

East Texas Funerals Rites For Assistant Chief Deputy Mike Rutherford Slated Monday

MINEOLA — Services for Assistant Chief Deputy Mike Rutherford, 57, Mineola, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at Red Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Breithaupt officiating.

Burial will be in Red Springs Cemetery under direction of Beaty Funeral Home, Mineola.

Mr. Rutherford died May 3 in Mineola.

He was born Jan. 21, 1945, in Dallas to the late Joseph Clarence and Mary Destimonia Curry Rutherford. He had been in law enforcement since 1977, serving as lieutenant with the Smith County sheriff's department, chief of police in Lindale and was currently assistant chief deputy for Wood County sheriff's department. He was a member of Wood County Peace Officers Association.



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Survivors include his wife, Ann Rutherford, Mineola; stepson, Ben R. Alford Jr., St. Charles, Mo.; daughter, Stacey Annette Rutherford, Tyler; stepdaughters, Katherine Ann Downing, Red Springs, and Lela Frances Jones, Etoile; brother, J.C. Rutherford, Tyler; sisters, Grace Marie Dubuque, Irving, Clara Joan Francis, Hurst, and Margie Louise McFarland, San Antonio; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Chuck Houghton, Timmy Koonce, Jim Fortner, Mark Elkins, Terry Bevil, Joyce Box, Jimmy Miller and David Barber.

Employees of Wood County Sheriff's Department will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Wood County Peace Officers Association.