



Michael Lankford

April 21, 1953 - February 12, 2011

Michael Lankford passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife, family and friends Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the age of 57 after a courageous and valiant 10 year battle with cancer. He was born in Houston, Texas on April 21, 1953 to Harold and Faye Lankford. He is preceded in death by his mother, Faye Lankford; brother, Lynn Lankford and grandparents. He is survived by his wife Claudia Lankford, father, Harold Lankford; cousin, Gary Lankford and wife Sandy; nephew, Cole Lankford; aunt and uncle, Eddie and Lynn Lankford; mother-in-law, Ingeborg Romeike; sister-in-law, Manuela Hancock; niece, Erica Lalka and family; nephews, Marc Willy and family and Christopher Keith and family; Elizabeth Puetz and family; granddaughter, Amy Lee Murdock and family; grandson, Cody Brown and family; his precious dog, Molly and many, many other loving family and friends. God loves Michael, and has taken him home to be with Him. Michael graduated from the University of Texas in 1976 where he was a member of the Texas Cowboys and Sigma Nu fraternity. In his early business life he was an owner of Britton's Men's Clothing, and later found his true calling as a real estate developer providing much needed affordable housing for senior Texans across our state. He was instrumental in organizing the Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers, and served as its president from 2003 to 2004. Michael loved golf, hunting, fishing from his boat dock and cooking what he caught for family and friends. His passion and talent as a gourmet cook was well know, as was his temper when he missed a 3 foot putt. The family wishes to thank Drs. Kirk

Heyne, Omar Barakat and Steve Carpenter for their unwavering support and dedication to helping Michael throughout his ordeal, as well as the gracious staff of Houston Hospice for their gentle care during his last days with us. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Sunday, February 20, 2011 at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Serving as pallbearers; Jim Locke, Monte Locke, Casey Locke, Jason Locke, Jacob Locke , Reese Locke. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Michael's memory to The American Cancer Society, Gulf Coast Region, P.O. Box 570127, Houston, Texas 77257-0127