



Stephen Wayne Gatewood

August 20, 1949 - August 7, 2011

Stephen Wayne Gatewood, 61, a native of Beaumont, Texas, died August 7, 2011 in Dallas, Texas following a brief illness. Stephen was born on August 20, 1949, the 2nd of 5 children born to the late Wade Hampton Gatewood and the late Charlene Harris Gatewood. He attended schools in Houston, graduating from Milby High School. Stephen joined the US Marine Corp on May 1, 1969. He served a tour of duty in Viet Nam, trained as a rifle marksman and a military policeman. Stephen was a musician and gifted painter. He worked for many years as a carpenter and painter. He had a special loves for blues music, and tailored his style after Jimmy Ray Vaughn. In 2003, Stephen was involved in an accident that changed his life. After being struck by a drunk driver that caused partial paralysis, he determined to live as normal of life possible. After a lengthy recovery, with the assistance of friends, he was able to again live independently. He is survived by his siblings, Charles Gatewood, Randy Gatewood, Phyllis Guerin, Mark Gatewood; numerous nieces and nephews. Also by his volunteer guardian, Paul Friedrich. Graveside service will be at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, August 11, 2011 at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.