



Wilbert G. (Ike) Eickenhorst

July 29, 1935 - August 15, 2014

Wilbert Gustav (Ike) Eickenhorst, 79, received his victory with the Lord on August 15, 2014. He was born in Anderson, Texas, on July 29, 1935 to Herbert and Hilda Eickenhorst, baptized on August 18, 1935 at Zion Lutheran Church in Anderson, Texas, and confirmed on May 15, 1949. Ike was raised in Navasota, Texas, graduating from Navasota High School.

In 1959, Ike joined the Houston Police Department (HPD). During his career with HPD, Ike worked as a patrolman, detective in the Homicide Division and lieutenant in the Traffic Division. After 35 years with HPD, Ike retired in 1994 as the Lieutenant leading the motorcycle detail. Ike was a founding member of the Houston Retired Policemen's Association and served as the organization's first president.

On September 15, 1962, Ike married "a girl from Houston" (as reported by the Navasota newspaper), JoAnn Watlington. Ike and JoAnn were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Houston by Reverend Donald Black. For the next 52 years, the couple would build their lives together, travel the world, raise children, and make their home in Houston. Ike was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he served as an elder, founder of the Car Care Ministry, and organizer of the Golf Cart Ministry, among other leadership and contributing positions.

During his career with the Houston Police Department, Ike met and escorted many worldwide dignitaries around Houston. However, he was never happier or more proud than when he met, escorted or attended events of his grandchildren, Collin, Amie, Ben, Sam and Jack.

Ike is survived by his wife, JoAnn; daughter, Kellie Leitko and husband Scott and children Collin and Amie; son, Randy Eickenhorst and wife Sarah and children, Ben, Sam, and Jack; sister, Wilma Robnett and children Sandy and Sheri; sister-in-law, Linda Eickenhorst and children Willie and Jake; brother-in-law, Clinton Watlington and wife DyAnne and children Celeste and Rickey; and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces, relatives

and friends. His parents, Herbert and Hilda Eickenhorst, and his brother, Morris Eickenhorst, precede him in death.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brad Eickenhorst, James Leitner, Rickey Watlington, Ricky Johnson, Cliff Simmons, and Aaron Fritsche. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Willie and Jake Eickenhorst. Crucifer will be Blake Fritsche and acolyte will be Kailey Stoerkel.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Ike's name to the Alzheimer's Association, <http://www.alz.org> or Trinity Lutheran Church, <http://www.trinitydt.org>.

Cemetery

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

600 Sawyer St

Houston, TX, 77007

Events

AUG **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church Children's Center
800 Houston Ave, Houston, TX, US, 77007

AUG **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Trinity Lutheran Church
800 Houston Avenue, Houston, TX, US, 77007

AUG **Graveside Service**

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600 Sawyer St, Houston, TX, US, 77007

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Eickenhorst Funeral Services - August 19, 2014 at 03:39 PM



“ Very sorry to read of the passing of Lieutenant Eickenhorst. He was my first lieutenant when I joined HPD in the late 1970's. As one of the first two women in the Accident Division's night shift, I can say that Ike was truly a professional and always fair. I feel very fortunate to have worked with and for him.
Ellen Tarver

Ellen Tarver - August 27, 2014 at 06:19 PM



“ We are thinking and praying for you all during this time. What a beautiful tribute to a special man. The service was so nice.
Love, Ritchey, Stephanie, Randy & Andrew Faulk

stephanie faulk - August 26, 2014 at 05:25 AM



“ My husband, Bobby, and I became friends with Ike and JoAnn in the early 60's. We had many good times together. I was so sorry to learn of Ike's passing. I enjoyed looking at the video and reading the many tributes. Ike and JoAnn evidently did a great job of making church, family, friends into a rewarding life. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Having lost Bobby in November 2013, myself and my family are aware of how much thoughts and prayers mean.

When someone we treasure becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.
(author unknown)

Linda Jackson and family

Linda Jackson - August 22, 2014 at 09:30 PM



“ Wil was the first person from outside of our neighborhood to arrive at our house while it was on fire. He and his family had experienced their own fire just 13 months before, so his wisdom and advise was much appreciated. With the pain of his own house fire in the recent past, it was truly a demonstration of Christ's Saving Love.

After the fire, Wil escorted my wife around various neighborhoods to search for rentals where we could live while we rebuilt. Of course, with his law enforcement experience, he could tell her what neighborhoods she should...or should not...consider.

When our beloved senior pastor's car was approaching a ripe old age, it was Wil who stepped up and led the effort to raise money; he very matter-of-factly told people, "we need to buy Pastor a new car." How could you say 'no' to him? He raised the funds and then made the deal at Knapp Chevy, across from our church.

Wil recognized the opportunity to minister to elderly members by creating the Trinity Lutheran Car Care Ministry. It was simple in concept, but priceless in what it did for those members to have their oil changed, car washed and checked by those who loved them and cared for them.

