



## Terry Nelson

July 11, 2009

Terry Paul Nelson beloved father, husband, and Grump's as the name given to him by his grandson Dalton, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at the age of 61. He was born in Fort Worth on July 14, 1947 to Buster Ray Nelson and Vivian Ives Nelson. Terry was a partner with Huffman Communications in Corsicana following a career as a salesman with Motorola. He enjoyed working with local volunteer fire departments helping them with whatever they need. Terry was a very intelligent man able to remember vast amounts of information. Every weekend you could find him polishing his motorcycle giving the "peace sign" as people went by. He also collected Harley Davidson items and was an avid music collector with an interest in "Blues music". Terry was a very cautious driver and understood necessity of being careful on a bike. Terry loved his daughter Leslie, she was the light of his life. He is preceded in death by father Buster R. Nelson.

He is survived by wife Pat Nelson; son Aaron Nelson; son in law Mike McCluney; grandson Dalton McCluney all of Corsicana; mother Vivian Nelson of Fort Worth; sister Kathy Stafford of Burleson; brother Larry Nelson of Frederickburg; aunt Mary Ann Griffin of Fort Worth; brother in law Jerry and Carolyn Moss of Tyler; sister in law Peggy Moss of Bedford. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Loved friends Allan and Rosemary Hester.

Visitation will be 6-8pm Tuesday July 14, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

Memorial service will be 10am Wednesday July 15, 2009 at Northside Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Elkins and Rev. LeAnn Griffin officiating.



# Tribute Wall



“ Terry Nelson

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“ *What can comfort you  
When a loved one is lost,  
When the pain is so great  
And your world's been tossed?*

*What can calm you  
When no words know how,  
When the load is hard to bear  
And you need relief right now?*

*What can guide you  
When you're not sure which way to go,  
When the mountain seems too steep  
And you're in the valley so low?*

*What can uplift you  
When you can't see this trial's end?  
Only the arms of the Lord  
And the prayers of friends.*

*Our thoughts are with you and our heart felt prayers go out to the families .*

Roane VFD - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *The members of the Teague Volunteer Fire Department would to express our deepest sympathies to your family for your tragic loss. Terry was a great friend to our fire department. We really enjoyed working with him in past years. He will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. God bless you all.*

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**Teague Volunteer Fire Dept.** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *We are sadden by the news. Our friend has gone. No words can take away the pain your family is feeling at this time. But know we are praying for you and thinking of you.*

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**Richland Volunteer Fire Dept** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Nelson Family*

*I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

*God Bless*

*Latasha Bolden*

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**Latasha Bolden** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our friend may be gone but our memories will remain. I don't know of any fire department in our county that didn't receive help from Terry. He gave of his time when ever we needed him. This is such a tragic loss not only for us but for everyone that knew him. My prayers go out to Terry's wife and family. He spoke of you often and shared many stories about you and his family with us. Your grief and loss can not be understood at this time but we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. God Bless you.

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**Dusty Flanagan** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Terry was a good friend and a big help to the Alma Volunteer Fire Department. We will miss him.

*Lawrence Reeve  
AVFD*

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**Lawrence Reeve** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ To Pat and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You, Aaron, Mike, and Dalton are all in our prayers.

*Love, The Cooley Family*

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**Mary Cooley** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Pat,  
Words cannot express what I would like to say but, I will try... I am so sorry at your loss. I did not know Terry very well but I knew that you are the love of his life. Your daughter, Leslie, was such a beautiful woman and a wonderful Mom. May God give you strength and much love during your time of grief. Just know that we are all here for you if you need anything. We all love you and Mike and Dalton.

Joanna

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Joanna Hunt - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ The men and women of the Groesbeck VFD are so saddened to hear of your loss. Terry was an exceptional person and we'll miss him terribly. He never missed a beat in picking up where we left off no matter how long it had been since we talked. He was just that kind of guy. Please know we are praying for your comfort in this time of need and offer our heartfelt condolences. If ever we may be of service, please let us know. God bless and keep you.

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Groesbeck Volunteer Fire Dept. - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Pat I am so sorry for your loss. I have been thinking about you and my heart goes out to you right now. I hope and pray you make it through this tough time. This is such a trajedy I am at a loss of words. God bless you and may time heal your pain. RIP Terry and Leslie

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Jeri Seldomridge - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We are very sorry to hear of both your losses, May God be with you and give you the strength you need to get through this tragedy.

