



ROYCE DALE HAMMOND

A man who called Jewett home, but spent some of his boyhood growing up in Crockett, Mr. Royce Dale Hammond, passed away in an auto accident on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Mr. Hammond was born July 25, 1955 in Hillsboro, Texas to Lois Wells Hammond and Herman Hammond.

Mr. Hammond made a choice to join the U.S. Air-Force to serve his country, and further his education opportunities as well. After the military, Mr. Hammond entered law enforcement; first with the border control, then as a police officer in Limestone County, Falls County and Roberson County. Mr. Hammond served as chief of police in two cities. Upon retirement, he continued to work part-time as a civil process server.

Mr. Hammond's marriage brought the love of his life, his three daughters. One could never be with Mr. Hammond very long before he turned the conversation to the girls, and then came Hallie, his first grandchild, he adored her and Hallie adored him. Mr. Hammond used to say "Grans and Grand, aren't they?"

Survivors include his three daughters Shanna Schultz and husband Cody, Amber Hammond and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hammond, all of Jewett; sister Betty Whitehead and husband Anthony, of Huffman; brother Gary Hammond and wife Sheila, of Magnolia; sister-in-law Mary Hammond, of Jewett; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who count themselves lucky to have shared his life.

Preceded in death by his father Herman F. Hammond; two brothers Charles Hammond and Jimmy Hammond; and sister-in-law Mozette Hammond.

Funeral Services for Mr. Royce Dale Hammond were held by the ministers of his church in the Ricks-Bowers Funeral Home in Jewett, the Rev. Billy Evans and the Rev. James Engle officiated. A beautiful acapella rendition of "Amazing Grace" was presented by Carly, one of Mr. Hammond's daughter's classmates.

Pallbearers were J.D. Foley, Mike Ferrel, Bob Evans, Joe Hall, Mike Sutton and Darren Thomas. Honorary Pallbearers were law enforcement officers from several towns.