

Don McDavid, 62, of Armstrong, formerly of Austin, Texas, passed away May 5, 2015, in St. Louis.

A private celebration of life will be held in Austin at a later date.

He was born Sept. 16, 1952, in Gillette, Wyo., to Bill McDavid and Joann Jones McDavid. He grew up in Austin, Texas, earned a music scholarship to the University of Texas at Austin, and was a trombone player in the Longhorn Marching Band.

He joined the Austin Police Department and became a commissioned police officer in 1974, retiring as a sergeant in 2000. He was most proud of his accomplishments while in charge of the mounted patrol unit.

After retiring, he and his wife, Lorie, moved to Howard County. He enjoyed gardening, cooking, traveling, swimming and the company of family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lorie Neal McDavid of Armstrong; mother, Joann McDavid of Austin; daughter Jennifer Lerma of Pelham, Ala.; son Brent Lerma (Nicole) of Charleston, S.C.; daughter Cassie McDavid of Austin; twin brother Ron McDavid (Donna) of London, Texas; sisters Debbie Tabor (Donnie) of Elgin, Texas, Karen Sylvester (Steve) of Austin and Cheryl Garren (Kenny) of Dripping Springs, Texas; grandchildren Grace, Samuel and Sydney; and best friend Judy Preston of Georgetown, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bill McDavid.