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**Joey, Sheila Richards** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We have lost a GREAT friend. Terry was more than just our Departments sales rep, he was a true friend to our Fire Dept. He was always there to help anyone in need, no matter what time of day. And was willing to go the extra mile to help us. No words can console his grieving family but I wanted them to know he was a truly "Good" person and we will miss him dearly! There is one more Angel in Heaven.

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**Dianne Marusak (Alma Fire Dept)** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Pat: Bob and I met you and Terry through Alan and Rosemary. We all rode together on our last ROT Rally to Austin. Many of us biker's over this past weekend talked about how cautious Terry was at riding his Harley. We also talked of what a kind man and an inspiration to us all. We are so sorry for your loss of Terry and Leslie as well. We cannot even imagine the pain you have for your loss. God Bless you and your family. Our prayers are forever with you all.

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**Judy & Bob Murphy** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Pat,

*I am so terribly saddened to learn of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my heart and prayers - always. I'm so sorry.*

*Donna*

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**Donna Wald** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *To Terry's family: May you find peace and comfort in the Lord. You will be in mine and David's (Class of 64) prayers.*

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**Kay Reese Moore** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *We are sadden to hear of the loss of our friend Terry. Please know your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. The next time we hear the Thunder Roar, we know that is Terry in heaven given GOD a ride on his Harley. GOD BLESS!!*

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**ALMA VOL. FIRE DEPT.** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Our love and prayers go out to the family of Terry & Leslie and the community of Corsicana. Our hearts are deeply sadden by the loss of two wonderful people. May God hold you in his arms a little tighter in the days to come. Our love is forever with you.*

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**Centerville Vol. Fire Dept.** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Neely (Aaron),

*Im so sorry to hear of the loss to you and your family. Just know that GOD is watching over you and will help guide you through this time. Our prayers are with you and your family*

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**Kim Williams Brown** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Pursley Volunteer Fire Department** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My husband Bill, used to stop by Corsicana many times for Terry to help him with a VFD communications problem. He thought a lot of Terry and considered him a good friend both to him and Hilltop Lakes. Terry sent me a message when Bill died suddenly after we moved from the Hill. I just wanted to tell you how my heart goes out to you and your family at this tradgedy. My prayers are with you for God to give you comfort and strength in the days ahead.*

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**Mrs. Bill Thompson** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of pain.. God bless you.*

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**Don and Marla Wofford** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Pat,

*My heart was saddened when I heard the news about Terry and Leslie, and I wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family and friends.*

*May God give you His peace that passes all understanding as only He can give. Hold tight to all of the wonderful memories of Terry and Leslie, and cherish them forever.*

*My love and prayers always,  
Diane*

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**Diane Whitener Wing** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Terry Nelson

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**Billy & Kelly Thixton** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Terry was such a great guy, and a great friend. All of our radios came from him. He was such a supporter. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his and Leslie's family. It is our hope that you are comforted in knowing that so many people loved Terry, and those people are all praying for you at this sad time. We're so sorry to have lost Terry, but so glad to have known him and considered him a friend.

*Dusty Ledbetter*

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**Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Dept** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Terry was a very special person and I loved him like a brother. We shared many great times together and I will miss him dearly. My heart felt sorrow goes out to Pat and his family. I will be thinking of him always and miss him forever.

Ron

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**Ronald Grunwald** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ No words can ease the grief of such a tremendous loss. I have many wonderful memories of Terry from childhood. I always thought he was one of the good ones. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Beth Howard** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Nellie, your dad had so much to give I just wish I could have gotten to learn more from him. He was an awesome man and I know he instilled some of that in you. I will truly miss him and your sister. I Love you and your mom like my own family and hope that if you ever need anything you will call me.

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**Brett Philen and Family** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ We would like to send our deepest sympathies to Terrys family. He was a wonderful friend to our fire dept. He was always just a call away. Our hearts are greatly saddened for your loss of Terry and Leslie. Please know that our continued prayers will be with yalls family and friends. May you find peace and comfort in knowing how loved and respected Terry was. Terry will never be forgotten.

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**WORTHAM VOL FIRE DEPT** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We were saddened with the news of the loss of Terry. He was a special friend to EMS and Fire Depts alike. His friendship will forever be missed. Our prayers go out to ya'll at this sad time in your lives. May you find comfort and peace.

