



Robert Lee Massingill

March 25, 1949 - August 6, 2011

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Robert 'Duce' Lee Massingill, of Mansfield, Texas was 62 years of age when he suffered a massive heart attack Wednesday, August 3rd in Monticello, Utah while out on the trails with great friends doing what he loved; riding dirt bikes. Robert spent his last moments with the men who shared his same passions; before being flown with his wife at his side to the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah.

At first, the angels stood behind his bed guarding his every breath as he spent the next few days having his long awaited talk with God, with Linda still by his side holding his hand and lovingly caressing him.

Late Saturday evening, August 6th when peace with his Lord had been reached and his breath began to fade; the angels hovered above him, gently lifting his spirit into the heavenly hand of God; where he will wait patiently to welcome those who love him, hard edges and all. After all, hard edges hide a tender heart, silent as a midnight prayer. Hard edges hide the sweetest part, til you'd never know it's there.

Robert was born March 25th, 1949 in Comanche, Texas to Gladys Louise and

the late Dutch Massingill. Robert was a proud Marine, he served his country as a Sergeant during the Vietnam War. Upon his honorable discharge; Robert began his Law Enforcement career in 1971 serving the Dallas community as an officer in many facets of the Dallas Police Department in Southwest Dallas spanning 33 years.

During that time he met the love of his life, Linda. They were married March 23rd, 1979 and together they raised 4 children.

In 2004 when Robert retired from the Dallas Police Department; he and his 'angel on earth' set out on their journey together to enjoy the wonderful landscapes, time together as soul mates and making life long friends along the way.

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.
~Author Unknown

As we mourn the loss of Robert, others are rejoicing to meet and welcome him into heaven.

Family to share the stories of his life;

Children~

Trisha Alexander & Royce

Terri Humber

Jimmy Jones & Jennifer

Wendi Riddle

GrandChildren~

Tiffany Mahler & John

Casey Alexander

Brett Humber

David Humber

Spencer Humber

Jory Alexander

Austin Massingill

Ivy Alexander

Ashtyn Jones

Tyler Riddle

Marshall Jones

Jessica Riddle

Audrey Alexander

Danielle Riddle

Great Grand Children~

Olivia Adelaide Mahler

Mother~Gladys Massingill

Sister~Pamela P.J. Hedrick

Family and Friends

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I BELIEVE GRANT AND ROBERT ARE IN HEAVEN NOW, TALKING OVER GOOD TIMES. ROBERT IS SUCH A VERY SPECIAL PERSON IN MY MEMORIES, HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. TO ALL HIS FAMILY YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS AND I LOVE YOU.

margie reynolds - August 21, 2011 at 01:53 PM

DS

“ I never will forget the family get togethers and how much fun you had with all the children especially since you fit in with them as if you were one of them. You entertained us, looked after us and on occasion encourage us, I know shhhhh. Now, you go on to live forever. We love you!

Dara Springer - August 15, 2011 at 10:52 PM

JH

“ I enjoyed several Jeep trails with Robert and rode with him as a spotter on a run in DeLeon. He will be missed

John Halsell - August 15, 2011 at 05:03 PM

KM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss but I know Duce & dad are catching up on everything. Please know Linda we are praying for you & your family.

Kathy Mashburn - August 15, 2011 at 04:09 PM

LR

“ I first met Robert at the Y O Ranch in 1999 on a Jeep Jamboree. We became Jeepin buddies and enjoyed many more events together at the Y O, Palo Duro, Hot Springs, and Deleon. Though I had not seen him in a while I thought of him often. His friendship was something I cherished.
My deepest sympathy to his family.
Lonzo

Lonzo Ray - August 15, 2011 at 03:37 PM

CD

“ Pam,
We are so sorry to hear about Robert. We just heard of his death this morning. Can't believe we all stayed in this area and never ran into each other. Deb and I work together in Grand Prairie, please call if there is anything we can do. Would love to hear from you, alot to catch up on since jr. high.
Our thoughts and prayers are with all your family.

Cindy Fielding and Deb Dimmick - August 15, 2011 at 01:30 PM

RE

“ Robert was a good friend and a great police officer. He was one of the first officers I worked with on the day shift at Southwest. I spent several years working in the same sector with Robert, and remember him as one who could always be counted on. He was as dependable as they come. His spirit and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Ron Ellison - August 15, 2011 at 09:59 AM

PK

“ RIP, Robert.

