



Ned Henry Anderson In peace, with dignity, and in the grace of God, surrounded by loved ones, Ned Henry Anderson passed away to Glory on Friday, August 19, 2011. With his never-ending faith, Ned was strengthened to endure the trials and tribulations of his illness. The sun rose in Victoria, Texas, on November 24, 1946, thus beginning the happy, successful, and selfless life that was Ned's journey. Throughout his life, Ned never complained. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who gave unselfishly of his time and counsel to all who crossed his path. The eternal optimism and humble nature that defined Ned touched countless lives. Ned was born in Victoria, Texas; reared in Austin; met and married the love of his life, Carolyn Joyce Wilkins. They were blessed with four children. Those who will cherish his memory include: wife: Carolyn Joyce Anderson; daughter: Tina Anderson-Gobert; sons: Andre B. Anderson, Gregory Keith Anderson, and Robert Eugene Anderson; grandchildren: Josh Gobert, Justin Gobert, Cody Gobert, Christian Gobert, Kaylin Anderson, Darnell Anderson, and Taylor Anderson; brother: Eugene Anderson, III; sister: Claudette Anderson; maternal aunt: Clara Harvey; maternal uncle: C.B. Crittenden; son: Nedric Smith; daughters-in-law: Cassandra Cano, and Lauren McGuire; special friends: John Graves, and Felician Gobert; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and extended family members. Preceded in death and rejoined in Heaven: mother: Ollie Mae Anderson; father: Eugene Anderson, Jr.; maternal grandparents: Pinky Crittenden Brown and Sam Brown; paternal grandparents: Annie Mae Anderson and Eugene Anderson, Sr. Ned recognized early in life that his calling was to be a public servant and protector of those around him. He gave himself to the service of his country in the [United States Navy](#) as a hospital corpsman. Ned served a tour in Vietnam and returned to Austin following an Honorable Discharge. Ned became a [firefighter](#) in the Austin Fire Department (AFD) from 1970 - 1971. He then joined the ranks of Austin's finest by joining the Austin Police Department (APD) in 1971. At that time things were different in Austin and lent to the demographics within the department. Ned proudly led the way to opening doors for minority populations to join the APD and to making things better for the underrepresented members of the troops. Recognizing his likeability and easy-going nature, then APD Chief Miles selected Ned to head a special task force that concentrated solely on recruiting

minorities into the department. He approached this responsibility with great dedication. Ned began his tenure as the 13th African American in the department and worked tirelessly to integrate the APD. Ned served in various capacities within the APD, beginning his career as a patrolman and rising to the rank of Senior Sergeant. He retired from the APD in 1999, ending 28 successful years as a decorated [police officer](#). The calling of public service was too great and Ned came out of retirement in 2000, as an Investigator for the Texas Lottery Commission and later, for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLOSE). Ned retired again in 2010, completing 38 years of service in law enforcement. Ned was a law enforcement official from the very core of his being. The need to serve others and work for the good of the underrepresented was what led to his being known as a champion of others. No task or request was too small for Ned to work on and he approached all requests with unrelenting tenacity. Well known in the law enforcement arena, Ned collaborated on various task forces that eliminated duplication. He successfully crossed the lines of other law enforcement agencies and worked alongside others for the greater good. Ned was a humble leader, well thought of and highly respected. He helped others more than he helped himself. He never bragged about his accomplishments and accolades. Material items meant little to him. Ned loved people. He was a humanitarian, putting others first, and was all action, not just talk. His ability to lead by example made him an exceptional leader. Ned stood tall and made others do the same, defining the very essence of this extraordinary man's legacy. During his career, Ned attended St. Edward's University, acquiring a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, 1977. Education was important to Ned and he stressed this point to his children, grandchildren and others. He encouraged all to strive for higher education, meet those goals, and set more. He strongly urged everyone to continue learning and move forward. Every aspect of Ned's life was focused on his family. His wife was his eternal love. His children were his pride. His grandchildren were his joy. He was such a Daddy and Granddaddy, always feeling it was wrong to say no to his children and grandchildren. Although he treasured every moment he could spoil them, he made sure they knew the value of a dollar and the fulfillment of hard work. He instilled a strong hard work ethic in his children. He grew them by engaging them in community service activities such as cleaning cemeteries in East Austin, working rallies to benefit causes, and working activities to benefit nonprofit organizations. Ned was a jokester and had a penchant for taking lessons he passed on to his children and turning certain words into pet names for them. Whenever he called them by "these common words stretched into names", he and his children would burst into laughter, sharing yet another special moment. Ned enjoyed countless hours cheering his Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns to victory. He often

arranged his schedule around the games and planned trips to see his favorite teams play. Ned was also an avid researcher and was often called upon by former colleagues to assist in various projects. He always took on those tasks with care and concern. Ned loved to cook and constantly experimented with spices and herbs. The sun set in Austin, Texas, on August 19, 2011, thus ending the fruitful, altruistic, and generous life that was Ned's journey. The outpouring of support from Ned's neighbors, friends, and extended family has been outstanding, and allowed for the best care Ned could receive. Special thanks to David W. Hayes, M.D., FACC, your compassion meant so much to him; Brian Hardaway, M.D., your care uplifted him; Roberta Bogaev, M.D., your concern encouraged him; and Audre Crain, R.N., your support made a difference daily. Additional thanks to the fine staff of Satellite Dialysis, Austin Texas; St. David's Hospital, Austin Texas; Baylor Medical Center, Dallas Texas; and St. Luke's Medical Center, Houston Texas. The family acknowledges and appreciates the care and attention to detail with which Ned's Homegoing Celebration has been prepared by the APD Color Guard, especially Sgt. Tim Kresta; the Travis County Sheriff's Office, mostly Sheriff Greg Hamilton; the Retired Police Officers Association, specifically SPO Randy Malone, retired APD; and the Austin Police Association. Special thanks to Captain Freddie Maxwell, retired APD; and Bobby Mack. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial contributions in Ned's honor to: [American Diabetes Association](#), P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312; or National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Lone Star Chapter, 8111 N. Stadium Drive, Suite 100, Houston Texas 77054; or [American Heart Association](#), 10900-B Stonelake Blvd, Suite 320, Austin Texas 78759. Serving as casket bearers will be members of the APD Color Guard. Honorary casket bearers are Andre Anderson, Greg Anderson, Robert Anderson, Josh Gobert, Justin Gobert, Cody Gobert, Christian Gobert, Darnell Anderson, Freddy Martin, and Nedric Smith. Visitation from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m., in the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden Capital Parks Funeral Home, 14501 N. IH 35, Pflugerville, Texas on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. The funeral service will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 3417 East MLK Blvd., Austin, Texas on Thursday, August 25, 2011. Committal Services with the Austin Police Department and Travis County Sheriff's Office rendering full funeral honors at Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery at 14501 N. IH 35, Pflugerville Texas.