



Paul Roger Howe

July 10, 1951 - March 26, 2020

Paul Roger “Chip” Howe left our world and ascended to a higher existence on Thursday, March 26, 2020 after a hard fought battle with T-PLL, a rare and aggressive form of leukemia. He never gave up and out lived all his doctors expectations. Chip was born July 10, 1951 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He said he was born in the Body of Christ and wanted to be returned to the Body of Christ and will therefore be scattered in the ocean in Corpus Christi. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Austin area when it is deemed safe for us to gather again.

Chip was a loving son, father, husband and friend. He will always be remembered as a kind, warm, funny, and sincere human being to all who had the good fortune of knowing him. While making lots of money and material possessions were not important to him, he would gladly give anything he had if you needed it or if he thought it would put a smile on your face. His shining light will be sorely missed.

Chip began his career working with children with severe mental disabilities and organized the first national conference for childcare workers back in the seventies. His employer realized how gifted he was and recommended him to be one of five Texans awarded a two year M.A, grant in child psychology, which he received. He was later introduced to the world of brain injury and the treatment modalities prevalent at that time, which were less than desirable. This led him to develop a post-acute brain injury rehabilitation program at the Mary Lee Foundation where he worked with adult survivors of brain injury for

25+ years until he could no longer work due to his illness, which was heart breaking for him. Using humor and a God given talent to understand the unique needs of each individual, he has helped hundreds of people realize their dream of living independently in the community by promoting self-worth and teaching coping strategies designed for that persons mode of learning. He was appointed as a Commissioner on the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities for 18 years, Past President of the Brain Injury Association of Texas, and Texas Association of Child Care Workers and former member on several Boards of Directors and Advisory Boards. He was also active in the public policy arena. Chip received the National Leadership Award from the Brain Injury Association of America, the Humanitarian Award from the Brain Injury Association of Texas, Distinguished Service Award from the City of Austin, and recognition for his service from various groups. He was preceded in death by his father Jack G. Howe, mother Roe Beth, and brother Jack. He is survived by his wife Holly, his son, Brandon and wife Yuki, and two beautiful grandchildren, Austin and Alyssa.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Roger Howe*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Paul Roger Howe*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Paul Roger Howe*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Chipper!!! I miss floutas and Skip Bo with the gang. I hope you know how much I love you.*

Holly Davis-Howe - July 11, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *Hello all, new posts should now be seen on this board, but still having a problem with adding pictures. Thank you to all who have shared your memories and to all who have him in your hearts. Chip was a very special person who helped so many people. He left the world a better place than he found it and is alive as long as we remember him.*

Holly Davis-Howe - May 08, 2023 at 04:35 PM

EE

Chip was very much like an uncle to me as a child. My family spent countless hours at the Austin Lake estates house. Sad to see he left this world but happy to know he was loved.

Ella Elliott - December 27, 2023 at 11:11 AM

HD

“ *For those of you who have been attempting to write a tribute and/or post pictures, please be patient. We are working on it.*

Holly Davis-Howe - April 25, 2023 at 05:05 PM

HO

“ *Holly lit a candle in memory of Paul Howe*



Holly - April 16, 2023 at 10:32 PM

YT

“ *Yvonne J Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Roger Howe*



yvonne j thompson - December 23, 2020 at 02:09 PM

YT

“ Yvonne J Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Roger Howe



yvonne j thompson - November 19, 2020 at 01:26 PM

YT

“ Yvonne J Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Roger Howe



yvonne j thompson - September 22, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ I haven't seen Chip since sometime in the 1990s. But he was a significant part of my life for most of the 80s. So, I think of him often. It's strange, when he crossed my mind tonight, I had a feeling that he had passed. I am saddened that a google search confirmed this. My heart goes out to Brandon. I know the two had a bond that went beyond father and son.

Although Chip and I met in the 70s, we didn't become friends until the 80s, when we found ourselves working at the same residential treatment center in South Austin. We became fast friends and remained close until I moved away from Austin at the end of 1989. He is at the center of so many of my best memories of Austin... I read the tribute by his old friend Wally (Wallace Woodruff, Jr.). My favorite among the many very interesting people I came to know through Chip, Wally captured the Chip I knew well. Rather than Skip-Bo though, I spent many a Friday night-into Saturday morning playing Spades with Chip and our friends Jeff and Kay. Prior to meeting Chip, I had not thought of Spades as a wagering game. But, as I recall, any card game, even dominoes, required a small wager if Chip was playing.

