



Deputy Constable Byron McMillen

September 18, 1951 - September 24, 2014

A Mass for Deputy Constable Byron McMillen, 63, of Fairplay will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 29, 2014 at the St. William of Vercelli Catholic Church with Fr. Jessudos Thomas and Fr. Jayaseelanraj Lucas officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Sunday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mr. McMillen died September 24, 2014 in Carthage, Texas.

Mr. Byron Lee McMillen was born September 18, 1951 in Punxsutawney, PA. He was the oldest of four boys born to the marriage of Ned Elwin and Anna Mae Wolfe McMillen. He was raised and graduated schools in Salamanca, New York with the class of 1970. He attended Batavia Junior College and began his police career working in Salamanca. Byron married Charlene Ann Boza June 27, 1973 and they celebrated 41 years of marriage. Mr. McMillen came to work for Texas Utilities in 1979 and began as a reserve officer for the Panola County Sheriff's Dept in 1984, now serving as Deputy Constable he has served Panola County 30 years. He served as Captian of the Clayton Volunteer Fire Dept., was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and was skilled in woodworking and furniture making.

Byron is survived by his parents, Anna Mae and Ned McMillen of Salamanca, N.Y., devoted wife, Charlene McMillen of Fairplay, sons, Adam Neil McMillen and wife Donna of Shreveport, LA, Daniel Travis McMillen and wife Kristen of Henderson, brothers, Ivan R. McMillen and wife Sue of N. Tonawanda, N.Y., Kevin N. McMillen and wife Jane of Salamanca, N.Y. and Vern McMillen and

wife Debbi of Little Valley, N.Y., grandson, Cason McMillen of Henderson, numerous nieces, nephews and his law enforcement family. An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street
P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX 75633
(903) 693-3816
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

Service

SEP **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. William of Vercelli Catholic Church
4088 NW Loop 436
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall

MP

“ I remember the McMillen family growing up in Salamanca. It sounds like Byron had a beautiful life, filled with love...may those special memories console you during your darkest days. He definitely is gone too soon.

Martha (Krist) Peterson - October 07, 2014 at 09:58 AM

 Walt Hart

“ I came to know Byron when I transferred from the Beckville mine to the Tatum mine in 1995. I knew from the moment I first met him that here was a man that you could depend on no matter what the situation might be. He will be very missed. My thoughts are with his family at this time.

Walt Hart

Walt Hart - October 01, 2014 at 03:36 PM

CE

“ The faculty and staff of the East Texas Police Academy wish to convey our condolences to Byron's family during this tragic time. He was a good man and a well-respected man in the law enforcement community as well as a good instructor for us. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to his many friends and colleagues. Rest in peace, Byron.

Charlotte Dunaway, ETPA - October 01, 2014 at 11:26 AM

GM

“ Charlene . Demaires and I are so sorry for your loss . You are in our thoughts and prayers . Gary & Demaires Meyers

Gary Meyers - September 30, 2014 at 12:50 PM

WS

We cousins have just heard of your terrible and heart breaking loss. I'm so sorry, Charlene. Wilda Meyers Stark

Wilda Meyers Stark - September 30, 2014 at 01:40 PM

LL

“ Charlene, Daniel and Adam, Our family is so sorry for your loss. I heard yesterday at St. Judes, and my heart was broken. I pray that God sends his Angels to comfort you at this time. My our prayers soften your burden and may Byron be with Jesus in Heaven smiling down on you . God Bless you all, and our prayers will continue. Dan and Lynne LeBow

Lynne LeBow - September 29, 2014 at 01:28 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



September 28, 2014 at 11:30 PM

JF

“ Joe and Sharon Wolfe & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Joe and Sharon Wolfe & Family - September 28, 2014 at 09:00 AM

AW

“ *Anitra Langford & Fred Williams lit a candle in memory of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen*



Anitra Langford & Fred Williams - September 28, 2014 at 04:10 AM

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Anitra Langford & Fred Williams - September 28, 2014 at 04:07 AM

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VJ

“ For McMillen Family, so sorry for your loss. I know first hand how devoted Byron was to his family. I've met several of the family at special times at Dan and Kris' home. My heart goes out to you all. My thanks also for sharing precious Cason with my mother and me. My mother loved him so much and the two of them shared a birthday. Cherish your memories and you will all be in my prayers.