Pam Kinkema - August 14, 2011 at 02:59 PM

JA

“ I am very honored to have known and worked with Deuce at the DPD. He was a very good police officer, and one you could count on to cover your back in times of trouble. He was a true American Patriot serving first his country and the citizens of Dallas. I pray that fond memories and our Lord Jesus Christ will assist you Linda and your family during this time of grief and sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you and I pray the Good Lord will hold each of you in the hollow of his loving hands. With deepest regrets, John R. Allen, retired DPD and retired Alvarado PD

John R. Allen - August 13, 2011 at 09:11 PM

RP

“ A famous old preacher once said: "Character is what you are in the dark." Deuce's unselfish values, spirit, and brave soul was unvarnished and open for all to see. As someone who worked the streets alongside him for 7 years early in our careers, I can say that he was one of the bravest and most caring officers Dallas had. Damn few left. Semper Fi, Deuce, and Rest in Peace, brother.

Rusty Pool - August 13, 2011 at 07:47 PM

NR

“ Now Robert will have the ultimate off road experience with best "Biker" of all. We love you and will pray for your peace and strength.

Nannie & Roy - August 13, 2011 at 06:52 PM

RK

“ So sorry to hear about Robert. When I was growing up we would visit Uncle CD and Aunt Lela and on some occasions Robert would be there. I remembered him when he was a police officer and he would scare the heck out of us as kids. Of course he was playing with us. He was a big bear (his beard) with a wonderful soul. My prayers are with Linda, Louise and all his family and friends.

Love Rita Knipfer (Martha's daughter)

Rita Knipfer - August 13, 2011 at 06:49 PM

SA

“ Duce, you have always had a very special place in my heart and this is so very hard for me. Although it's been 10 yrs. since I saw you last, it was the hardest time in my life. You and daddy had some of the best, craziest stories I've ever heard. I know today Heaven is rejoicing at the gaining of a precious soul like yours, so is my dad, but earth is so very saddened at your early departure. I love you dear friend!!! See you on the other side!

Sunny Bolin Alaniz - August 13, 2011 at 02:50 PM

LH

“ You dropped into our lives during our lower 48 RV trip in 2004 and you and Bob hit it off like brothers right off the bat. Harleys, dirt bikes, beer, guns - lots in common (but not all at once of course!). Your great smile and burly laugh will be with me forever! Hugs to you Linda from Alaska.

Lanie Hughes - August 12, 2011 at 12:00 PM

DG

“ Robert, thank you for being my friend. I,ll always cherish my trip you and Linda gave me. Sure gonna miss going to the stockyards and eating bar-b-q. Thanks for sharing your man cave with me. So many things I would like to say but I,ll close with I love you brother.

Danny Green - August 12, 2011 at 10:56 AM

WR

“ I love you daddy!

Wendi Riddle - August 12, 2011 at 12:11 AM

RM

“ My wonderful loving love of my sister's life. You shook up the station wagon & scared us thoroughly. Gonna miss you. Tell my Robert hi for me. Love you.

Roxie Maddox - August 12, 2011 at 12:08 AM

LM

“ I remember all our travels most recently and all the years that proceeded. I will miss you forever.

Linda Massingill - August 11, 2011 at 11:29 PM

JJ

“ *Best memory...being your 'swamper' in Las Cruces New Mexico sharing the love of climbing rocks in a Jeep! That you laughed at the fact you scared me beyond belief...yet told me that you were to afraid to do some climbs. It was a very precious moment that you could let down that manly exterior and show a side that I had not seen to much of.*

I loved the look on your face when I drove up in my Jeep after I got it all trail ready; you were like a kid in a candy store! I loved the time that you watch me change out my bumper in your barn with your tools. I'm sure it drove you crazy that I wanted to do it all myself, yet when I needed a little muscle you were right down underneath there with me! You are right pneumatic tools are the way to go!! I love you!

Jennifer Jones - August 11, 2011 at 10:43 PM

LN

“ *You will always have a special place in our hearts. In your life you may have many acquaintances but few people called friend.*

Linda and John Nagy - August 11, 2011 at 10:27 PM