam. Tony and Pam welcomed their only child Jamie a year later. He took his daughter Jamie on hunting and fishing trips and never missed out on the fact that he didn't have a son to share it with. Throughout his life, Tony fought several serious bouts with cancer and was known to all who knew him

as a fighter. If you ask any person who knew Tony, they would say he was a great guy who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, always the first one to try and help in any way he could. Tony was preceded in death by his mother Iona Smith; step mother, Arlene Ruiz and nephew Joshua Harmic. Tony is survived by his wife Pam Ruiz; daughter, Jamie Starr and husband Brandon and first grandson Wyatt who is due in November; father Peppy Ruiz and step-mother Jane Ruiz; brothers Lavon Staten and wife Veronica, Ricky Ruiz and wife Sharon, Shawn Dickinson and wife Karen and Taino Ruiz; sisters Aloma Mello and husband Mark, Belinda Zitko and husband Mike, Kim Broderick and husband Mannie and Desiree Woroner and husband Chris as well as 29 nieces and nephews and 32 great nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held 2:00pm Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home with Leah Hidde-Gregory officiating. Visitation will be 1:00pm - 2:00pm Saturday, July 23, 2011 before the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Anthony Ruiz*

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“ *Lot of good memories of Baton Rouge, La. Tony was a great friend.*

**Tim Taylor** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Pam and Jamie: It truly saddens me to here of your loss of Tony. Tony was not just a co-worker and friend, but more like a brother to me. He was a great person. Our prayers will be with you. Love Dorothy and Chris.*

**Dorothy Crenshaw** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pam and Family,  
We are sorry to hear the loss of Tony.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Jamie. Know that Tony was very special to us and we will always have fond memories of him.  
Love to you and Jamie from,*

*Wayne and Sibyl*

**Wayne & Sibyl Wescovich** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with Tony's family and friends in Biloxi and in Corsicana.*

**Penny Hales Edwards** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Pam and family: We were saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in your memories and the love that you shared. God bless you.

*Henry & Michelle*

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**Henry & Michelle Trojacek** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Tony's family. He fought so many battles and beat the toughest and did it with such strong beliefs he'd win. His attitude and wonderful sense of humor, the love he had for his family and the friendship he share with so many are only a few of his attributes he shared with those who knew him. Tony, you are an inspiration and I am so grateful I could call you my friend. Peace and take that well deserved rest now.

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**Beverly Jock** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jamie,  
We are truly sorry for the unexpected loss of your father. Your heavenly Father is faithful to see you and your family through this sad time. Your treasured precious memories will help to heal.

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**Michael & Frankie Whisenant** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ He was a person that by knowing him your life would be enhanced. i still think how lucky he was, when he was riding in that boat with daryl parrish. could have taken his head off. thanks for allowing me to share a thought on this very sad occasion. you of course have my deepest sympathy.  
Holley Rogers.

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**Holley Rogers** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Although I did not know Tony, my son Joshua Williams always spoke so highly of him. I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss, and that my prayers are with you and your whole family.

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**Debbie Harris** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My heart, prayers and love are with you.

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**Shirley Wallace** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ sorry for your loss

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**Susan Robinson** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Pam, Jamie, Wyatt and Brandon you are in our prayers.

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**Jennifer Chapa** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Pam, Jamie, & Brandon....I am so very sorry for your loss. May each of you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let me know if I can do anything as I am only a phone call away. May God bless.

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**Kay White** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Keep strong. Our prayers are with you two. Remember, among your deepest grief, there is a blessing.  
Love,  
Carlos and Mary Garcia

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**Carlos and Mary Garcia** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Anthony Ruiz

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**Carlos and Mary** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I certainly hated to hear of Mr. Ruiz's passing. I worked for him numerous times both as a contractor and locksmith during his time at J.C. Penny. He was such a nice guy. I know that you will all miss him. Please accept my condolences.

