



Frank "Franko" Horton

October 23, 1956 - September 27, 2016

James Franklin "Franko" Horton passed away September 27, 2016 surrounded by his family and his fire department brothers. Franko was born October 23, 1956 in Terrell, Texas to the late A.G. and Billie Ruth Smith Horton, both of whom welcomed him into Heaven along with his brothers, Jack and Tim Horton.

When people met Franko for the first time, they instantly knew they had met a man of few words but deep loyalty. Franko never met a stranger and he had a way of knowing exactly what to do to bring immediate peace into any activity whether it be spending time with family and friends or responding to a critical emergency. He was an active member of the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department for over 37 years, having achieved the rank of Captain at the time of his passing. The amount of respect that his fellow firefighters had for him was immeasurable. Many times, Franko served as the holding point for others during life or death emergencies and his well-known strength and physical stature always gave visible illustrations that Franko could be counted on by any one at any time, no matter what. He lived his entire life in Terrell and worked many years for Southern Star Concrete where his work ethic earned him lifetime respect by his colleagues. He was a member of Landmark Fellowship Church in Rockwall where he loved and served the Lord realizing that the blessings in his life came from his Lord and Savior.

Franko leaves to carry on his legacy his wife Cheryl Horton, daughters: Ashley Connor and husband Dustin, Kristen Thomas, Kaitlin Kemmet and husband A.J.; son, Joshua Horton; Grandchildren: Carson, Destiny, Bryson, Kane and Clark; brothers: Clifford Horton and wife Rhonda and Roger Horton, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives including his widespread Brotherhood of Firemen and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday September 30, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Terrell, 403 N. Catherine with interment to follow at Highland Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2016 at First Baptist Church under the direction of Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Franko's name to the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department, 200 S. Frances St. Terrell, Texas 75160.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Hwy 34 North
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Frank "Franko" Horton*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Franko was one of the best men I have ever met. You will be missed brother, we will see you again!*

Lee Richardson

Lee Richardson - September 29, 2016 at 07:33 PM

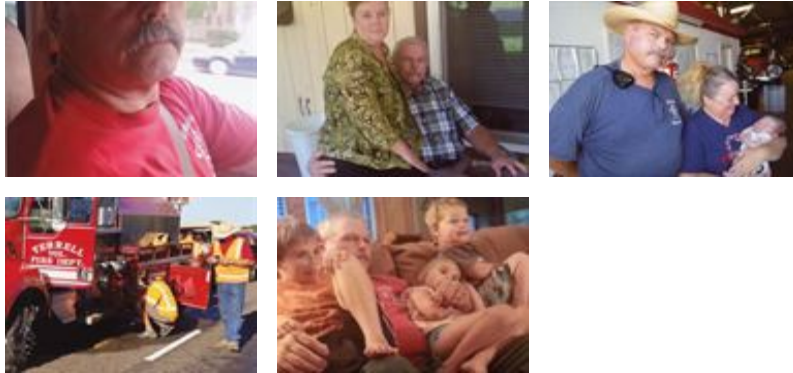


“ *From 1993-1995 I worked for Terrell EMS before East Texas came over. Terrell's paid department was small, so most of the time, the volunteers helped us with whatever we needed. Seeing Franko arrive on scene was always a relief. He was always such a huge help in whatever we needed. As someone said earlier, he was a man of few words, but he had a big heart. I may have only had the pleasure and honor of working with him for a few years, but he made a lasting impression on me. The news of his passing brings a heaviness to my heart. He has helped so many people and touched countless of lives that he probably even didn't realize it. God Bless, Franko.*

Barbara Bell - September 29, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 29, 2016 at 12:52 PM

JK

“ Julia Stephens, Joe and Kathy Kinnick purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.



Julia Stephens, Joe and Kathy Kinnick - September 29, 2016 at 11:49 AM

ST

“ HE WAS MY LIFETIME BUDDY I WILL MISS HIM DONT MAKEEM ANY BETTER HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME WE SPENT 35 YEARS TOGETHER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOVED HIM MORE THAN A BROTHER IT SURE HURTS

SAMMY T - September 29, 2016 at 12:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.



September 28, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.



September 28, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ Had this sweet man in my "childrens church" and choir when he was just a young lad. I worshiped with the Horton Family for many years on Griffith Road in Terrell. My brother (Bro. Carl Morran) was the pastor and I have many, many memories of this precious family. I saw him last week at a viewing in Mesquite and I can't believe he is gone. The family is in my prayers and love to all. Sister "Panky"

Laura McElroy - September 28, 2016 at 10:13 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Grantham purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.*



Deborah Grantham - September 28, 2016 at 07:19 PM

JH

“ *Joshua Horton purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.*



Joshua Horton - September 28, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DG

“ *My life was made better for knowing him. Truly kind & gentle man. He will always be remembered.*

Deborah Grantham - September 28, 2016 at 06:23 PM

DL

“ *Dieann Langley sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank "Franko" Horton*



Dieann Langley - September 28, 2016 at 04:40 PM

DL

Prayers for your family. You'll be missed at Wal-Mart sitting and waiting for Sammy so y'all could go to lunch. May God Bless. You will be missed..

Larry and Dieann Langley

Dieann Langley - September 28, 2016 at 04:52 PM

MB

“ MARGARET BRIGGS purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.



MARGARET BRIGGS - September 28, 2016 at 03:35 PM

RT

“ Each time the Forney Fire Dept. would call for mutual aid help on an emergency we were never sure who or what engine would respond from Terrell. But, I could always count on "The Three Amigos" to be there---Charlie Gale, Sammy Turner, and FRANKO. I always joked with them about this. I'm not too sure I was able to get a lot of work out of this bunch but at least you knew they would be there !!!!! Franko and the Forney firefighters have fought a lot of fires together and he has been a good and faithful friend over the years. Our prayers are with his family.-----Chief Rick Townsend

Rick Townsend - September 28, 2016 at 01:31 PM

RM

“ Franko was always there for me after I lost Tim, I will always be thankful for this entire family. He use to call me shorty, lol. He had the best BIG hugs if you ever needed one. Franko give Tim a BIG hug tell him I love him and miss him sooo much, Love Rita

Rita G McAlister - September 28, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank "Franko" Horton.*



September 28, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ *When he shook your hand, you had to say "Frank-OH". He had a hand shake like no other. Great individual and great roll model for new and older firefighters. The Terrell Volunteer Fire Station should be named, "Frank Horton TVF Station No. 1". Really be missed.*
Bill Griffin

Bill Griffin - September 28, 2016 at 09:24 AM



IT WILL BE

SAMMY T - September 29, 2016 at 12:09 AM



“ *Rodney Bass lit a candle in memory of Frank "Franko" Horton*



Rodney Bass - September 28, 2016 at 05:18 AM

RP

“ Royce Patman lit a candle in memory of Frank "Franko" Horton



Royce Patman - September 27, 2016 at 09:23 PM

DN

“ Franko taught me a lot in the department. He always called me "Lil Buddy ". He and I used to laugh and cut up all the time. What a great captain he was to me and such a great person and great friend. Rest In Peace to you Brother. You will never be forgotten.

Derrick Neighbors - September 27, 2016 at 08:59 PM

SJ

“ Susan & Jo lit a candle in memory of Frank "Franko" Horton



susan & jo - September 27, 2016 at 08:43 PM

JC

“ Janice Crow lit a candle in memory of Frank "Franko" Horton



Janice Crow - September 27, 2016 at 08:21 PM

AB

“ *Big Frank was a small town hero and will definitely be missed!*

Amanda (Stephens) Bunch - September 27, 2016 at 07:51 PM

CS

“ *Franko used to come up to the fire station to play Skip-bo and eat supper with us. He would usually beat us badly and start chanting "Skip-bo Skip-bo Skip-bo" real fast just to rub it in.*

Chris Spears - September 27, 2016 at 07:42 PM