While Chip was happy to be knocking back Weller and Coke with a few friends for a Friday night card game, he was up for many other forms of entertainment. He was willing to get on the dance floor occasionally; he played a pretty good game of pool; he enjoyed the theater, well Esther's Follies, for sure; and he loved a good Austin theme party - Eeyore's Birthday and Spam-a-Rama come to mind. But Chip wasn't only about having a good time. One spring, with swim suit season fast approaching, I decided that I needed to lose weight. Chip and our friend Kevin decided that they could stand to drop a few pounds too. So, we decided to create our own little support group, complete with weekly weigh-ins. On these evenings, if not others, we would head for a nearby track and run (jog, really) at least one mile. Chip had his own inimitable style in all things; his fitness regimen was no exception. A quick jog was no reason not to enjoy his favorite adult beverage, which, contained in a to-go cup,

accompanied him all the way to the track. It was set aside, but near by, mind you, to be enjoyed immediately upon completion of his four laps. No teetotalers ourselves, Kevin and I thought this was hysterical because we waited until after our jog to enjoy our libations!

Being around Chip was always fun. He knew how to have a good time; he played hard. But, he worked hard too. He was committed to improving the lives of the special populations he worked with, including those with cognitive, emotional and/or physical disabilities.

Although I haven't seen Chip in many years, I am so sad that he has gone. I know the world is a less joyful place for his absence. RIP old friend.

Patricia "Patsy" Sanders Ebert

Patricia Ebert - September 20, 2020 at 06:42 AM

NS

“ The news of Chip’s passing is very sad. Chip was my first cousin. My cousin and I tried to find him, but we did not know his name other than Chip. And, there was no one left in our immediate family who knew his complete name. My mother passed away several years ago. She and Robeth stayed in touch on a regular basis. Since we are spending so much time at home these days I opened another box of Mom’s. I found a file loaded with photos. There was a photo of Brandon’s Christening with Paul Rodger “Chip” written on the back, including a note from Robeth to my mother stating Brandon was wearing the Christening robe our Grandmother had given to “Flip” Jack for his Christening. I was so excited to finally know Chip’s name, I immediately searched his name and this obituary was posted. After reading the obituary, I am deeply saddened that I missed getting to know this wonderful person and sincerely wish I had opened this box sooner. My father was Jerry Noel Griffith, Jack Howe, Sr.s half brother. I would like to share the photos. Please email Boots.Swikert@gmail.com. My deepest sympathy to all of the Howe family.
Noel “Boots” Griffith Swikert

Noel Griffith Swikert - September 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM

YT

“ Yvonne J Thompson lit a candle in memory of Paul Roger Howe



yvonne j thompson - August 14, 2020 at 02:02 PM

YT

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yvonne j thompson - July 21, 2020 at 01:04 PM

YT

“ Today is CHIP'S birthday miss you so much.von

yvonne j thompson - July 10, 2020 at 11:37 AM

RJ

“ I met Chip 20 years ago at The Mary Lee Foundation Rehabilitation Center , and I was In awe of him because he had a very special gift for helping people (clients) and making their loved ones feel comfortable. Chip you were my family and I will forever love and miss you. Holly and Brandon you are In my prayers.

Love Rhonda Johnson

Rhonda Johnson - May 11, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DG

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Dolores Gonzalez - May 06, 2020 at 04:05 PM

DG

“ I met Paul Roger “Chip” Howe more than twenty years ago when he served as Commissioner for the Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities. His generous and giving spirit was naturally attracted to the Employment Awards Program. At the beginning of each Award season, he would call me and tell me that he was available for anything I needed; He would say he was my “Man Slave.” It made me laugh each time. He loved to make people laugh. During our work on the Committee, I really got to know how passionate he was and how he cared about his work and the persons he helped. At the same time, I discovered a great and loyal friend. I will miss my loving and joyful friend. My prayers to Holly and his family.
Love you always, Dolores Gonzalez

Dolores Gonzalez - May 06, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ 25 years ago..... I remember sitting around the table with Chip, Curt, Laura and others. Together we founded VOC - the Vocational Opportunity Coalition. Those moments built the foundation of everything that I know and do today!! I stand with the disability community and say a big farewell to our partner in crime who was always a step ahead of the rest of us. Thanks Chip for bringing your enthusiastic, spirited, passionate and persevering soul to the table!

I pray peace over your family and rest for your body.
Debbie Kizer

Debbie Kizer - May 04, 2020 at 06:11 PM

NC

“ Chip was always the ultimate gentleman and a fun guy to work with. I met him on the Austin Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities as we work side-by-side for years. His compassion and dedication to serving persons with disabilities was second to none. His passion glowed every time he entered a room. I am going to miss his light on earth but know he shines above in the hands of our Lord. God bless you Chip, may you rest in peace and glory.

Nancy Crowther - May 04, 2020 at 03:44 PM

LG

“ I am so very sad to hear this. Chip hired me while working at Tri-Living Communities and we developed a special friendship that lasted many years. Chip was such a wonderful person who simply loved life and spending time with people who loved life. His dedication to working with and on behalf of people with TBI was so special in the way he bonded with and gave hope to so many. When we weren't as close I looked forward to seeing him at the annual Mayor's Committee Christmas party at Threadgill's. Holly, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Brandon, I think of you often and reflect warmly on the time I knew you. You and your families are in my prayers.

Laura (Ham) Griebel

Laura Griebel - May 04, 2020 at 02:43 PM

KK

“ Chip had a warm personality, and a great sense of humor. It was always a pleasure working with him on AMCPD and accessibility related events. He was a swell guy.

Kathy Keller

Kathy Keller - May 04, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DB

“ Chip was an excellent advocate for all people with disabilities. His expert work focused on those with TBI but his volunteer advocacy was broad and made the world a better place for people with disabilities. And he was a genuinely nice guy.

Dennis Borel - May 04, 2020 at 02:02 PM

CH

“ Chip was the best partner an organization could have when it came to dedication and willingness to serve! We worked together on several annual events for the Austin Mayors Committee on People with Disabilities and he will be very much missed. His humor, his loyalty, and his zest for life were always appreciated in group and committee work - you could always count on him to do what he said he would do, and then some! Farewell Chip. Although you may be gone from among us, your memory will brightly live on.

*Celia Hughes
Art Spark Texas*

Celia Hughes - May 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM

BT

“ ...a servant's heart of gold

Bryan Turner - May 03, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Leslie Lankford - May 01, 2020 at 04:06 PM

CV

“Chipper” and I met while serving on the AMCPD back when. I enjoyed his aura and wit and care for all earthly life! Just when I thought that I was retired to my musical pursuits, he “hooked “ me into working with people with TBI. What a beautiful spiritual experience he introduced me to. The best ever fishing companion I have ever known! God’s blessings to the family.

Curt Voelkel - May 01, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CV

And darn it, I miss that guy!!!

Curt Voelkel - May 02, 2020 at 04:22 PM

WJ

“ Since college days in the 70s, one of my primary destinations in any travel or trip near Austin eventually ended up at the various doors and addresses of Chip Howe. The college house overlooking the dam, his "Scenic" house on the Lake , rentals in central Austin on Lightsey,, and many other assorted rental locations in and around Austin thru the many years and decades.

Welcome at anytime of the day or night...Chippers house attracted all forms of unusual and strange and amusing characters of the Austin scene in the 70s 80s thru to the recent years. Late nite drinks and smokes , Skip-Bo and card games lasting to sunrise, , where else could we could laugh and play until the early hours....something was always happening at Chips house!!! And everyone was welcome.....

To this fine friend ship that has lasted thru the decades...I honor my Good Friend Chip for the decades of his friendship, his kindness, the dinners, the drinks, the pleasures we shared. Our hours of card games together including and teaching his son Brandon a generational appreciation for the nonsense behind Skip-Bo, the laughs and the jokes, the irresponsible behavior and pleasure allowed and permitted at "Chips" house.

Not necessarily a specific place or location...but a reality that formed around Chip and the people that shared that with him.

Salutations my fine friend...!!!!!!

You will be sorely missed.....

Shuffle...

and deal the cards, my friend!!!

willy/wali

Wallace Woodruff, Jr - May 01, 2020 at 06:07 AM

BC

“ With Chip’s last names of Howe and mine of Hubbert, we were often seated on the same row in many classrooms in high school. I have many fond memories of Chip.
We were not in the same social groups, but Chip was always kind and pleasant to be around. I pray that his family will be comforted by the happy memories of Chip.

Berle Jean Hubbert Combest - May 01, 2020 at 01:39 AM

JM

“ Chip was a close friend of my late husband, Terry Pesek, and myself throughout our years at Ray HS. He kept us laughing all the time. But he also had the kindest heart. We didn’t keep up with each other too much until the last few years, but his kind heart helped so many people through his work with TBI patients. He was devastated when his illness forced his retirement. We had a phone chat about a week before he died; his biggest concern was leaving his dear Holly behind and not seeing his grandkids grow up. We laughed about some high school pranks and he said he’d find Terry in Heaven so they could catch up on their friendship💕💕💕

Janet Mitchell - April 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM

CL

“ I haven’t seen CHIP in years but he always had such a good sense of humor. When I was applying for the federal bar, he wrote a letter of recommendation to Judge Head that said - I know Charla - she’s a good girl - and she’s been to lots of bars. I see no reason she shouldn’t come to yours.

He will be missed.

Charla Long

Charla J Long - April 30, 2020 at 09:17 AM



CHIP I MISS YOU CALLING TO ASKS TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO WAS WORKING.CHIP KNEW HOWE!!!! TO ALWAYS MAKE YOU SMILE .HOLLY PLEASE NOTE YOU BRANDON IS IN OUR PRAYERS .THE THOMPSON'S

yvonne j thompson - May 05, 2020 at 03:32 PM