



Alan Ray Spence

September 5, 1954 - October 28, 2018

Memorial services for Alan Spence, 64, of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the First Baptist Church Youth Activity Center in Lexington with Pastor Kevin Mahr officiating. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a light lunch and opportunity to share your favorite memories and stories of Alan. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Tanner Retzlaff, Rodney Exner, Tommy Hart, Hollis Spence, Tom Gary, Doug Davenport, Rick Perry, Tracy Woodward, Bill Woodward, Bruce Spence, Allen Wayne Spence and Micky Spence.

Alan Ray Spence was born on September 5, 1954 in Pasadena, Texas to Aldis Ray Spence and Dorothy Ann Perry Spence. He passed on to be with his heavenly Father the morning of Sunday, October 28, 2018 at his home in Lexington after suffering a heart attack.

Alan was reared most of his life on the family ranch out on String Prairie, east of Lexington, where he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Clifton C. and Meryl Perry. He was a lifelong resident of Lexington. After high school, Alan attended Texas A & M University where he studied Animal Reproduction and Ranch Management while continuing to work on the family ranch. After the death of his grandfather, Alan returned to Aggieland in 1979 to study and earn his Texas State Peace Officer Certification. He spent the next 30+ years in law enforcement serving the communities of Giddings, Rockdale and

retiring from the Elgin Police Department in 2004. Alan then followed his love of teaching and founded and took over the directorship and lead instructor position of the Texas Academy of Animal Control Officers in Giddings, Texas. It was there that he spent the next 14 years training over 6000 Humane Law Enforcement Officers and acted as a consultant to many others.

Alan greatly enjoyed working with animals, ranching, equestrian events, shooting sports, hunting and most recently, cooking. He was a staunch conservative and supporter of the constitution, especially the second amendment, and a true believer of the Golden Rule.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aldis Spence and Dorothy Spence along with the grandparents who raised him, Clifton and Meryl Perry.

Alan is survived by his loving wife, Ann Spence of Lexington; one daughter, Staci Franke & her husband, Logan of Lexington; two beautiful grandchildren, Kylee Retzlaff and Tanner Retzlaff both of Lexington; three step daughters, Monica Jones & her husband, Lance of Grapevine, Jessica Osborne & her husband, Tim of Katy and Ashleigh Morris & her husband, Anthony of Auburn, GA; five step grandchildren, Shelby Jones and Lindsey Jones both of Grapevine, Gideon Osborne and Malachi Osborne both of Katy and Ashton Morris of Auburn, GA; one half-brother, Larry Spence of Webster; one half-sister, Paula Jaynes & her husband, Larry of La Porte; one sister, Rebecca Stroud of Southlake and many other Perry family members.

Alan was blessed beyond measure with many lifelong friendships, way too many to name. He loved the Lord and shared that love with others every chance he got. His favorite bible verses were Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength" along with Psalm 23, John 3:16 and Proverbs 12:10, "A righteous person cares even about the life of his animals".

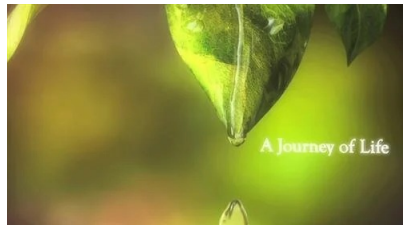
Alan's lifelong philosophy is immortalized in the Ralph Waldo Emerson quote, "Don't go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail".

Memorials may be made to the Cowboy Church of Lee County or to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alan Ray Spence*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 30, 2018 at 06:13 PM

CW

“ *While we lost and will miss Alan and his wonderful ways, I have no doubt he is enjoying a walk down the streets of glory praising GOD. What more in tribute can be said about a good man beyond he was a faithful man of God, he loved the Lord and Jesus was his Lord and Savior.....Alan Ray Spence*

*What a memory--- Alan in his blue uniform clearing main street traffic in preparation for the Western Days parade in Elgin of course on horseback and the Chief freaking out; Way to go Alan !!!
God bless you brother, we will miss you.
Carl Weeks*

*A Man of GOD~
He will endure opposition and never lose heart (Hebrews 12:3). He will be a man of the Word, using Scripture to overcome temptation (Matthew 4:1-10). He will be a man of prayer (Mark 1:35). He will be a man of love and sacrifice (John 13:1).*

