



Neal Ray Baggett

February 2, 1940 - August 17, 2018

Neal Ray Baggett, 78, of Corsicana found peace and rest in the arm of our Lord on Friday, August 17, 2018. Neal was born on February 2, 1940 in Dawson, Texas to Peter Franklin and Gladys Oneta Baggett.

As a young boy Neal took pride in his newspaper route. As an adult he spent a majority of his career in public service. His public service began at the Corsicana Police Department where he worked 13 years leaving at the rank of Sergeant. After leaving the Police Department he became a Reserve Deputy for the Navarro County Sheriffs Department. He remained in that capacity until his retirement in 2008. During this time he also served as City Commissioner for four terms. After which he became an Adult Probation Officer for Navarro County where he retired after 17 years. He spent a total of 39 years in law enforcement.

While a police officer Neal was affectionately known as "Neely Ray". His daughter was given his namesake Neely Renee. He met and married the love of his life LaDena Alexander who he met while working at the police department. They celebrated 36 years of marriage this past August 1st. He is remembered for his delightful smile and his easygoing personality. He was a champion for the downtrodden throughout his career. Neal was loved and will

be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife LaDena Baggett; daughter, Neely Renee Baggett of Corsicana; son, Danny Baggett and wife Shalin of Fort Worth; brother, Charles Leon Baggett of Decatur; sisters, Linda Carpenter and Gail Hoffman of Corsicana; granddaughters, Morgan and Madison Baggett; grandson, Peter Neal Baggett of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation with Neal's family will be Thursday evening from 6 - 8pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life service will be Friday, August 24, 2018 at 10:00am at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home with Rev. Lain Teele officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ryan Alexander, Jake Crawford, John Baggett, Austin Alexander, Alex Alexander and Dakota Baggett. Honorary pallbearers will be James Alexander and Shawn Alexander.

Memorial can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society online at www.donate.lls.org.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Family Visitation

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

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
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Celebration of Life

AUG 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Neal Ray Baggett*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 21, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Neal Ray Baggett*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

RG

“ I have interacted with Neil beginning as a young adult. Yea I made a mistake in life and his role was to supervise me. He lectured me every time I went in his office. I have nothing but respect for this man. He was never against me or presented himself as he was on the other side. I never knew until today he was a police officer or commissioner but now I know he had the experience that allowed him to understand that life happens people make mistakes and that does not at all define them .that With motivation , encouragement and compassion to care enough to at the very least ATTEMPT to lead someone in the right direction seemed to be his goal. I'd have to say he has helped far more folks than he realized , (if he even realized at all). I regret not ever expressing to him that all his lectures ,talks,and getting on to me did have an impact, even if it only put a thought in my head it was a step in the right direction at least. He probably should have been somewhat tougher but that smile did him in. I have the upmost RESPECT for this man ,I can honestly say he left a LASTING MARK on my life. Thank u Neil Baggett. I'm sure u didn't hear this near enough as u deserved.

Rebecca Gonzales - August 24, 2018 at 05:20 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Neal Ray Baggett.



August 22, 2018 at 06:07 PM

MS

“ *Marsha Nichols Stearman lit a candle in memory of Neal Ray Baggett*



Marsha Nichols Stearman - August 22, 2018 at 04:29 PM

RA

“ *Randyhughes lit a candle in memory of Neal Ray Baggett*



randyhughes - August 22, 2018 at 03:23 PM

RA

“ *prayers for Neal Ray Baggett Family*

randyhughes - August 22, 2018 at 03:22 PM

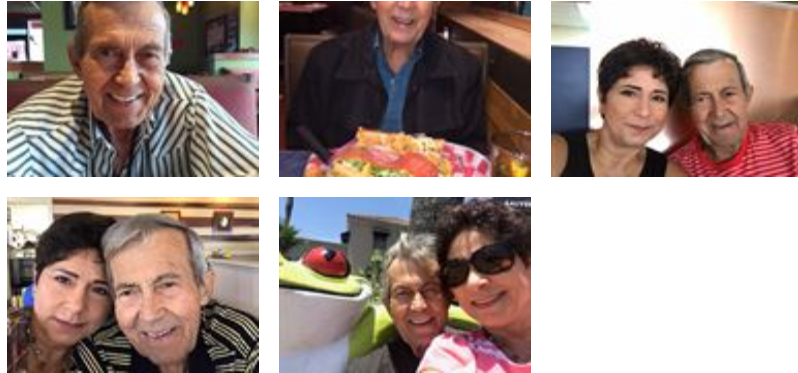
BN

“ *My condolences to the family. Neal was a great man that was kind enough to impart his wisdom and provide guidance to me as a new Probation Officer right out of college in the early 90s. Thanks for all the talks. RIP.*

Blu Nicholson - August 21, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - August 21, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ *Ladina, I send my condolences, Lillie Aguilar*

Lillie Aguilar - August 20, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *My condolences to all. Cousin David Strickland in Arkansas*

David Strickland - August 20, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Neal Ray Baggett.*



August 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

GB

“ Remember Officer Baggett when I was in High School. We were a rowdy bunch. He was ALWAYS fair with us. Great Officer and great man! Prayers for the family.

Gene Brown - August 19, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Ladena, Neely and the rest of Neal's family. May GOD rest his healing hands upon the family for comfort and peace.
I have known Neal since I was pretty young. He always had a smile for everyone. He will be missed by so many.

Sharon Crespo - August 19, 2018 at 08:04 AM



“ Sharon Crespo lit a candle in memory of Neal Ray Baggett



Sharon Crespo - August 19, 2018 at 07:57 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We will certainly keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.
Jane and Jonathan Batton.

Jonathan Batton - August 19, 2018 at 05:26 AM

JD

“Went to school with Neal during most of our school days. Always a friendly smile and laugh. Prayers for his family. One more of the good guys from Travis. He will be missed. J'immy Dawson

JIMMY D Dawson - August 18, 2018 at 09:28 PM