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**Fairfield EMS** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ i had just rcenently meet Terry through some friends and we had several Sunday morning rides in the last month. I really wished i had the oppertunity to have gotten to know him earlier in my life, i know i would have been a better person just by being around Terry. He was a great guy and I will miss riding with him. I am truley sorry for the loss yall have suffered with him and his daughters passing.

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**chris donoho** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Family - We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers today and in the days to come.

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**Corsicana A/C & Sheet Metal** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Our love to Your family!

Love to all,  
Linda & Billy Powell

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**Linda & Billy Powell** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Pat, I know that there is nothing that can be said to ease your pain at this unreal time. My prayers go out to you for your loss.

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**Tommy Fleet** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our heartfelt prayers go out to you & your family. There are no words or comfort to heal the pain you are feeling now, but time & faith will give strength. I pray that you will find peace in cherished memories.

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**Sherry Blackshear** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Nelson Family for your loss. We will all keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Eureka VFD** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ i wish to express my most heartfelt sorrow for your loss. i knew terry for eight or nine years online through the Record Collector's Guild website. his wit is a part of him that i will miss quite a bit. his knowledge of music (blues records, especially) will leave a void at the RCG.

*Terry, my friend, i'll see you on the other side.*

*Curt Van Riper I*

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**Curt Van Riper I/The rooster** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Pat, I am so sorry for you on the loss of your husband and daughter. I can't imagine your pain. I always looked forward to seeing you and Terry at our get togethers. I could tell you were a very happy couple and that he was crazy about you. I'll always remember setting with ya'll last year at Cassidy's and being entertained by Terry. He was a truly a nice guy. I am thinking of you and the rest of you family.

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**Margaret Wiggam** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ To the Nelson Family,  
Terry will be missed by all of us here at the fire department. We had the pleasure of working with him on several occasions when we needed new equipment. Terry always went the extra mile to make sure that the men and women of the fire service and law enforcement were taken care of. May God comfort your family in this time of sorrow and know that you are in our prayers. I know that Terry will keep an open channel for all of us in the fire service so we can talk to him when we get to heaven. May God Bless You.

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**Payne Springs Fire Rescue** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ GOD BESS FAMILY CITY CORSICANA

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**TOMMY GLASS** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To the Nelson and McCluney Families,

All of you are in our prayers and thoughts during this time of sorrow. I had the pleasure of knowing Terry for the last 29 years and enjoyed his friendship. I will always remember how much he loved his bikes and how he kept them cleaner than his cars. I remember how helpful Terry was when the Nav. Co. Fire Assoc. was trying to get the radio system up and going and he always there to make sure we had what we needed. I know if we could see Terry and Leslie now, they would be on Terry's Harley riding on the golden streets of heaven. May God bless your families over the days and weeks to come. To Terry and Leslie, we will all see you when we all get there.

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**Darrell and Tonya Posey** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Each of us at Central High VFD in Ennis want you to know, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Terry was a great supporter to so many VFD's and other agencies, that he will never be forgotten. May god be with you and help ease your pain.

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**Greg Newman** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ Terry was the most caring person I have ever known. He could find the good in any bad situation and probably make you laugh about it. God bless the Nelson and McCluney family. My heart goes out to you.

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**William Atkeisson** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Rest in peace, my friend. Your humor and personality was always an uplifting inspiration to me, and many others in The Guild.

*There is truly no one who can fill your shoes.*

*My heartfelt sympathies to Terry's family and friends. I would have loved to have met the man in person.*

*Special Deputy Tim Kays*

*Record Collectors Guild member kaos01*

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**Tim Kays** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Terry was a very active, vibrant member of our online community. He will be deeply missed. His knowledge and love of music, quick wit and wonderful sense of humor made him quite a colorful and unforgettable human being. I can't begin to imagine how great he was in person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your community as you attempt to deal with this loss. God Bless You.

*Kathy (kat1370)*

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**Kathy** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We cant really ever say much at a time like this. But I know my Sats. while doing my regular garage sales will never seem the same. He was always on the ground cleaning his bike. Never looked up but I would still wave. I really didnt know your Dad but I feel I did because of you Neely. We love you and you know and your Mom know we are always here. E e s UmV

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**Bryan Ball Family** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS

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**ANGELA HERNANDEZ** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I will truly miss you my friend. All the hours we spent joking together on the Record Guild. You are truly one in a million, and I am in tears as I write this.

