



## Obituary

### Howard Burton "Slick" Alfred November 23, 1933 – January 2, 2014



Howard Burton "Slick" Alfred, 80, of Athens, passed away, Jan. 2, 2014, in Tyler. He was born Nov. 23, 1933, in Tyler, the youngest child of Ross and Elizabeth Burton Alfred.

He graduated from Tyler High School in 1951 and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Soon after, he joined the Texas Department of Public Safety and later the Texas Rangers from 1970 to 1987, first stationed in Dallas and coming to Athens in 1976. As a Ranger, he served Henderson, Freestone and Navarro counties.

With his first wife, Iva Jones Alfred, Slick had four children, two of whom survive: Janet Alfred Feltman and her husband Billy, of Lufkin and Julia Alfred Dotson and her husband Bobby, of Jacksonville. Preceding him in death were two sons, Phillip Wayne Alfred and David Howard Alfred. In addition to his parents, Slick was also preceded by his sisters, Betty Marie Lee and Patsy Bryans, and his brother, William Ross Alfred.

Slick was married in May 1979 to Mary Alice Insley Harrup, who survives. Three step-children also survive: Mary Webb and her husband Gary, of Charleston, S.C., Paul Harrup III, of McKinney, and Angus Harrup and his wife Tinika, of Highland Village. Slick is survived by seven dearly-loved grandchildren: Carrie Lynn Glaze, Casie G. Matthews (John), Chelsie G. Page (Eric), Alicia D. Ferguson (Dan), Kyle Dotson, Aaron Alfred (Tara), and Candace A. Donnell (Damon); step grandchildren, Ian and Ava Harrup; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Slick was fond of nieces and nephews, Sharon Miller, Karen Lee, Jeff Lee, Melissa Hughes, Mark Alfred and Gary Alfred.

A private burial will take place at Bascom Cemetery in Smith County on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, led by an honor guard of Texas Rangers.

- Information from the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* on Jan. 4, 2014 and other sources.

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