



## Steven Vandiver - Fairfield

November 3, 1961 - March 28, 2010

Steven Keith Vandiver, of Fairfield, passed away March 28, 2010 in Dallas. He was born November 3, 1961 at St. Pauls Hospital in Dallas to Don and Deanne Vandiver. Visitation will be 6-8pm Tuesday March 30, 2010 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2pm Wednesday March 31, 2010 at Calvary Baptist Church. He graduated from Ennis High School in 1980 and is a graduate of Tarleton State University in 1984. He retired from Corsicana Fire Department in 2007. He is preceded in death by mother in law Sonda Whatley, grandparents Author and Lilly Vandiver, Bert and Edith Carroll. He is survived by wife of 22 years Teresa Whatley Vandiver of Fairfield; daughter Chrisi Vandiver Oakes and husband Tommie of Donie; son Cooper Keith Vandiver of Fairfield; parents Don and Deanne Vandiver of Ennis; grandchildren Annie and Ava Oakes of Donie; brother Kerry Don Vandiver and wife Karen of Ennis; brother in law Kent Whatley and wife Deborah of Fairfield; father in law James Whatley and wife Janie of Fairfield; aunt Sherrie Minze of Streetman; uncle Donald Carroll and wife Linda of Streetman.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Steven Vandiver - Fairfield*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with your family. May Peace be with you and happy memories in your hearts. Cooper, I know he is still smiling over your awesome year, you made him so proud.*

**Donna Arthur** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have held you in my prayers and will continue to do so.*

**Libby Goolsby** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We're so sorry for your lose Mr. Vandiver was a really good man and we so glad to meet and know you all thru Region IX and Roping. You all are in our prayers. The Benson Family.*

**Tim, Elisha, Tyler, and Rance Benson** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Steve will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

**The Dudley Family** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ You and your family are in our prayers

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**Larry Sykes** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Teresa, I am so sorry for your loss. I know it is hard to lose a love one, but I know you will find comfort in knowing he is now "roping" pain free with HIM. I will keep you, Cooper, and Christi in my prayers.

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**Veronica "Ronnie" Miller** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers during this difficult time.

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**Kristy Nutt** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My husband passed away 3 years ago of cancer and he spoke of Steven Vandivers struggle with cancer often. I am so sorry for this family; I know all to well the pain that you are all feeling. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this time.

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**Tammy Chapman** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Steven Vandiver - Fairfield

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**Doris Lilly** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Steve reminds me of our Livingston grandfather, H.M. Livingston. Always very quiet, and very strong. Steve always loved and respected his mother Deane, and a son loving his mother is very important. Steve always tried to see that his mother was alright as she fought for the life of her son. Steve had a deep love for his mother and father.... as well as his entire family. Hold me a place Steve...I am trying hard to make it up there !

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**Renee' Brown** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To the Vandiver and Whatley families, my most sincere condolences. I enjoyed my time with Steve and am glad he is thru the pain that he carried for too long. He was a quiet man that had a character of solid gold. Take joy and pride as you see Steve in Christi and Cooper. My prayers are with y'all, Kevin

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**Kevin Cockerline** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

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**Rhonda Schroeder Redfearn** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear T, Cooper, Chrisi, Kerry, Kent, & all the Vandiver % Whatley families,  
I am so sorry to here about Steve. He was such a fighter, and fought long & hard. He was, & will continue to be, such an inspiration to us all. Back when I was working for the Co-op I would stop by every couple weeks & visit with him. Never heard him complain, not one time. I'll always remember flying in from Pecos a couple years ago for his benefit roping at Dick's, Steve entered like 3 times-& won the roping & the saddle!! He just didn't know the meaning of give up. We will miss him so, but now he is in heaven-heeling for the Healer !! And he is not hurting any longer! Hopefully that will bring you peace. God bless you all & you are in my prayers.  
Steve

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**Steve Phillips** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Anyone that knew Steve Vandiver, knew what a modest person he was. He could go to the NFR and win all 10 rounds and come home and never bragg or say a word about it. He never wanted to be in the spotlight. There is only one time I know of that he wanted people to know what was going on in his life. It was the first time I talked to him after he found out he had cancer. He said, You can tell anybody you want about this, because the more people that know about it will be that many more that can pray for me. He put his faith in the Lord. And I know he is in a better place now. The Vandivers and Whatleys always treated me like family and I can only pray that your pain will be taken away and replaced with joyful memories. As some of my greatest memories are times in my life I spent with Steve.  
Greg

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**Greg Newman** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ My son was my HERO. I have seen what you were able to do with the worst pain that anyone could suffer. A lesser man would have given up a lot sooner than you did, but you kept on going for the sake of your family. I know that you did all that you could do to help Cooper be the best man that he could be. I know that you loved all of your family, especially Annie and Ava and your bet buddy Bell. I know that when I see Cooper rope I will be seeing you. I love you, MOM

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**Deanne Vandiver** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I know Steve must have been a wonderful person as I know his mother and father.

