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Longtime Longview Police officer and former Police Chief, Donald M. Dingler, 68, passed away at his home in Longview on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Mr. Dingler was born on July 2, 1950 in Longview to Dr. Clark M. and Dorothy Dingler. A graduate of Longview High School he then continued his education at the University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in Criminal Justice. He furthered his criminal justice education at the National FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He worked as a police officer with the Longview Police Department for over 42 years; retiring as Chief of Police in 2015.

He was preceded in death by brother, Tommy and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Amy Dingler and her sons, Mark Secord and wife, Julie and son, Nicholas; Erik Secord and wife, Paige and daughters, Skye, Brittany and Falon; and Colin Straughan; His sister, Pat Barkley and husband, Jack of Longview and their children, Katie Loomis and husband, Johnny and Andrew Barkley. His brother, Jim Dingler and wife, Mary of Convent Station, New Jersey and their children, Allison Boggs and husband, Josh and Stephen Dingler.

Memorial services will be 2 pm Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Woodland Hill Baptist Church with Chaplain Terry Jackson officiating. Under direction of Rader Funeral Home.

In the place of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Longview Texas Police Department Benefits Association P. O. Box 1952, Longview, Texas 75606 or to a charity of your choice.

Special thanks to his sister, Pat and husband Jack, Jimmy Parks and to caregiver, Cassie Elias, Chaplin Lawrence Thompson and to Heart to Heart Hospice for their care and support during this most difficult time.




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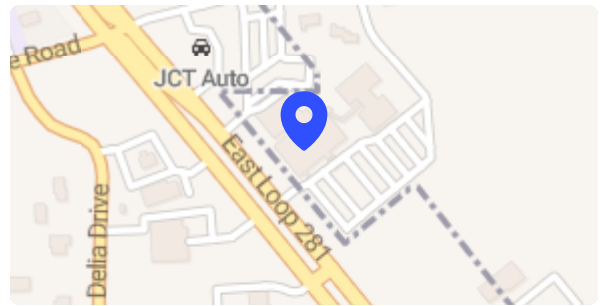
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, September 15, 2018

 2:00 PM CT

 **Woodland Hills Baptist Church**
2105 E. Loop 281, Longview TX





Tribute Wall

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RW

Robert Wertz posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Chief Dingler, who I had the honor of knowing and working with. My prayers for him and his family.

September 25 at 7:48 AM

RH

Retired Detective Bob Holcomb posted:

I regret that I am unable to attend the memorial service as we are out of state. Working with and for him for 31 years, I highly respected him as did others who knew him. My condolences to the family.

September 11 at 6:32 AM

AW

Abbe Weaver posted:

Chief Dingler was always very kind, understanding and courteous in every encounter I had with him when I worked for Emergency Communications. He will be sorely missed by all. Prayers go out to the family and those closest to him. Abbe Weaver

September 6 at 4:15 AM

WT

Wade Turner lit a candle in honor of Don.



September 4 at 9:26 AM

CH

Cheri Hayes posted:

I am saddened to hear of Chief Dingler's passing. My dad was Sergant Tex Bruce of the LPD. They go way back. I'm praying for the family during this difficult time.

September 3 at 7:22 PM

CE

Chuck Ewings posted:

Chief Dingler was a true professional and always calm and thoughtful in any situation. He was a great leader for the Longview PD and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with him. May he rest in peace and God bless his family.

September 3 at 2:13 PM



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JL

Jack H. Lanier, Jr. posted:

I had the privilege of first meeting Don Dingler back in the mid 1980s when I first moved to Longview when he was a Lieutenant with the Longview Police Department, and I was a new Paramedic/Supervisor with Longview Fire-EMS. He immediately treated me with kindness along with that "signature smile." Then years later, I was privileged to work under him at the Longview Police Dept. both as a Patrol Officer and as a Police Sergeant when he was Chief of Police. Don was a man dedicated to the citizens and visitors of the City of Longview in providing police services with dignity and professionalism. He always put service above self, as he extended his influence even after his retirement. My prayers are for Chief Dingler's family and for those who loved and knew him well! God Speed, Don Dingler!

September 1 at 5:17 PM

AH

Anita Holley posted:

David and I are so sorry to read this. Prayers for your family.

September 1 at 2:01 PM

RF

Rose-Marie Castillo-Favio sent an Always With Us Lid Decoration to the Dingler family.



September 1 at 4:18 AM

PH

Patsy Hickerson lit a candle in honor of Don.



August 31 at 11:35 AM

GW

Gary White posted:

Farewell my friendRIP Donnie

August 31 at 10:17 AM



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DR

Debbie Richardson lit a candle in honor of Don.

August 31 at 9:21 AM



KW

Kara Wigington posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the Dingler family. Don was a wonderful and kind man and an amazing Police Chief. Always had a smile and heart for service.

August 31 at 4:29 AM

HF

Holly Fuller posted:

I always knew Chief Dingler to be a kind and respectful man with a solid character and a high level of integrity. He will be missed.HollyFullerPartners in Prevention

August 31 at 4:24 AM

CB

Chris Bowman lit a candle in honor of Don.

August 30 at 8:16 PM



BB

Bryan Brennon posted:

Pat and family "May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead."

August 30 at 4:44 PM

KF

Karen Fowler Franklin posted:

Our prayers are with your family. C

August 30 at 4:00 PM



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JK

Janell Kinsey lit a candle in honor of Don.

Rest in peace Chief Dinger, you will be missed. My sincere condolences to the family, Janell and Don Kinsey

August 30 at 1:28 PM



AS

Ann Johnston Smith lit a candle in honor of Don.

August 30 at 1:22 PM



CD

Charlotte Dunaway lit a candle in honor of Don.

August 30 at 1:06 PM



BB

Beverly A Brooks posted:

Knew "Donnie" all my life, which was most of his. His father was my family's physician, and working with him during my years at Longview PD, he made me feel like "family". Thank you for devoting your life to the city of Longview. Our thoughts & prayers are with your precious family. "Well done, good and faithful servant". Till we meet again. - Beverly Brooks Public Safety Planner, E TX Council of Governments

August 30 at 12:47 PM



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Shaun Pendleton posted:

He was an awesome man, Chief, and friend. He always had a smile on his face and treated everyone with respect. I will miss him terribly. May God bless his wife and family. I will be praying for you. -
Sergeant Shaun Pendleton

August 30 at 12:27 PM



Kathey Loftis September 9 at 12:12 PM

Jimmy and Patricia, so sorry for your loss. Kathey Loftis



Paul Johnston September 1 at 4:51 AM

Jimmy so sorry for your loss !



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Don by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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