Velma Jones, neighbor

Velma Jones - September 27, 2014 at 01:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



September 27, 2014 at 12:52 PM

AF

“ Amy and David Dodgen & family purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Amy and David Dodgen & family - September 27, 2014 at 10:29 AM

JC

“ John and Sue Cross purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



John and Sue Cross - September 26, 2014 at 11:08 PM

DC

“ Charlene there are no words to express the sorrow I feel for you and your family. My heart and prayers goes to each of you. May God be with you all.

Dianne Choice - September 26, 2014 at 07:36 PM

DC

“ Dianne Choice lit a candle in memory of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen



Dianne Choice - September 26, 2014 at 07:25 PM

IB

“ Ivan, Sue, Jacob, and Beth purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Ivan, Sue, Jacob, and Beth - September 26, 2014 at 05:52 PM

KB

“ Kevin, Jane, Andy, Mike, & Becky purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Kevin, Jane, Andy, Mike, & Becky - September 26, 2014 at 05:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



September 26, 2014 at 03:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



September 26, 2014 at 02:48 PM

RD

“ RCEC Operations Department purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



RCEC Operations Department - September 26, 2014 at 01:30 PM

MA

“ *Charlene, Adam, Dan and the extended Boza and McMillen families –
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. It’s impossible to find any words that will bring you comfort at this time. Byron has been a fixture in our family for so long and always a pillar of calm strength – so respected and loved as a wonderful husband, father, friend and professional. May these simple words by Helen Keller ring true in the coming days – “What we have once enjoyed, we never lose, all that we love deeply becomes a part of us.” With much love...
Martha, Hannah & Nate*



Martha - September 26, 2014 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



September 26, 2014 at 11:59 AM

TF

“ *Our hearts and prayers are with your family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

The McLeon family - September 26, 2014 at 11:40 AM

MF

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BP

“ So sorry for your loss. Asking God to hold you in His arms and to strengthen and comfort you through His grace. God Bless you.

~B Prudhome

Belinda Prudhome - September 26, 2014 at 10:32 AM

YF

“ Your ECS family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Your ECS family - September 26, 2014 at 10:22 AM

PG

“ The family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God bring you comfort at this tragic time in your lives. Our hearts are broken at this loss.

PCSO Deputy Phillip Grimes & Glenda Grimes



Phillip & Glenda Grimes - September 26, 2014 at 10:20 AM

SC

“ SKF HR Dept: Larry, Mardell, Rick, Laura, Lori and Cheryl purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



SKF HR Dept: Larry, Mardell, Rick, Laura, Lori and Cheryl -
September 26, 2014 at 09:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



September 26, 2014 at 09:00 AM



“ *Charlene, Adam, Dan and families, sending our love to your families at this time. Having known your family for most of my life we don't consider you just family friends but family. So many fond memories. We are so sorry to hear and are continuing to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. With much love from Oregon, Kelly, Juanita, Riley, and baby Greene*

Greene family - September 26, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ *Your family is in our prayers. We pray for your strength and love to each other help get you through this rough time.*

Cheryl Finley - September 26, 2014 at 08:34 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss for you and your family. My prayers are with you.*

*Brandy Ellis
Rusk County Electric Family*

Brandy Ellis - September 26, 2014 at 08:25 AM

BE

“ *Brandy Ellis lit a candle in memory of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen*



Brandy Ellis - September 26, 2014 at 08:19 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



September 26, 2014 at 07:08 AM

ES

“ *Charlene,*

Words cannot express how sorry we are to hear of your family's loss. We send our deepest condolences and sincerest thoughts to you and your family at this time, and in the days ahead. Hoping for peace and comfort for you all.

*Sincerely,
Your friends at East Texas Utility Service*

East Texas Utility Service - September 25, 2014 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



September 25, 2014 at 08:02 PM



“ *Charlene, Dan, and Adam and family: I am heartbroken for you. I know that you will see Byron again one day and I pray that God will hold you especially close and comfort all of you until then. I love you, Charlene!*

Karen Trammell - September 25, 2014 at 07:51 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



September 25, 2014 at 07:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



September 25, 2014 at 07:31 PM

UP

“ Uncle Doug and Aunt Katie, Karla & Mark, Sheila & Patrick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Uncle Doug and Aunt Katie, Karla & Mark, Sheila & Patrick -
September 25, 2014 at 07:03 PM

DW

“ Charlene, Dan, Adam, and family, Our hearts are broken for all of you. I pray our LOVE and prayers surround you and God holds you close s you come to grips with the Byron. Our deepest condolences, Dana and Kelly Woods

Dana and Kelly Woods - September 25, 2014 at 06:58 PM

DR

“ Darla Rau sent a virtual gift in memory of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen



Darla Rau - September 25, 2014 at 05:58 PM

DR

“ Darla Rau purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



Darla Rau - September 25, 2014 at 05:52 PM

DR

“ *Charlene, Adam, Dan and family, we were so sorry to hear of this sad news. May the thoughts and prayers help in the days and months ahead. It sure sounds like Byron has touched all he encountered. Our deepest sympathy in this great loss. Love your family in NY- Eric and Darla, & Family*

Darla Rau - September 25, 2014 at 05:29 PM

YE

“ *Your Friends Power Engineers purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.*



Your Friends Power Engineers - September 25, 2014 at 03:46 PM

DP

“ *Dearest Charlene,
I cannot begin to express how sorry I am about Byron! He was such a kind person & his loss will be felt by many as he has touch many lives in a positive way. I love you very much & am here for you if there is anything you need me to do. I pray for peace, comfort & strength for you, Adam, Dan & the entire family in the days ahead.*

*Love,
Debbie Payne*

Debbie Payne - September 25, 2014 at 02:32 PM

BP

“ *Charlene, Adam, Dan and Family, please accept our deepest sympathy, love and prayers for the loss of Byron. He was truly a man among men, loved and respected by many. May God bless and keep you as you travel these difficult days. With love and prayers, Jerry and Bonita Phillips*

Bonita Phillips - September 25, 2014 at 02:14 PM

JS

“ *Dear Sharlene, Adam and Danny, Its been ions since ive seen any of you, but my heart still aches at the loss of your husband and father, I cant imagine this pain, you are all in our prayers! I too have awesome memories of him and the family from the Halloween parties! He was a good man*

*Dan and Julie Spindler (Spradley) and family
(Ethan, Jasper, Stasia, Amber)*

Julie Spindler - September 25, 2014 at 02:06 PM

DS

“ *We thought a lot of Byron, Sharlene... He is in our prayers as well as you and your family at this incredibly difficult time.*

Willie and Debbe Spradley

Debbe Spradley - September 25, 2014 at 01:59 PM

ME

“ Dearest Charlene, Adam, and Dan, It is with the greatest of sorrow that we have lost someone so dear and loved. Our friendship through the years is something that we hold close and special. No one can replace the lose that you have but know that he will never leave you completely because Byron was the type of person that leaves you with such good memories. A beloved husband, loving father and grandfather, best kind of friend, always there when needed. No words can express how deep the sorrow goes but know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Marty & Sandra

Marty & Sandra Elman - September 25, 2014 at 11:41 AM

KH

“ We are very sad to hear about the loss of a great man such as Byron. Byron and Charlene raised an amazing family and he will be missed greatly by all he those he touched. The days ahead for Charlene and the boys will be difficult but they will make it with love of our Lord. We will continue you to pray for the family.

Keith Holmes - September 25, 2014 at 11:00 AM

NV

“ Dear Charlene, Adam, Danny and extended family:

We are so sorry to hear about your loss! Byron was a wonderful person who many people looked up to. I always admired him so much and as a child thought he was so handsome in his police uniform.

We will always remember Byron in our prayers and ask Our Lady to take care of his soul just as he took care of so many people here on earth. We will also pray for all of you during this difficult time.

We love you and miss you!

*Joaquin and Nancy (Hamilton) Vargas
Kevin, Julia, Isabel, Gabriela, AnnaClare, & Victor*

Nancy Vargas - September 25, 2014 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ Dear Charlene, Adam & Danny,

We are very sorry for your loss. Byron was good man.

My memories of him are as the big, strong policeman who was quiet & reserved and was always working on a project in his garage. He was clearly strong in character and was a good example for all of us growing up. I remember Byron as always showing up to help his fellow man when the need arose. Some of my best memories are of the great times we had during Halloween when the families got together at your house. Byron impacted many lives in a very positive way.