Carl Weeks - November 02, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Alan Ray Spence.*



November 02, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *Movies in College Station, John Wayne movies, Chanel No. 5 perfume, and dancing to Patsy Cline's "Crazy" are all memories of you that will remain in my heart always, dear friend. I am blessed to have had you in my life. I hope to see you soon.*

Marcie Goss - November 01, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sandra Harzke lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence*



Sandra Harzke - October 30, 2018 at 08:47 PM

RB

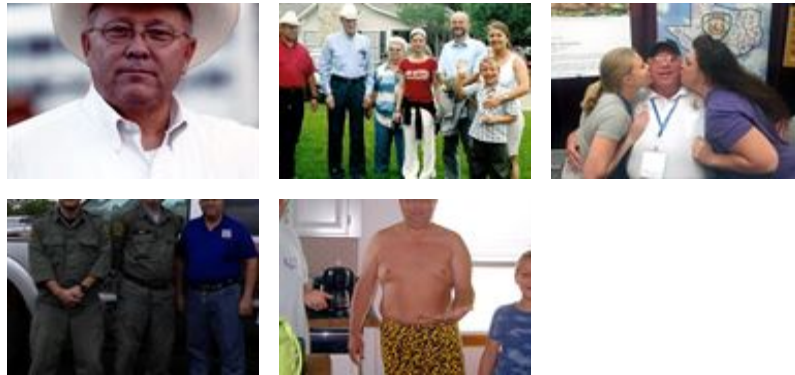
“ One of the main things that comes to mind when I think of Alan is his response to “how are you?” when he would answer the phone. Without missing a beat he would say, “any better and I’d be Twins!” I will miss having him at a phone call away when in need of work advice and the endless stories he had to share with those of he taught.

Alan, enjoy your days in heaven with the loved ones who went before you. I know you want us to celebrate your new life up there and very shortly mourn our loss of you.

Ronell Burke - October 30, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 30, 2018 at 05:00 PM

 Gaye Goodwin

“ Gaye Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence



Gaye Goodwin - October 30, 2018 at 01:04 PM

GI

“ *Our prayer's are with the entire family. Alan helped me so much with our animal's. He had a big heart.*



Gary and Beverly Iselt - October 30, 2018 at 10:16 AM

EC

“ *Eloise Cass lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence*



Eloise Cass - October 30, 2018 at 09:31 AM

CK

“ *I went all through school with Alan, our birthdays are only days apart; we were always close friends. We argued with each other like brother and sister all through school but it never lasted long. And even though we grew apart after school with our families and daily life, when we saw each other it was always smiles and hugs, that's just the way Alan was. And I knew if I was ever in trouble or needed help I could call Alan and he would say" I'll be right there". Just knowing he is not in this old troubled world makes it a sadder place and I will miss that Smile and Hug for the rest of my life. Rest Easy my friend and I will see that Smile again and feel that Hug again one fine day. Till then Rest in Christ arms and be happy. You will be missed.*

Cheryl King - October 30, 2018 at 09:14 AM

BF

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. He was always nice when we came to TX to visit. David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten



Bergsten Family - October 30, 2018 at 02:58 AM

CD

“ I have had the pleasure of attending training classes with Alan and his wonderful staff at the ACO academy for many years. He was such a fun instructor. I will be forever grateful for Alan sharing his knowledge and experience with me. He will be truly missed. Godspeed brother, we have it from here.

Clayton Domel - October 29, 2018 at 10:40 PM

AW

“ I have known Alan for over 35 years and what a wonderful person. Always a smile and nice words to say. He was a wonderful friend and he will be missed greatly. God's blessing to his family.

Alice Wilson

Alice Wilson - October 29, 2018 at 03:39 PM

RW

“ One only has to look at the many,many comments and tributes on your facebook and here to realize what a good friend and Christian man you represented in this life here on earth. Rest In Peace, Alan. I'm sure your rewards are sure to be great in Heaven... May God comfort and bless your family at this difficult time and always...

Reva West - October 29, 2018 at 02:28 PM

RC

“ Till we meet again Alan from all of us here at the Port Neches Police Dept.

Richard Caraway - October 29, 2018 at 02:12 PM

CR

“ You're a good man Alan and a good friend. You will be missed.

Craig Reagan - October 29, 2018 at 01:34 PM

GJ

“ So sorry to lose a good man and a great longtime friend. Alan lived life to the fullest and always had a quick smile and a heart of gold. He will be missed.

Gary R Jordan - October 29, 2018 at 11:40 AM

BS

“ Beverly Morris Simmons lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence



Beverly Morris Simmons - October 29, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ Jessie Williams lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence



Jessie Williams - October 29, 2018 at 10:25 AM

FT

“ Alan is the reason I've lived in Giddings for almost 37 years. He believed the town needed a locksmith and hired me. He was a supportive friend and will be dearly missed. Love and prayers to his family. Faye

Faye Terry - October 29, 2018 at 10:07 AM

RP

“ Resa Parker lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence



Resa Parker - October 29, 2018 at 09:06 AM

RP

“ I've know Alan for many years. He was a proud member of our law enforcement family. He served his community faithfully for many years.

Alan was a caring, sweet man who loved with his whole heart. He always had a joke to share and he made me laugh. He loved God and was I'm sure he has been restored and shouting "Hallelujah".

I will miss him.

Resa Parker - October 29, 2018 at 09:04 AM

KB

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Alan...I don't think there has ever been a time that we have lost track of each other. Stacie, you were his shining star and those Grandbabies...oh my! Ann, you made the last 7 1/2 years so very happy for him. He totally adored you. Alan, I supported your decision when the medical treatment got to be too much. I also appreciate your prayers for me during my health issues. I will always and forever hold our long friendship near and dear. Til we meet again Alan...Save me a dance. I love you.

Kay Quinney Bow - October 28, 2018 at 09:01 PM

GW

“ Gayle Webb lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence



Gayle Webb - October 28, 2018 at 08:15 PM

CI

“ Alan was always such a good friend and I appreciate that he was able to let me tell him so before he passed. RIP.

Cat Ingram

Cat Ingram - October 28, 2018 at 07:37 PM

DC

“ *The fun we all had when he and Denise were dating and a big group of us teenagers would go the Crosby Stomp at the American Legion on Saturday night. Alan never met a stranger. Loved what he did for a living. I know Peggy will be waiting to dance to "The Orange Blossom Special". You will be missed by many. May you Rest In Peace my friend.*

Debra Haywood Crouch - October 28, 2018 at 07:07 PM

CM

“ *Carol Mglauun lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence*



carol mglauun - October 28, 2018 at 06:16 PM

SK

“ *Condolences from Steve and Joyce Kelley Family*

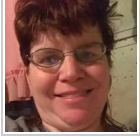
Steve Kelley - October 28, 2018 at 05:30 PM

SK

“ *Steve Kelley lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence*



Steve Kelley - October 28, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss.* ”



Andrea Clifford - October 28, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ *Karen Thomas lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence* ”



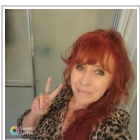
Karen Thomas - October 28, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ *Denise Whiddon lit a candle in memory of Alan Ray Spence* ”



Denise Whiddon - October 28, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ *No more pain my friend. Gonna miss your wise words. Thank you for your service. You were the true meaning of what a loving devoted man is to your friends and family and the love of your life Ann. To you Granny Ann... Rip Cowboy.* ”

Debby Lomax - October 28, 2018 at 02:25 PM

GM

“ Met Alan over 20 years ago and have been friends just as long. Alan and I have sat in a many hotel bars with a cold beer talking shop talk. You finally went home my friend. Save me a seat on the other side until we meet again. Heaven got another protector on this day.

*Grant Moore
Assistant Chief, Retired*

Grant Moore - October 28, 2018 at 01:35 PM

DW

*I meet Alan first day of school when we were Freshmen Ag 1. Alan came in late in 10 min. He got licks from Mr. Smith. I thought Dwane would be next as he was always smiling and talking. He even came to our house and cooked supper selling pots and pans. I think the only thing he didn't do was run for Sheriff or Governor that I know of. He will be missed. Hats off to you Alan.
From Dwane and Jalane Wiederhold*

Dwane Wiederhold - October 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM