

CHARLES WAYNE "PAW PAW" KIRBY

On Sunday, June 8, 2008, Charles Wayne "Paw Paw" Kirby gave his life serving his community and fellow man. In the early morning hours of June 8, his life was taken suddenly operating a life flight mission.

Wayne's life of service was one filled with serving in a variety of ways and places. Of course, his most recent call to service began in January 2007 when he became one of four PHI Air Med pilots on the Air Med 12 Unit Team based out of Coulter Field in Bryan.

His 32-year employment with PHI began in January 1976 until Sunday, June 8, 2008. During his tenure with PHI, he served the company in many locations along the Gulf Coast in support of the oil and gas industries. Prior to joining PHI's Air Medical Unit here in Bryan, he was a pilot for PHI's operation in Cabinda, Angola, for 12 years.

Wayne was born in Houston to Mamie and C.L. Kirby on September 10, 1944. He was a member of Broadway Baptist Church for many years until he recently moved his membership to First Baptist Church in Bryan. He graduated from Charles H. Milby High School in 1963.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Louis "C.L." Kirby.

Survivors include his 95-year-old mother, Mamie Margaret "NaNa" Kirby of Lovelady, Texas; aunt, Minnie Hester of Crockett, Texas; loving wife of 42 years, Sally

Jean Kirby; son and daughter-in-law, Ronald Wayne and Heather Lea Kirby of Brenham; daughter Kari Ann Kirby of Bryan, four grandchildren, Tyler James Wilson of Bryan, Hannah Elizabeth Kirby, Sarah Abigail Kirby and Seth Jacob Kirby, all of Brenham; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley Ann and Gary N. Joiner of Boerne, Texas; two brothers-in-law, James Charles Vinson of Victoria, Texas, and Timothy Scott Vinson and wife, Deborah Faye, of Deer Park, Texas; and many relatives, nieces, nephews and cousins from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and California.

A memorial service will be held for Wayne at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at First Baptist Church in Bryan. A visitation among family and friends will be held following the memorial service in the atrium of First Baptist Church in Bryan. A later burial will follow at the National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

So much has been written about Wayne's service to his community and country and as important as they are, none surpasses the way in which he devoted his life to serving and meeting the needs of his family. Each member has benefited from his love and generosity. No one more so than his wife Sally. She has been battling colon cancer for the last 11 years and it goes without saying she owes him a debt of gratitude for the selfless way he went about meeting her needs. Oh how you will be missed, sweet Wayne.

Our family mourns not only for Wayne, but also with the families of Jana, Stephanie and Mr. Disman.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that memorials may be made to the Building or General Fund at First Baptist Church, 3100 Cambridge Dr., Bryan, TX 77802.

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