Wil once told someone, "You need to be in The Word!" True words for all of us.

We know where you are, Wil, and thank God for it!

Bob Choate - August 21, 2014 at 10:50 PM



“ Will would show up to the Hospital during a number of procedures I was having, and wait with my wife.

Paul C Manriquez - August 21, 2014 at 03:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilbert G. (Ike) Eickenhorst.



August 21, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ I was saddened by the passing of Mr. Eickenhorst. I remember him attending church on a Sunday in his uniform when had the chance to. I thank the Lord for Mr. Eickenhorst's service with the Houston Police Department and protecting the people of Houston. My sympathies are with the Eickenhorst family and the Robnett family. My mother Karen Harrison expresses her sympathies as well.

Kevin Harrison

Kevin Harrison - August 20, 2014 at 10:48 PM



“ Ike was the perfect example of a Godly man. I was privileged to have not only worked for him for several years but have him as a family friend for many more years. I was blessed to have known him and his wonderful family - Joann, Kelly and Randy. I was so saddened to hear of his loss but know that he is sitting with Jesus and he could not be in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mrs. Dana Gerard

Dana Gerard - August 20, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Eickenhorst and family,

Mr. Eickenhorst influenced so many people during his lifetime as he served God, loved his family, helped his church, and protected the city of Houston. One of those people was me.

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.
Elizabeth Stoerkel

Elizabeth Stoerkel - August 20, 2014 at 05:52 PM



“ We give thanks for Ike's strong example of faith in Jesus our Savior and for the way he faithfully served our Lord at Trinity and in the community. May the victory over death which God gives us through our Lord Jesus Christ be your hope and comfort.

Paul and Betty Dorn

Paul and Betty Dorn - August 20, 2014 at 01:41 PM



“ Saddened to hear of the loss of a long time faithful neighbor of Garden Oaks. Will miss our discussions about community. JoAnn and family may the memories wrap you like a comforting blanket. Terry Jeanes

Terry Jeanes - August 20, 2014 at 09:10 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers for your family and for a rest well deserved. Will never forget all the support he gave to the Soul Seekers at Trinity and the youth group. He will be very much missed.

The Geisler Family

Jerrel N Debbie Geisler - August 20, 2014 at 07:53 AM



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August 19, 2014 at 07:00 PM



“ Kellie, Scott and Eickenhorst Family - My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

Cheryl Witt Hampton - August 19, 2014 at 02:10 PM



“ I worked with Lieutenant Eickenhorst in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He was a good man and I enjoyed working with him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Gary Flynn - August 19, 2014 at 07:00 AM



“ Don and I have always said that Trinity raised us. Great men and women of God molded and shaped who we are today. Names like Weinhold, Black, Wagner, Gallmeier, Fasholz and EICKENHORST. We praise God that we had the honor and privilege of worshipping and serving alongside of Will and JoAnn E. We are thinking of Randy, Sarah, Kelly and Scott with great love as well. Respectfully, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Christian.

Deborah Christian - August 18, 2014 at 09:00 PM



“ Don and Deb, I couldn't have expressed my thoughts any better. These people mean the world to us and made big deposits in our lives as well. We will miss you Ike. Our prayers are for Joann, Kellie and Scott, Randy and Sarah and families.

sherry johnson - August 19, 2014 at 06:54 AM



“ Jenna RETZLOFF- Bledsoe and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbert G. (Ike) Eickenhorst.



Jenna RETZLOFF- Bledsoe and family - August 18, 2014 at 07:30 PM



“ From the time Ike was a rookie cop until this very day, I always held him in the highest regard. He's the type of guy we never want to loose. My deepest condolences to the entire Eickenhort family.
Breck Porter, Jr.

Breck Porter - August 18, 2014 at 07:11 PM



“ Paul Fetterhoff purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Wilbert G. (Ike) Eickenhorst.



Paul Fetterhoff - August 18, 2014 at 06:37 PM



“ Lieutenant Eickenhorst was a perfect example of a man that said what he meant and meant what he said. I worked for the Texas Highway Department and Lieutenant help us many, many times with traffic control and insured safety of our employees any way that he could. Sargeant Cliff Simmons also was instrumental in providing service to us and we all worked together really well.
My prayers are with his family. The Houston Police Department NEVER had a finer man and gentleman. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Charles Burks - August 18, 2014 at 02:42 PM



“ Ike, always there to greet us on Sunday morning with that big smile. It's no secret he was an awesome man, always willing to help and lend a hand. Beautiful wife and family in so many ways. Such a Blessing for us both. Ike something else! From the Krailo's

Lynn and Johnny Krailo - August 17, 2014 at 03:32 PM



“ Lt. Ike was my supervisor on night shift Accident Investigation Division. He treated his officers and the citizens with respect. He was without a doubt, the best supervisor that I worked for.

RM Berry

R M Berry - August 18, 2014 at 10:25 AM