



John Halvorson

August 12, 2015

The Honorable John J. Halvorson

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After a lifelong career serving Roswell and Chaves County, the Honorable John J. Halvorson passed away in peace Wednesday, August 12, 2015, at the age of 56, due to complications from cancer. Judge Halvorson's belief in God and his devotion in and out of the courtroom was evidence of personal integrity, compassion and the desire to do the right thing. The impact he leaves on his family, friends and community is immeasurable. Blessed with the ability to see the brighter side of life, he will be remembered for his patience and great respect for people.

The youngest of three boys, Judge Halvorson was born to the late James Jacob Halvorson and Clerry Muriel Halvorson on May 29, 1959, at St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell, New Mexico.

First and foremost, Judge Halvorson was an infinitely dedicated and loving husband to his soulmate and best friend of 27 years, Juliana. He was a caring and patient father to his daughters, Shilo and Shelby, who will dearly miss him. Judge Halvorson graduated from Goddard High School at the young age of 17 and attended Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell, taking classes in Criminal Justice. He joined the Roswell Police Department on his 21st birthday in 1980. Judge Halvorson served the department for 20 years as a Patrol Officer, Traffic Accident Investigator, Police Pursuit Motorcycle Instructor, Crime Prevention Officer, Honor Guard Commander and Sergeant.

He was awarded the Lifesaving Citation during his career. Following his retirement, Judge Halvorson became the Chaves County DWI Coordinator as well as a Court Compliance Officer.

On January 13, 2010, Judge Halvorson was appointed (by then Governor Richardson) to the bench as Magistrate Judge, to fill a vacancy by retiring Magistrate Judge Robert B. Corn. He was then elected to a four-year term in November of 2010 and re-elected in 2014. In June of 2013, he was appointed Presiding Judge of Chaves County by the New Mexico Supreme Court. Judge Halvorson has been involved in many community volunteer and youth agencies over the years. He was an Eagle Scout, has been a Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, District Commissioner and Training Chairman in the Boy Scouts. In 1980 he led a group of boys as the Scoutmaster at the National Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C. He has been awarded Vigil Honor, Silver Beaver, Wood Badge Scoutmaster and earned the Scoutmaster Award of Merit.

Judge Halvorson touched so many lives in the Roswell community and he will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. He is survived by his wife, Juliana; daughters Shilo and Shelby; loving brother, Steve and wife Lynne; brother, Robert; father-in-law John; as well as many in-laws, nieces, a nephew and many close family friends.

The family would like to thank the Roswell community for the outpouring of love and support. Services will be held at First Baptist Church, 500 N. Pennsylvania Ave, on Saturday, August 15, 2015, at 12:00 PM, with City Councilor, the Reverend Jason Perry Officiating. A reception will be held at the church following the service.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Judge Halvorson with his family in the online register at andersonbethany.com. Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *I'm so sorry for your lost. He was a good man. I looked up to him and his brother Steve. I got to know him when he was a cop.*

Bianca Bouslaugh - August 31, 2015 at 07:26 AM

NE

“ *Well done, John Halvorson.*

*Sent in sincerest sympathy,
Nancy Sweet Espinosa*

Nancy Sweet Espinosa - August 20, 2015 at 04:00 PM

FS

“ *Our deepest condolences to Juliana and family on the loss of Honorable John Halvorson, may he rest for eternity in his heavenly home. Prayers for family to be comforted by the comfort only God our Father can and will provide. Juliana, we never forgot you and the rest of the family. Have kept in touch through your dad. Know that we will keep you and your daughters in our prayers. Love, Freddie and Mary Sosa - Lakeland, Florida*

Freddie & Mary Sosa - August 18, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“Godspeed John. You will be greatly missed. Jim, Kara and I will watch over Juliana, Shilo and Shelby as much as we can. Here is a picture from Christmas 2003. Kara sitting in her favorite and most comfortable chair.. your lap.



Lisa Schaffer - August 17, 2015 at 12:46 PM

MC

“My deepest condolences to Juliana, Shilo, and Shelby and the rest of the Halvorson family. RIP John.

Mary Lou Chacon - August 15, 2015 at 03:16 PM

MC

“Mary Lou Chacon lit a candle in memory of John Halvorson



Mary Lou Chacon - August 15, 2015 at 03:13 PM

JD

“John was a wonderful peer and friend. You will be greatly missed. Jeannie and Bob Davis

Jeannie Davis - August 15, 2015 at 03:07 PM

MJ

“ We first met John when he was the DARE Officer and came to El Capitan Elementary. Two of our daughters, now 35 and 32 were very fond of him as he enjoyed what he did and the kids all knew that.

As parents, we knew he cared about what he did and working with the students wasn't just another assignment for him.

Prayers for the family, we know he will be missed.

Eddy and Madge Johnson

Madge Johnson - August 15, 2015 at 07:39 AM

BW

“ Well done, good and faithful servant. Go rest high upon the mountain.

Bill and Kathy Wells - August 14, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JM

“ John was a wonderful Scoutmaster, fun and encouraging role model, funny and playful kid at heart and the great friend a boy growing up in Roswell could ever have. He was one of the greats you hear about and are proud to personally have known.



Jim Montgomery - August 14, 2015 at 04:46 PM

TB

“ Tammy Beaver lit a candle in memory of John Halvorson



Tammy Beaver - August 14, 2015 at 02:43 PM

TB

Juliana, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. John is in a wonderful place. Love you!

Tammy Beaver - August 14, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Halvorson.*



August 14, 2015 at 12:26 PM

JR

“ *Jesse And Marlene Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of John Halvorson*



Jesse and Marlene Rodriguez - August 14, 2015 at 09:45 AM

BP

“ *BEVERLY & JIMMY POPE lit a candle in memory of John Halvorson*



BEVERLY & JIMMY POPE - August 14, 2015 at 08:32 AM

BM

“ *Heaven received another angel. John was always there for our family, especially Kevin in scouting. A real heart for children. He will be missed by many. Our prayers to you all.*

Bill & Ky Motto - August 13, 2015 at 10:11 PM

TO

“ *Tammie Ortiz lit a candle in memory of John Halvorson*



Tammie Ortiz - August 13, 2015 at 04:07 PM

TD

“ *For JOHN:*

May the Lord rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the warm sun-shine on your face and the soft rain fall fall on your feet.

May GOD hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again !

For the family,

May the apple of your eye see only good and may GOD make smooth the path before you.

Mary & Terry Davis

Terry Davis - August 13, 2015 at 01:10 PM