Respectfully,  
C.D. Lipscomb

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**C.D. Lipscomb** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Jamie, Pam & family,  
We are so saddened by your loss. Tony was such a fun-loving man. He had such a personality, I doubt he ever met a stranger. He always wanted everyone around him to smile and be happy. He will be dearly missed by so many.  
We love you & are here for you.

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**Lisa & Darrell Buckner** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Hello Pam, I was shocked to hear of Tony's passing. I always thought of him as tough as nails and bulletproof, especially since I am 15 years his senior. Talked to him for the first time in over 20 years last month and he said you all were doing fine. We had many good times on the boat in Ft. Walton Beach and I really missed both of you when you left. But time goes on. We had talked about getting together this fall to do some gulf fishing. You have my deepest sympathy. Good luck and good health in the future. Larry Steyerman

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**Larry Steyerman** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our hearts were broken and sadden today by the news of Uncle Tony's passing. We ALL loved him so much. Our boys always treasured visits from Uncle Tony. He had the greatest sense of humor, loved fishing and what a GREAT cook. He couldn't believe that I put real fruit in a fruit bowl on the table and not plastic. We love you Aunt Pam and Jamie.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless our beloved Tony. He will always be in our loving memories and thoughts.

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**Ralph and Shelia Miller** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Pam, Jamie and family.*

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**Linda Henderson** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Pam & Jamie, We were so saddened to hear about the unexpected loss of Tony. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I feel so grateful to have met such and worked with such an awesome person. He will be deeply missed. God Bless You All!  
We are just a phone call away.*

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**Tammy Raymond** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I am Tony's cousin and my heart was broken in half when I heard of his passing. We had some good memories growing up of course I was older and he was always there following me everywhere. Tony was a very soft hearted person, I remember the times he would call me and we would talk about our times with our parents and we would sometimes cry over the phone about the memories. I also remember how much he loved Jaime and Pam. When we both lived in Ft Walton Beach, he would take Jaime for rides late at night because she would be crying and this would put her to sleep. What a good Dad! He was super close to my parents and they loved him so much. Tony Ruiz was a very special man and I will love and miss him forever.*

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**Julie Wescovich Grandy** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *PAM, I am so sorry for your lost I am here for you and your family please let me know if there is any thing I can do as simple as a hug if you need it. I will see you soon . love you my friend. Joann*

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**JOANN BEVER** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ i just found out about Tony and i am distraught because he was a unique person to work with and be around. i enjoyed his stories of hunting and life experiences.i shall make a special dedication for you Tony.

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**clyde** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Tony was a great friend and Buddy enjoyed all the fishing trips. I know he will be sorely missed. Just to know that he is now in a better place with no more pain. Take heart that he loved you both with all his heart and soul. If you need anything please call. God Bless you both. Love, Buddy and Jerienne

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**Buddy and Jerienne Livingston** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of a long time friend. Tony will be missed by the ones that had and opportunity to know him. Lots of good memories from the early penney days. My prayers are with all his family. Keith

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**keith booker** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Sorry to hear about Tony, he was always a good friend, and enjoyed his friendship.

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**Roy & nancy Aycock** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Was so shocked, and very sad to hear of Tony's passing.....we had many good times together, and will never forget how helpful he was to us in La.Hope Pam and the kids will be o.k.

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**Darrell Parrish** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My Prayer are with the Family . Very Sorry to hear Tony is not with us anymore. He was a True Friend , one that would take his shirt off his back , which he did for me and never will forget the favor he did for my family.

*My Condolence to the Family,  
Regina Dubon*

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**Regina Dubon** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Pam, I was sad to hear of Tony's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jamie, and your entire family.

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**Mark Neftzger** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Pam and Jamie.

*I want you two to know to hear about Tony's death.He was a great boss and I thoroughly enjoyed talking to him about West Texas.My prayers and thoughts to you two and the family.May God wrap his loving arms around you all and remember all the great memories that you all were able to make.He would have made a wonderful Granpa.Take care and God bless you all.*

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**Terry Clanton** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM