



Rusty Shepherd

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February 22, 1955 - May 20, 2011

Alvin Russell "Rusty" Shepherd, Jr., 56, of La Porte passed away Friday May 20, 2011. He was born February 22, 1955 in Pasadena, Texas to Marguerite and Alvin Russell Shepherd, Sr. He was a La Porte High School graduate in 1973 and later attended San Jacinto College and the University of Houston. Rusty was a member of First United Methodist Church, La Porte Police Officers Association, and La Porte Rotary Club. He was named Rotarian of the year in 2010. He was an accomplished musician playing the piano and organ in most all area churches. He is survived by cousins Marjorie Shepherd Nelson and Dick, O.R. Arnold, Jr., and other cousins Dale and Bill Summers, Richard and Tricia Nelson, and Evelyn and Wyeth Weideman.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday May 25, 2011 at 2PM at First United Methodist Church in La Porte. There will be a private family graveside.

In lieu of usual remembrances donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Neighborhood Centers of La Porte, and the La Porte Rotary Club.



Tribute Wall

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RP

Ronda Cook Whited Of La Porte, Tx posted:

Rusty has been a visible part of the La Porte community for many years. I mostly remember him as the organist for the Community Church and a dispatcher for the police department. I am sorry to hear of his passing. God Bless!

May 27 at 7:00 PM

MS

Meredith And Dodie Wilson Of College Station, Tx posted:

Our condolences to Rusty's family and friends. An icon in La Porte and the Galveston Bay Area has passed. He leaves us with a lesson in how life could be lived unselfishly, lifting spirits of those who need a little boost up and always an ear when to listen is all that is needed.10-7 dear Rusty.

May 25 at 7:00 PM

BT

Becky Ellis Stracener Of Caldwell, Texas posted:

I'm really sorry to hear about Rusty's passing and the pain he must have been feeling. . .Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smile fades, but the memories live on forever. With deepest sympathy, Becky Ellis Stracener

May 25 at 7:00 PM

KT

Kim Williamson Of La Porte, Texas posted:

God needed another gentle soul and called Rusty to heaven. Sunbeams will warm our hearts as though they were Rusty's sweet smiles. My condolences to his family.

May 24 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jayo Washington Of Shoreacres, Tx posted:

A warm amber flame that helped and enriched so many lives in Southeast Texas has gone, never to spark again. I will miss waving at that grey VW as he ran the roads visiting his multitudes of extended families. We will miss you. P.S. The song at Rotary this week was pretty tough without you.

May 24 at 7:00 PM



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CT

Cynthia Plemons Of Baytown, Texas posted:

MY HUSBAND JEFF PLEMONS WORKED WITH RUSTY AT THE PD. HE ALWAYS HAD NICE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT RUSTY. SO SORRY HE LEFT THIS WORLD BEFORE HIS TIME.

May 24 at 7:00 PM

TT

Teri Kuehl Of Teague, Texas posted:

Rusty brought joy to the hearts of everyone who knew him; his wonderful smile, his joyous laugh, his enthusiastic wave, the excitement in his voice when telling a story & his wonderful musical talent. He was a shining star over La Porte who knew everyone & everyone knew & loved him. He will be missed dearly.

May 24 at 7:00 PM

MT

Minnie Hillis Reagor Of Vidor,Tx posted:

I went to school with Rusty, and so sorry to hear of his passing, even tho I haven't seen him in years. My prayers are with his family members. May he rest in Peace.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

DT

Dianna Campbell Cruz Of Baytown, Texas posted:

Rest in Peace dear Rusty... you will be greatly missed by all of us who knew you... you were truly a light in this world, an example of kindness, compassion, true friendship with a smile bigger than Dallas... we are deeply saddened and will never forget you

May 23 at 7:00 PM

PT

Paul Hickenbottom Of La Porte, Texas posted:

Rusty I will miss you. You were a good friend for many years. God be with you.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

L7

Linda K. Windham Of La Porte, Tx 77571 posted:

I have known Rusty for over 40 years. He always had a smile and a kind word whenever I ran into him around town. I will miss him.