Our thoughts & prayers are with you. We will have a Mass offered for the repose of Byron's soul.

Billy & Andrea Hamilton & Family

Billy Hamilton - September 25, 2014 at 10:27 AM

LE

“ So Sorry for this terrible tragedy in your family. I worked with Sgt. McMillen for many years and will always remember him and his homemade gifts to the female staff he had made out of wood. So Great. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Love, Linda Etheredge

Linda Etheredge - September 25, 2014 at 10:13 AM

LH

“ *Lessie Hughes lit a candle in memory of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen*



Lessie Hughes - September 25, 2014 at 09:57 AM

TR

“ *Dear Charlene, Adam and Danny,*

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Byron. He was a very good person and dear friend of our family. We have many great memories of him and all of you. Nancy and I were just reminiscing the old days just a few days ago and we recalled the delicious pizzas y'all made for all of us, the parties we had and the greatest hayrides ever!

He died on the feast of Our Lady of Ransom! Our Lady of Ransom appeared to Saint Peter Nolasco, to his confessor, Raymund of Peñafort, and to King James I, and through these three servants of God established a work of the most perfect charity, the redemption of captives. The members of their religious order would undertake to deliver Christian captives of the Moors and offer themselves, if necessary, as payment. What an honor to die on the feast of Our Lady!

I'm sure Our Lady of Ransom is keeping special watch over Byron and all of you during this difficult time! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Take care and God bless!

With love from all of us,

Manuel and Tricia (Hamilton) Rada and family

Tricia Rada - September 25, 2014 at 09:18 AM

DS

“ Oh, dearest Charlene, my heart aches for you and your family. I do not have words to say how sorry I am. You are such special lady and such a wonderful friend. Please know that I love you and will be praying that God's grace and comfort enfolds you and yours during this great trial and always.

Dianna Smith - September 25, 2014 at 09:17 AM

DS

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Dianna Smith - September 25, 2014 at 09:17 AM

OF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the McMillen family in this time of mourning. Vaya Con Dios.

officer - September 25, 2014 at 09:01 AM

UN

“ UAW COMMITTEE FALCONER NY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Deputy Constable Byron McMillen.



UAW COMMITTEE FALCONER NY - September 25, 2014 at 07:43 AM

CH

“ Words cannot express the sorrow we are all feeling. Please know that I am praying for you and your family during this time, and if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to ask. Thoughts, prays, and much love are being sent your way,

Charlene Ham

Charlene Ham - September 25, 2014 at 06:53 AM

BF

“ *Charlene, Adam, and Danny:*
Our hearts go out to all of you. Your loss is the whole world's loss, when the world so needs more good men like Byron; but, just think how he must have been welcomed into the next world! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your faith in God will see you through this difficult trial - God and Byron will see to that. We will have masses said for the repose of his soul and ask God's blessings for all of you and yours. May Byron's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. God Bless.
All our love,
Bill and Teri Hamilton and family

Bill and Teri Hamilton and family - September 24, 2014 at 09:32 PM

TB

“ *Charlene, my heart is breaking for you and the family. We are still in shock. We thought the world of Byron. Thomas and I wish we could be there with you. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you.*

Thomas & Ann Bagley - September 24, 2014 at 08:51 PM

GD

“ *Charlene praying God covers you and your family with His comfort at such a difficult time. You will be in my prayers and thoughts.
Much love Gwen*

Gwen Dyke - September 24, 2014 at 08:13 PM

VL

“ *Charlene and family, my heart is broken for you all. Byron was one of the kindest person we knew. We are praying for you and your family.
We love you. Vic and Donna*



Vic Donna LaBorde - September 24, 2014 at 08:01 PM

SS

“ *Thank you for the great teaching that you provided in the night academy. That seems like yesterday and it's hard to believe you have left earth. However, I know you are in your heavenly home and will watch over all of us as we continue in law enforcement. Rest in peace Captain McMillen.*

*Sgt. Scott Smith
Marshall P.D.*

Scott Smith - September 24, 2014 at 06:42 PM

DH

Charlene and family,

No words to express how sorry I am for your loss. Praying for you all that God will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Debbie Holts - September 25, 2014 at 10:45 AM