*I hope there are both Harleys & Ninjas in Heaven, so when it is my time, we can ride together. (don't worry Terry, i'll wait for you when I get too far in front) :)*

*Rev On, my friend, Rev On!!*

*will miss you always!!*

*city*

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**cityboy** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I only knew Terry from an online message board (recordcollectorsguild) but he was well respected there and I personally loved his humorous posts.

*My heartfelt condolences and my prayers go out to his family at this time.*

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**Dan Sheldon** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Pat and Aaron our thoughts and prayers are with yall. They will be greatly missed.

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**Josh & Heather Martin** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I met Terry online two years ago when I joined Record Collector's Guild and quickly discovered what a wonderful guy he was. He made me laugh more than anyone has in a long time. His comments about music and life were just great and his graphic illustrations took me over the top.

*Every time I followed a thread on the guild to a page and saw Terry's post I couldn't wait to take it in, let alone look to the left of each post to see his stoicly posed photo juxtaposed to the hilarity he had to say! It was a total oxymoron for me and I loved it. It was even greater when he'd superimpose his photo into his wry illustrations. WHAT A HOOT!*

*I send my love and prayers to Terry's family and friends. I will miss him very much. The Record Collector's Guild will certainly not be the same without him.*

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**Barrie Lynn Bryant** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Dear Family of Terry,

*May God's promises be yours always while you try to deal with Terry's untimely death. I still can't believe that we were messaging and talking about a radio coverage issues for one of his clients just last week. He just placed an order with us.*

*I am having a hard time processing the information of his death. As a fellow Motorola sales professional in the past in our careers; we shared a common sales DNA and a true passion for taking care our customers with unparalleled service and support..*

*We were both the same age...well he was ~2 1/2 months older than me but its close when you get to 62!*

*You should all be very proud of him. This is a tragic loss.*

*Our condolences and sympathy reaches out to your family, friends and his extended family at Huffman Communications.*

*Sincerely,*

*Alan Leffler, N7WYE  
Austin, TX*

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**Alan Leffler** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I met Terry 7 years ago online and we became friends after a short period of time in a community that was in its baby days way back then. Terry impressed with his humor, his willingness to help (even if it was "only" via listening) and his never ending supply of cartoons in whatever context that made people laugh. I also discussed riding the motorbike together with him once I would have retired - so Terry if you read this get your bike ready I will join you sometime and then we will show that "Ninja guy" the advantages of riding American iron.

*Take care, I will miss you your friend Peter*

*And Pat & Aaron - although you most probably do not know me please accept my condolences on the tragic loss of Terry and Leslie. Your husband / father was truly a one in a million person*

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**Jan Peter Dienes** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Pat:

*I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Glenda*

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**Glenda Traylor** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *mrs nelson, i am sure you do not remember me from years ago. myself, mandy and leslie "ran around" together in high school, i haven't seen her really in years, i just wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and i pray that you will find peace and comfort in time. God Bless You and Keep you.*

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**tammi cunningham** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Vivian, Kathy, Larry, and Terry's family my heart breaks for you. I will always remember growing up and how Kathy adored Terry. I always thought he was the most handsome man in the world. That "kid crush" . I wish I was there for you but know my thoughts and prayers are there and I love you all.  
Bonnie

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**Bonnie Bailey Winter** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Terry was the consummate friend, both professionally and personally. He will be missed and remembered by many people. He has been a friend to both Paid and Volunteer Fire Departments throughout the State of Texas, and to many Law Enforcement, EMS Agencies, cities and counties throughout the State.

My Friend,

I will miss you.

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**Bobby Grashel** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Aaron and Family, we r so very sorry for your lose. Our hearts hurt for all of you and we can not imagine the pain your are going through at this time. We only wish there was something we could do or say to take the pain away. Just know we are thinking of you and praying for you and your family during these hard times. Aaron if you need us or anything at all we are here. Love you.....

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**Cory and Amanda White** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are praying for the family and ask that God puts His arms around each of you and comforts you during this time. Terry was such a dear friend that I feel that we have lost a legacy. Terry will be greatly missed and I pray that God gives Terry a hug and say's, welcome home son.  
May God bless and keep you and let us know if we can be of any service.

*Jesse R. Whisler, Chief  
Mexia ISD Police Dept.*

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**Jesse R. Whisler** - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM