

WILLIAM RICHARD "RICK" CONARROE

Mr. William Richard "Rick" Conarroe, age 51 of Lufkin, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2004 at his residence. Mr. Conarroe was born April 5, 1953 in Crockett to William Melvin and Grace (Thomas) Conarroe. Mr. Conarroe graduated from Groveton High School. Mr. Conarroe worked for Brookshire Brothers for 20 years, after which he became self-employed. Mr. Conarroe had resided in Lufkin for the past 25 years and played a very active part in the community. Mr. Conarroe served on the Board of Trustees of Central ISD for 14 years, and had served on the Board of Directors of Goodwill and the Idlewood Water Control and Improvement District. Mr. Conarroe was a past president of the Central Booster Club, the Pineywoods Youth Basketball Association, the Central Little Dribblers Association, Central Softball Association and the Idlewood Homeowners Association.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Debbie Conarroe, of Lufkin; daughter and son-inlaw Shelly and Chad Balch, of Mansfield; daughters Jennifer Conarroe and Rikki Rene' Conarroe, both of Lufkin; grandson Caleb Balch, of Mansfield; mother Grace Conarroe Parker, of Lufkin; sisterin-law Susan Johnson, of Tyler; brothers-in-law and sistersin-law Wayne and Joyce Brown, of The Woodlands and David and Julie Brown, of Tyler; and special friends and business partner ray and Sammie Campbell, of Lufkin. Preceded in death by his father William Melvin Conarroe.

Funeral services for Mr. William Richard "Rick" Conarroe were held Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. in the Carroway-Clarbar Funeral Home Chapel with David Caskey officiating. Eulogies were given by Donnie Puckett and Robert Gilmer. Interment followed in Creek Cemetery in Houston County.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Brooks, Jerry Holloway, Ray Campbell, Billy Patton, Troy Finch, Chad Balch, Hubert Conarroe, Gary Conarroe and Marshall Conarroe.

Honorary Pallbearers were the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Central ISD and Brookshire Brothers Employees, Roger Parker, Dale Hunter, Bill Simpson, Randy Deal, Terry Tate, Phil Metzinger, Lester Underwood, Wayne Wilkerson, Mike Jones and Buddy Colmer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 116 S. Raguet, Lufkin, TX, 75901 or to the Central Church of Christ Building Fund, 711 N. Second, Lufkin, TX. 75901.

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