



Rhett Douglas Burke

November 17, 1953 - July 28, 2014

Rhett Douglas Burke, 60, of Houston, passed away Monday, July 28, 2014. He was born in Houston on November 17, 1953 to Donald and Gene Burke.

Rhett grew up in Houston, TX. He loved going hunting and fishing and the country life. He loved his dogs. Rhett was a free spirit and he never had any enemies. He tried to help out everyone he could and he went out of his way for friends and family. He married later on but became a widow. He had many friends and he loved his motorcycle. He lost his leg in a motorcycle accident. He later opened a resale shop, and a surf shop. In his later years he had a daughter with Laura Parsley named Laynna. Laynna was the apple of his eye. He will be sorely missed by his daughter and loved ones.

Rhett is survived by Laynna Burke of Houston, TX; Brad Burke brother, Gene Bankston mother. Rhett was preceded in death by his brother Greg Burke, and father Donald Burke.

A Memorial Service celebrating Rhett's life will be held Friday, August 1, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive @ Kirkwood in Houston, TX 77079.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rhett Douglas Burke*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Rhett Douglas Burke*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Rhett Douglas Burke*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Rhett Douglas Burke*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I met Rhett in 1976 and spent the next years of my life on the most interesting ride of my life. I always loved him. We went through a lot of rather tough but unique times. Love u rat. Wish I would have known. I'm so glad you got to have the love of your daughter. I will never forget. You are a big part of what made me tough snuff to survive this life. May you rest in peace. God knows you deserve it.*

sue bell duetz rock - October 14, 2016 at 12:35 PM

KD

I knew Rhett from Sharpstown in 1967 from the alley behind his mother's house. Last saw him in 1976 at a park in Sharpstown, was that you Sue Bell Duetz sitting in the front seat with him? He was a cool guy.

Kerry Daussin - October 27, 2022 at 04:55 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bean sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Judy Bean - July 27, 2015 at 05:22 PM

JB

“ *Well Rat you left us a year ago yesterday. I miss you now as I did then. Wish you were here. I will Love you forever my dear friend. Love Judy*

Judy Bean - July 27, 2015 at 05:20 PM

JB

“ *I was with mama last Friday and said Rat will be gone 1year next month she said NO way your tripping " as you know she's cool now". We laughter a bit, talked and remembered how much you truly ment to us. Now its 7-1-15 thought's of you are never far. Loving and missing you as Always. I miss you Rat more then I could have ever known. I Live you Rat. Love you forever Judy Bean*

Judy Bean - July 01, 2015 at 01:15 AM

JB

“ *Judy Bean sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Judy Bean - April 22, 2015 at 10:30 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bean lit a candle in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Judy Bean - December 24, 2014 at 11:16 AM

JD

“ *Jamie Driskell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Jamie Driskell - November 05, 2014 at 10:19 PM

JD

Last gig I dedicated to you. Rock on forever Rat. Love ya bro Jamie

Jamie Driskell - November 05, 2014 at 10:31 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bean sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Judy Bean - November 05, 2014 at 10:14 PM

JD

“ *Jamie Driskell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Jamie Driskell - November 05, 2014 at 10:08 PM

JD

Miss you bro

Jamie Driskell - November 05, 2014 at 10:09 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bean sent a virtual gift in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Judy Bean - November 05, 2014 at 09:24 PM

JB

Ever time I hear a Harley go by my heart skips a few beats. The realty sets in and the pain is overwhelming. I Love you rat. May GOD bless. Love you always. Judy

Judy Bean - November 05, 2014 at 10:00 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bean lit a candle in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke*



Judy Bean - August 28, 2014 at 12:44 AM

JB

Well it's been 1 month 2 days. I miss you with all heart. I consider myself so blessed to have had you as my true friend. As we all know if you have a true friend you are a rich person. That is what Rhett made me.who ever said time heals never lost someone as dear as you.I will look to the southern sky to watch you as the free bird you now are to soar.In life as well as daeth I will always Love you. Soar high and ride free my dear friend.I will Love and miss you.See you soon.Love you Rat. I will not say goodbye but fairwell for now.May GOD bless.Love Judy

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Judy Bean - August 28, 2014 at 01:21 AM

CG

“ *Sometimes I feel his presence. I look over my shoulder expecting to see him in my recliner and then he says what? Where's the sweets. I'd say I cut all that out. I had to have to live. I can't get enough exercise to burn the calories because of my knees. He'd said okay let's go to krogers and get some éclairs. There's your exercise*