May 23 at 7:00 PM



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PH

Peggy Cook Of Houston, Tx posted:

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend, Rusty. He was a wonderful man and he was a great friend as well. I never heard an ill word spoken of him. He was kind, compassionate, and a true gentleman. Sadly there are few people like that in the world today. Friends are a gift from God. They bring us joy and happiness and help us in times of need. That's why I can truly say how glad I am I had this friend. Please extend my sympathy to your entire family and let them know how much we share their pain at this sad time. In Friendship & Sorrow, Peggy Cook

May 23 at 7:00 PM

GB

Gary & Kathy Anderson Of Baytown, Tx. posted:

May the Lord keep his love arm around your family.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

ES

Esther Phillips Of Spring, Tx posted:

Rusty was a very sensitive man. He played the music for my husband's funeral several years ago. (Jack Hawkins). I tried to give him some money, but he insisted that he would not take it. He said "It is the least I can do." He always treated my family well and we will miss him.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

JP

Judy Oates Of La Porte posted:

Rusty knew more about the City of La Porte and its residents than any other person I know. He always had a grin and kind word. May that be what all those who loved him remember.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

BT

Beverly Carman Of La Porte, Texas posted:

May eternal peace be with you Rusty. My condolences to his family.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

GM

Gene Mckinney posted:

You will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

May 23 at 7:00 PM



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CE

Carl & Cindy Crisp Of Elkhart, Tx posted:

We never knew your heartache. You hid it behind a smile and warm, loyal friendship. Although after retiring, we haven't seen Rusty in years. He will be missed. We pray God's comfort for friends and family. Luke 1:78-79

May 23 at 7:00 PM

TT

Tom And Nancy Neely Of Cedar Creek, Texas posted:

Another of LPPD's "finest" will be missed.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

JW

Joe And Vivian Gomer Of Wells, Tx posted:

Rest in peace Rusty you were a wonderful person.

May 23 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jodie Tinder Of Spring, Tx posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends of a very special person. We will miss you.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

CT

Cathy And Jan Emrick Of Livingston, Tx posted:

We were saddened to learn of Rusty's death. He always had a smile on his face. We were privileged to know him for so many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Peace, Cathy and Jan Emrick

May 22 at 7:00 PM

CT

Cb And Margaret Boyd Of La Porte, Texas posted:

Our sympathy to Rusty's family. He will be missed by all at Our First United Methodist Church of La Porte. Rest in peace Rusty.

May 22 at 7:00 PM



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JP

Joy Mccrory Courtney Of Pearland Tx posted:

My heart goes out to all the friends and family. I will always remember his smile. May God hold you close.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

BT

Brenda Fouche Garrett Of La Porte Texas posted:

Rusty, Thank you for the friend that you were to me, your sweet and gentle spirit, your love for people. You will never be forgotten, your memory will live on in the hearts of your childhood friends. Rest in Peace sweet friend.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

JD

Jerry Perkins Of Dallas posted:

I will always remember Rusty as just the best a person could be. Kind, gentle, brave and caring. God Bless you Rusty.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jeffrey Tippit Of La Porte Texas posted:

Rest In Peace my Friend. we will Miss You and Forever you will be in our Hearts.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

MO

Mike And Vickye Gordon Of Ada, Oklahoma posted:

I work for La Port Police Dept from 1977 to 1980 when I meet rusty and his dad two of the best people. Rusty would ride with me almost every night and we became good friends. I moved back to Colorado and I had not seen him for 20 years. Rusty will always be in my hart and every time I think of him I will smile.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

KT

Karen Jones Of La Porte, Texas posted:

You will be greatly missed Rusty. Rest in peace. karen Jones & Family

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PT

Pat And Donna O'conner Of Canyon Lake, Texas posted:

We will always remember Rusty for his smile, wave and kindness. There are no words to describe the sadness.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

AP

Alice Hatter Keener Of La Porte, Tx posted:

(Isaiah 26) "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You". Rusty I will miss seeing you on Rotary Meeting Day. Now I can't say Rusty slow down. To the family Rusty is resting in our heavenly father's house. Peace and blessing to each of you.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

CT

Carl And Cindy Crisp Of Elkhart, Texas posted:

Thus passes a good friend to so many people over the years. You will be missed "deRusto". Tell your mom and dad "hi" for us.chc

May 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rest In Peace

May 22 at 7:00 PM

DG

Don, Janene, Jack, Grant & Sam Davison Of Galveston, Tx posted:

So sorry for all of our loss. Rusty was a fine man and good friend to many. He will be sorely missed.

May 22 at 7:00 PM

PT

Patricia & P.J. Mock, Jr. Of La Porte, Texas posted:

A beloved neighborhood fixture, friend, and former patient of both my father and myself. We waved to each other on the street, probably less than a month ago. This is a loss to our family, city, to all who knew him and enjoyed his company and talent. Our prayers are with his family, friends, and associates.

May 22 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rusty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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