

Robert D. Houston

June 28, 1946 - October 17, 2013

Robert D. Houston, 67, of Limestone, passed away Thursday (Oct. 17, 2013) at his home. A procession will leave at noon, Friday, Oct. 25, from Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, and proceed to the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood for a 1 p.m. graveside service. Memorials may be made to Presence St. Mary's Cancer Center in Bourbonnais. Mr. Houston retired from the Kankakee City Police Department Jan. 16, 2003, after 30 years of service. He was born June 28, 1946, in Chicago, the son of Truman and Elsie Houston. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He enjoyed walking his dog, retirement, auto racing and his grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, the former Cheryl Fisher, of Limestone, whom he married April 1, 1987; one son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and MeLinda MARRS, of Momence; two daughters and one son-in-law, Christina and Donald Klamann, of Kankakee, and Rhonda MARRS, of Momence; eight grandchildren, Kiersten MARRS, Tyler Zawistowski, Evan Zawistowski, Andrew MARRS, Haylie MARRS, Hannah MARRS, Shelby Klamann and Trevor Klamann; one sister, Dolores Kasmer, of Orland Park; and two brothers, Sam Houston and John Houston, both of Clifton. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Nancy Houston and Sue Ann Doehring; and two brothers, William Houston and Richard Houston.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Robert D. Houston.



October 23, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ Lt. Houston was my shift Commander for several years. I respected his leadership. His dedication to his job and his community was impeccable. He always inspired me to be a better officer, either by his example, or by putting his foot in my rear end! He was one of the best supervisors I have had in my 21 years. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served with him.

Shane Finley - October 21, 2013 at 09:07 PM

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“ Lt. Houston was a great police officer, friend and post partner. I had the privilege to work under Lt. Houston for awhile on the afternoon shift. He was always proud to be a police officer in Kankakee and didn't think of it as just a job. He always gave the best shift meetings, felt like I could go achieve anything after the meetings. He was never afraid to say what was on his mind and if you screwed up he would tell you to your face, and then would tell you how to correct it. Thanks to Lt. I still have some "snow days" to use ;) I'll never forget that laugh.
Thank you for your service to our country and the Kankakee community. You won't be forgotten. RIP Bob.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

Peter Nicholos - October 21, 2013 at 03:16 PM

TZ

“ Tyler And Evan Zawistowki lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Houston



Tyler and Evan Zawistowki - October 21, 2013 at 02:27 PM



“ Jason Hubert lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Houston



Jason Hubert - October 21, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ Bob was great man and friend. I remember my first day on the job and he pulled me into his office. Gave me the rookie speech which I now give to my guys. He was always there for you when you needed something and will be truly missed. RIP LT.

Scott Pepin - October 20, 2013 at 09:19 AM



“ Gail Williams (Oprah) lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Houston

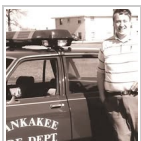


Gail Williams (Oprah) - October 19, 2013 at 11:06 PM



“ Bobby always had a smile. I had the pleasure to with Bob from his first day on the job till I left KPD Dec 1979.. We had many cups of coffee and Dunkin Donuts together. He had a laugh I will always remember. RIP Lt Robert Houston 10-7

Donald Freigo - October 19, 2013 at 09:02 PM



“ Doug Schnell lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Houston



Doug Schnell - October 19, 2013 at 08:01 PM



Bob was always a friend, he was a true friend, thoughts go out to Cheryl, Kathy & Jason Doug Schnell KPD 1980-1988 Dispatch

Doug Schnell - October 19, 2013 at 08:03 PM

SK

“ *Shelby And Trevor Klamam lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Houston*



Shelby and Trevor Klamam - October 19, 2013 at 03:47 PM

Brian Miedema

“ *Brian Miedema lit a candle in memory of Robert D. Houston*



Brian Miedema - October 19, 2013 at 03:37 PM

Kevin McGovern

“ *I met Bob my very first day on the Job in March of 1980. I have so many memories working the street with Bob I could not begin to tell them all. Bob would always make the best of a bad situation and didn't sweat the stuff you couldn't change. Bob was about doing your job and having everyone making it home at the end of their shift with all of your fingers and toes attached. He was an excellent leader, an awesome individual and one incredible human being. Bob will be sadly missed.*

Hoorah

Kevin McGovern - October 19, 2013 at 03:33 PM

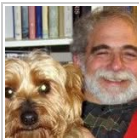
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“ I knew Bob for many years and always enjoyed his sense of humor. I will remember him fondly.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you in your sorrow.

Karen Riml, Brunswick, Maine

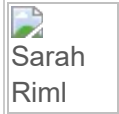
Karen Riml - October 18, 2013 at 07:44 PM



“ There's so much I would want to say about Bob - but mere words fail me. He was steady in his duty and beliefs, fair and just in his dealings with his Fellow Man, and expected nothing less from those around him. Above all, he was my Friend - and for a number of years - my Partner; he always had one's back, one's trust, and demanded nothing less in return. He was a Cop's - Cop; I should have been half as good. We were 'Rookies' together - and often 'thrown out' to see what kind of predicaments we would get into - those stories will go to the grave. Bob had been a combat medic with the 11th Armored Cavalry during his tour of duty in Vietnam - and saw more than his share of suffering and death at a young age. His innate sense of humor never failed to buoy those lucky enough to work with him during both upbeat and distressing circumstances. Luckily, I've kept in touch with Bob lately - and know I'll see him again at another Roll-Call in another place. Bob, my Friend and Squad Partner - I love you so much and so many will miss you. 10-42

Ron Riml, LT, KPD Ret, '73 - '93

Ron Riml - October 18, 2013 at 07:25 PM



I have so many great memories of how I grew up to know him as uncle Bob since he was such a big part of my life and my parents life. Uncle Bob was my god father and such a wonderful man im just sorry that I have not done a better job keeping in touch with him over the years. I love you Uncle Bob and I know that you are in a better place now and not in pain anymore.

*We will miss you greatly
Sarah Riml*

Sarah Riml - October 19, 2013 at 11:05 AM



Ron,, have not forgotten you and do remember many shifts together. Your message on Lt Bob was spot on. I left 1979 but have several good years with you guys. It seems that many of our brothers have left this life. I retired from Daytona Beach PH and now live in the hills of Ky. Sure would be great to get together with a bunch of the guys/

Donald Freigo - October 19, 2013 at 09:08 PM