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**Nancy W. Stamper** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ So saddened to hear about Steve passing away. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

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**Tish & Johnny Wickliffe** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Teresa, Coop, and Christi, Nana and Papaw:  
Sorry isn't the word. In fact there are no words to express how sorry we are. It has been extremely difficult to even think of what your family has gone through. We are so proud of all of you. You have been fine examples of God's people. We hope in the days to come that His strength, peace and comfort will overwhelm you. We are here and always will be. I bet they are having a big 'ole round robin right now. Can't wait to join them!

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**Amy Silar** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Teresa and Cooper we are so sorry to hear about Steve. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Lori Wright** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Teresa and Family,  
I am so very sorry for the loss of Steve. You all have been in my prayers and will continue to be. I wish I had the right words to comfort each of you but we know that at this time there are no words that will accomplish that. Hold on to your faith because there is comfort and peace that only God can provide to you and your family today and all the days that follow. If I can help you at any time please call me.

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**Toni Vaughan** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Deane, Don, and all of Steve's family have my deepest sympathy. I will remember.

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**April Goodman** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Teresa,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Steve. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tanya (Griffin) Arnold** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Teresa & Cooper, I am so sorry for your loss. You know it is always hard to let go of a loved one, but at least you know he won't have to suffer anymore. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Denise Holmes

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**Denise Holmes** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Melanie Elmore** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Teresa, Christi and Cooper we are so sorry for your loss. We cant help but smile knowing Steve is in greener pastures now roping pain free. May God Bless. The Webb Family

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**Matt & Lisa Webb** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I haven't seen Steve in a long time but have kept in touch with friends as to his battle with cancer.

*He was such a fine young man and know he will be dearly missed.  
Keep you faith in the Lord and he will help life much easier.*

*God bless you,  
Patsy Rickert*

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**Patsy Rickert** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ So sorry to hear about your loss, but know that he is with the Lord now..just want you to know that you and your family are in my prayers

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**Abby Warren** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sorry for this tremendous loss. Steve will be missed but take comfort in knowing he's is in a place of peace with no pain. We will miss seeing him at our rodeo's. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Kris Farmer** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ RACHEL ANDY AND I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW WE ARE THINKING OF YOU, OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.

LOVE YA  
CAROLINE WALKER

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**caroline walker** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Don, Deanna, Kerry, Karen and family my deepest sympathy to all of you today, my prayers are with you and I know God will be with you to guide you today and the days to follows.

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**Jaynie Johnston** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ My prayers are with you. You will get through this but you won't get over it. God hears you when you call and He sees every tear that falls. God is faithful to keep His word. He will be at your side all the time and He will carry your pain if you will give it to Him. Trust me - I have tested Him and I know this is true.

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**Barbara R Knowles** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Memories fill the deepest grief we feel, memories of kids, horses, playdays, ropins, rodeos, long drives and even longer nights. Rodeo friends are forever and beyond. All our love and prayers, The Carruthers

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**Cathy Carruthers Griego** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I am sorry for your lost. Our prayers go out to you as you grieve.

*Ren Robers & Family*

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**Ren Roberts** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Cyn & Ossie Outlaw** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ With our sincere sympathy in your loss of Steve--We know that he has met "Mr. Trav" and "Mr. Tommie". We are sure that they are "talking cattle".

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**Jerry and Martha Cook** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ So sorry for your loss and know he will be missed. At least he is not suffering and with the Lord now. I am praying for you and your family.

Lisa

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**Lisa Nichols** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ At this sad time, we extend our deepest sympathy to you and the family on the loss of your loved one.

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**Bill and Vivian Webb Latimer** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I will always remember my first "picture show" was with Steve and his mom when I was in the 5th grade Sam Houston Elementary. Every time I see this movie, it brings back memories. The name of the movie was "The Cowboys" starring John Wayne. I will never forget that.

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**Gary Svehlak** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ So sorry about the lose of your Husband and the lose of the kids Dad May God give you the comfort and peace that you need in this Diffucult time God Bless You Nena Larry and Jeff Price

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**Nena K Price** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**nsusiortox** - March 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM