

William H. Horn

William H. Horn My brother, soul mate to me and devoted son to our father and devoted father to his children, has taken his final journey. He passed in peace last week after a devastating bout with tongue cancer that was recently diagnosed. He was in the last stages of treatment when he left us. Bill is survived by his father, William Hinton Horn Jr.; his children, Alyssa Hope Horn and Kevin J. Horn; and his sister, Barbara Lynne Horn. Bill lived a life full of fun and vigor and took joy from flying, being with friends and raising his children. He was a helicopter pilot for the Austin Police Department - a job he took very seriously and in which he took much pride. In this time of transition, his unit, and the Austin Police Department, have been most helpful and their contributions are greatly appreciated. Bill traveled around the world extensively and was always eager to explore new places. His love of flying took over during his college years, earning his fixed wing pilot's license in California. After coming back to Texas to earn his BS in Petroleum Land Management, he continued his pursuit of flying - even to the extent of taking his sister up in a canvas covered aircraft with a stick, no radio and a tail wheel that fell off on landing... he had to buzz the tower for assistance each time. After graduation, Bill took a position as a Williamson County Deputy Sheriff for a time, and then decided to apply as an Austin Police Officer to the academy. Upon graduation, Bill hit the streets for some years until he was promoted to Detective and served in Vice. During this time, he trained to be a helicopter pilot and later became instrumental in acquiring a helicopter for the department; and, as a Sergeant charged with putting the Air Unit together. His humor and professionalism will be missed. Bill's family will receive friends between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Friday, November 3, 2006 at the Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. Funeral services celebrating Bill's life will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Police honors by the Austin Police Department will follow services. Private urn burial will be at a later date in Mart, Texas. Join Bill's family in celebrating his life by sharing your thoughts and fond memories on Bill's memorial site at www.MeM.com. For those desiring, memorial contributions are suggested to the Austin Police Benevolent Society, 615 W. Yager, Austin, TX 78753.