Chrysler Garcia - August 09, 2014 at 10:58 AM

LN

“ About 20 years ago (give or take a few) I was at the Montrose Festival on a Sunday afternoon along with my daughter Bonnie, Raylene and Grandma Flowers. We were sitting on a friends porch people watching and relaxing before the drive back to Dallas and coming toward us was a gruff looking man with the most precious little big eyed girl in tow....that is the day I meant Rhett and Laynna Burke. He introduced himself and the next thing I knew he took off his leg. We hit it off immediately after my shock. That day changed many lives for many people. As we played with Laynna as he watched on and I saw the love in his eyes for his baby girl who is now a beautiful woman I'm sure he was so proud of. Rhett you will be missed by many. In the arms of our lord and savior may you find peace and grace. May your body be healed with no more trials, tribulations or pain. May your family find comfort that you are looking down on them and watching their triumphs in life. I think you may have to silence that HOG as you meet St. Peter but I am sure as soon as he gives you the nod through you can sound off with only the sound a Harley has to give. God speed my friend.

Your Friend

LaDonna Nadir

LaDonna Nadir - August 05, 2014 at 05:30 PM

JO

“ Rhett said the best thing he ever did in his life was having his daughter Laynna. I met Rhett when Laynna was three years old or so. He reminded me of an old time hippie and for many years we sparred over anything and everything to do with Laynna.

Rhett enjoyed long chats with Laynna on our white bench out front- he knew I wouldn't let him smoke in the house so he adopted the bench as his visiting place with Laynna. He would stay out there late into the night telling her jokes and and shooting the breeze.

He loved my homemade soup and cornbread and Laynna loved having her Daddy over for visits. I never knew what to expect with Rhett- he rolled into the driveway in every sort of vehicle known to man-- usually with half his stuff in tow and sometimes a dog. He reminded me of the Peanut character Linus who came and went in a cloud of dust. I knew he was out front when I heard the joyful cry of "Pookie Pie" when he saw Laynna.

Through the years, as Laynna grew up into a beautiful young woman, our squabbles turned into mutual pride as we both mellowed out and enjoyed seeing Laynna succeed in so many areas. The old battles became story swaps on what Laynna was up to. Two very different people but with one very important thing in common: our love for Laynna.

So, my wish for Rhett is that he will feel healthy and happy up there with the Big Man, that he will have his teeth back and a big steak to eat with some homemade soup, some Willie Nelson music playing in a new pickup truck, his dog Maggie by his side- and that he will know how much Laynna loved him and how many friends he had that care that he is gone but not forgotten.

Rest in joy and peace Rhett. Your friend, Jo

josetta - July 30, 2014 at 11:43 PM

JB

“ I have know Rhett for 15 yrs.my uncle Craig was one of Rhett's dearest friends for 35 yrs.So to me and my family Rhett was family. He love to go see my boyfriend Jamie play gigs Rhett would come to my home and tell Jamie get up and play me some music boy and Jamie did.As I know how much music and friends ment to Rhett the most important person in Rhett's life was his daughter Layna when he spoke of her he smiled and his soul lit up with pride.I will love and miss you for the rest of my life with my faith I know I will see you again Rhett until then I will try to dry my tears and remember one of the best men I have ever had the known. Thank you for always being my dear friend.

Judy Bean - July 30, 2014 at 05:09 PM

JB

Well Rat I keep finding myself thinking of you and missing you so much. I know your enjoying Heaven. Well earned my friend. I Love you. Judy

Judy Bean - April 22, 2015 at 10:38 PM

ST

“ Steve lit a candle in memory of Rhett Douglas Burke



steve - July 30, 2014 at 03:05 PM

ST

YOU "WILL" BE MISSED MY LONG TIME FRIEND.

steve - July 30, 2014 at 03:09 PM

RA

“ Thank you Rhett for giving me the most precious gift anyone could receive by sharing Layna with me. Angels fly with you and enjoy the ride! I heard there are alot of Harley's in heaven so get a pretty one and take care of your new leg this time.



Raylene - July 29, 2014 at 09:04 PM



“ Rest in peace Rhett. You will be missed and remembered fondly by your children and family.



Mary Hancock - July 29, 2014 at 08:42 PM