

## Jerry Wayne Slatton

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 19, 2005, at First Christian Church in Ruidoso for Jerry Wayne Slatton of Ruidoso who passed away Sunday, February 13, 2005, at his home following a nine-month battle with cancer. Dr. Jim Smith will officiate. Jerry will be cremated according to his wishes. A burial of ashes will take place at South Park Cemetery at a later date. Jerry was born on February 28, 1942, in Cisco, Tex., to Stewart A. Slatton and Juanita Laverne Lenz-Slatton. His father preceded him in death and one son, John Slatton, who passed away in 2000. On July 8, 1976, Jerry married Pamela Sue Townsend in Austin, Tex. She survives him at the family home. Other survivors include his mother, Laverne Slatton of Cisco, Tex.; granddaughters, Jenny and Ashley Slatton of Eula, Tex.; daughter-in-law, Margie Slatton of Eula, Tex.; brother, Larry Slatton and his wife, Phyllis of Burleson, Tex.; sisters, Brenda Clack and her husband, Danny of Winters, Tex., Joy Vogel and her husband, Ken of Colonial Heights, Va.; extended family, Chris Townsend, Pat, Tony, Callie and Mitchell Krakauskas of Roswell; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and new friends in Ruidoso. He served with the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. Jerry moved to Ruidoso three years ago from Mt. City, Tex. He retired as Sector Commander from the Austin, Tex., Police Department. His career with the police department spanned 32 years, from 1965 to 1995. As a Lt. for the department he was in command of Central Records, Communications, Robbery, Homicide, and Narcotics. After retirement he worked two years as a civilian background investigator. Jerry was a member of the Austin Police Association, the VFW, the Men s Golf Association at Cree Meadows Country Club. He was an active member of the Circle Diamond Chuck Wagon Crew. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Lenz, Eli Lucio, Paul Adkins, Curt Miller, Darrel Summers, and members of the A.P.D. Retired Officers Association. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society at 5800 Lomas Blvd., N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110 or the Ruidoso Homecare and Hospice at P.O. Box 2019, Ruidoso, NM 88355. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Ballard Funeral Home and Crematory, Roswell, New Mexico.

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