

Major Roy Allen Birdsong

December 23, 1953 - December 19, 2023

“Old Friends”

By Willie Nelson, Roger Miller, and Ray Price

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 23

“The Lord is My Shepherd; There Is Nothing I shall Want.”

Second Reading
Revelations 14:13

The Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12

HOMILY

Reflections by Mitch Woods

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: “Lord, hear our prayer”

CLOSING PRAYER

PRESIDER: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord!

ASSEMBLY: ***RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.***

PRESIDER: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ASSEMBLY: ***RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH***

PRESIDER: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

ASSEMBLY: ***RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.***

“My Hero”

By Foo Fighters



Major Roy Allen Birdsong, 69, of Port Neches, died Tuesday, December 19, 2023. He was born on December 23, 1953, in Beaumont, to Margaret Douglas and Roy Allen Birdsong, Sr.

He graduated from Beaumont High School in 1973. After a brief employment with the Kountze Police Department, he began a 40-year career with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and reached the accreditation of Master Peace Officer. His initial assignment began as a jailer in the "old" jail within the courthouse.

He rose to the rank of Lieutenant with the Patrol Division and would later be promoted to Major with the Law Enforcement Division. This entailed

working in the Jefferson County Narcotic's Task Force; a joint task force comprised of local, state, and Federal agencies (Jefferson, Hardin, Chambers, Orange County; Port Neches PD, Nederland PD, Port Arthur PD, Beaumont PD, Texas Department Public Safety, DEA and FBI, Customs).

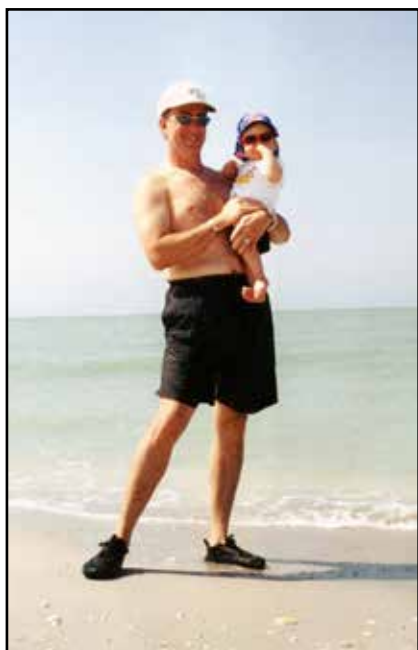
Roy also served as Commander of Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT) team for over twenty years. This team handled hostage situations, barricaded suspects, forced entry into buildings or homes as well as executing narcotic raids and special search warrants and assist in other emergency crisis situations. He also earned his private pilot license and at times acted as copilot for the Sheriff's Aviation Unit for both the fixed wing aircraft and helicopter.

He was honored to have ended his career as a Water Safety Officer's within the Marine Safety Patrol. This unit provides safe escort for vessels within the County marine waterways and assists with boating accidents. In this role, he received the United States Coast Guard 50 Ton Master Captain's License.

Roy and his family spent annual summer vacations on the Islands of Sanibel and Captiva in Florida. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter. The family are members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Port Neches, Texas.

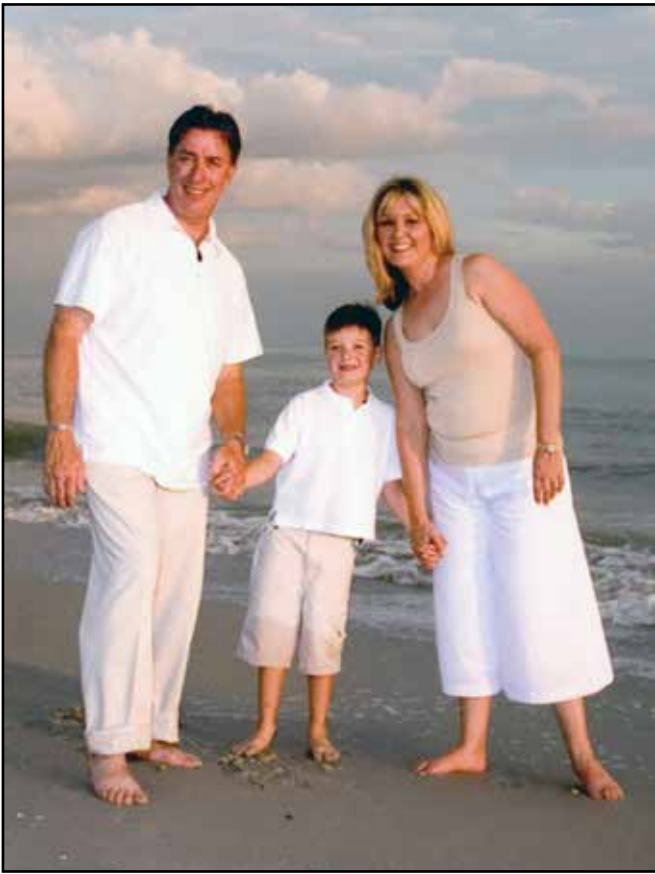
Survivors include his wife of thirty-two years, Julie Birdsong; son, Logan Birdsong; brother, Paul Birdsong; niece, Amanda Birdsong; sister, Dollie Hollingsworth and nephew, Ryan Hollingsworth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Emmett Hollingsworth.

















MAJOR BIRDSONG, CAN I BE LIKE YOU WHEN I GROW UP?

I DONT THINK THAT DAY WILL EVER COME.









Celebration of Life

Saturday, January 27, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Beaumont, Texas

Reverend John Clancy Coon

Committal

Broussard's Crematorium

Beaumont, Texas

Honorary Pallbearers

Paul Birdsong

Kyle Bordelon

Roy Wood

Brent Weaver

Todd Wood

Doug Bledsoe

Nick Garsee

Robert Ogden

Bart Owens

Jeremy Battenfield

Todd Richard

Taps

Josey Johnson

Flag Presentation

Lieutenant Luther Bracken

Deputy Jorge Cardenas

Bagpipes

Detective Jeff Courts

Memorial Contributions

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