Roach, Freddie "Butch"

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A memorial service for Freddie "Butch" Roach, 63, of Flint, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Bowen officiating. Additional speakers will be Brett Sumpter, Paula Cannon and Matt Roach.

Mr. Roach passed away on Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

He was born on Feb. 2, 1945, in Tyler to Durward and Dorthea Harkrider Roach. He grew up in Tyler and attended Tyler Junior College. Mr. Roach was a dedicated employee of Tyler Pipe Industries for 43 years, where he served as a supervisor in the machine shop. He was a member of Mount Selman Baptist Church, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner, as well as an avid hunter and fisherman. Mr. Roach was a kind and generous man, a loving husband, "Daddy," "Pappy" and friend.

Mr. Roach was preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Roach; father, Durward Roach; brother, Bill Roach; and best friend, Tommy Moore. He is survived by a loving family including his wife, Betty Lynch Roach; mother, Dorthea Roach; daughter, Missy Sumpter and husband Brett; stepchildren, Paula Cannon and husband Ted, Coy Moore and wife Mai, Billy Joe Moore and Stephanie, and Anna Traylor and husband Royce; grandchildren, Sydney and Dylan Sumpter; stepgrandchildren, T.J. and Kayla Cannon, Lindsey and Adam Traylor, and Terry Burton; sister, Cheryl Roach; brother-in-law, Frank Alexander; nephews, Matt Roach, Lee Roach and Jon Roach; and many special friends and extended family members.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the dedicated nurses and aides from Hospice of East Texas who compassionately cared for Butch in the last months of his life.

Memorials in honor of Freddie "Butch" Roach may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1301 S. Broadway, Tyler, 75701 (Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701;) or Grace Community School, 3215 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, 75701.

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