

Allen P Anderson Jr.

Allen P Anderson Jr., affectionately known as Andy, passed away on February 1, 2021 at the age of 70. He is preceded in death by his father Allen Anderson Sr., mother Joan Anderson and a daughter, Andrea Anderson. Andy was born December 28, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas. After graduating High School, he began a life-long career in law enforcement and public service. He started as a dispatcher for the Alamo Heights Police and Fire Department in San Antonio, Texas and even served with the Alamo Heights Volunteer Fire Department. In 1971 he moved to Austin and began working at the Austin Police Department. He graduated from the 44th cadet class and was commissioned as an Officer February 4, 1972. Andy dedicated 29 years serving the citizens of Austin in various roles with APD. The majority of his career was spent patrolling the Southwest Austin and Oak Hill area, earning him the honorary title, "Sheriff of Oak Hill", a nickname given to him by the residents of that area. Andy earned numerous letters of appreciation and commendations throughout his tenure as a law enforcement officer including the Honorable Conduct Award, Merit Bar, Purple Heart, Life Saving Award and the Medal of Valor, the highest honor awarded to Police Officers. After retiring from the Austin Police Department, he continued to serve his community by working for Travis County Constable, Precinct 3 and volunteered with Copline, a not-for-profit dedicated to assisting active and retired law enforcement officers dealing with various stressors they encounter on the job. Other than protecting the community, Andy had a passion for music, having taught himself to play guitar as a teenager. He appreciated the live music scene Austin had to offer and frequented iconic venues like the Broken Spoke and Saxon Pub. He would even join some of his favorite local musicians on stage from time to time. Andy also was a skilled photographer and an avid outdoorsman. Camping, hunting and fishing were among his favorite activities. Andy shared many of these activities with his family who survive him, including his loving partner of 33 years Debbie Arbuckle, daughter Sherrie Aldridge and husband Jesse, son Derek Arbuckle and wife Genna, son Sean Arbuckle and wife Jackie, grandchildren Trey Aldridge, Megan Aldridge, Brogan Arbuckle and a granddaughter due to arrive in May, brother Hank Anderson and wife Beverly, nephew Michael Anderson and wife Melanie along with other cousins residing throughout Texas. A memorial with service honors will take place Thursday, February 11th at 1pm at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home 6300 W William Cannon Dr Austin, TX 78749 with a reception to follow at Southern Hills Church of Christ 3740 FM 967 Buda, TX 78610. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the 100 Club of Central Texas-Austin Police Association at www.austinpolic.com/100-club-of-central-texas or Operation Blue Santa at www.bluesanta.org.