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The Abilene Police Department Mourns the Loss of an Officer

ABILENE, TX – On March 3, 2017, Officer David Varner of the Abilene Police Department passed way. The entire Department mourns his loss and is grieving with the Varner family, his church family and with the community he loved and served.

Officer Varner began his career with the Department in March, 1985. He graduated as a member of Academy Class 31. He would have served 32 years with APD this month. David began his career as a Patrol Officer before being transferred to the Special Operations Division where he worked as a narcotics agent. David later transferred to the Youth Division where he served as a detective investigating cases involving juvenile offenders. He also served as a member of the Department's Bike Unit. David's most recent assignment was with the Patrol Division, where he worked as a desk officer while recovering from colon cancer. Chief Standridge offered: "Today we lost a husband, father, brother in Christ, and an exceptional police officer. Our lives are better for having known him. I know that he heard these words this morning: 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

David was a beloved member of the Abilene Police Department, God-fearing man as a member of the Southern Hills Church of Christ and a strong family man. He is survived by his wife Cindy, daughters Jessica Varner and Rachel Evans and husband Brad, mother Dorothy Varner and brother Gary Varner. Funeral arrangements are pending.



Officer David Varner

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