



Travis "Big T" Lee Mertink

June 29, 1955 - July 31, 2010

Funeral services for Travis Mertink, 55 of Winchester, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester with Rev. James Herzog officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Mertink family will be present for visitation Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Travis passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at Seton Medical Center in Austin. Travis Lee Mertink was born on June 29, 1955 in Huntington Park, California to Paul Walter & Evelyn May (Bluser) Mertink. He was baptized on July 17, 1955 at Bell Garden Lutheran Church in Bell Garden, California by Rev. R.H. Kaltoff. He graduated from Smithville High School in 1974. Travis was united in marriage to Linda Lehmann on February 14, 2002 in Giddings. He was a welder and had been employed with Centex Marine Fabricators in Smithville and with Permian Tank and Invader Boat Company both in Giddings. Travis enjoyed making barbeque, camping, fishing, gardening and spending time outdoors. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Mertink; his brother, Aaron Mertink and his sister, Sandra Bluntschly. Travis is survived by his wife, Linda Lehmann Mertink of Winchester; his mother, Evelyn Morris of Desert Palm Springs, California; two sons, Matthew & Monica Mertink of Giddings and Luke Mertink & Michelle Richardson of Paige; two grandchildren, Matthew Mertink of Giddings and Kylie Mertink of Paige; brother, Paul & Bonnie Mertink Jr. of Warda; uncle,

Marvin & Ruth Mertink of Hillsboro and nieces and nephews, Christy Dalton of La Grange, Cierra Mertink of Warda, Angelin Mihaljevic of Ohio, Gale Paul "Bear" Mihaljevic of Ohio, Damond Mihaljevic of Ohio and Michael Mihaljevic of Ohio. Serving as pallbearers will be Kerri Becker, Bernie Miertschin, Troy Votaw, Daniel Noack, Jerry Flippo, Marvin Kipp and Tom Juergens. Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Lutheran Church Anniversary Fund or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Travis "Big T" Lee Mertink

Clarence & Dianna Mitschke - August 02, 2010 at 11:24 AM

JN

“ Travis "Big T" Lee Mertink

Johnathan and Amy Noack - August 01, 2010 at 09:29 PM

VF

“ Travis "Big T" Lee Mertink

Votaw Family - August 01, 2010 at 09:28 PM

CJ

“ Travis "Big T" Lee Mertink

Christie Jenkins - August 01, 2010 at 09:48 AM

MB

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Mike & Dianne Bell - July 31, 2010 at 11:36 PM