



## Eric M. Dopp

March 25, 1979 - March 24, 2006

Eric Michael Dopp, age 26, died Friday, March 24, 2006 at Brooke Army Medical Center of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on March 4, 2006. Born March 25, 1979 in Andrews, Texas, he was a son of David and Diana Williams Dopp. Eric was a firefighter/Paramedic with the City of Leon Valley and a volunteer Lieutenant/ Paramedic with the Windcrest Fire Department. On the day of his accident, he was returning from his part-time job as a medic at Six Flags Theme Park. Eric's only goal and dream in life was to become a paid firefighter. He achieved his goal in June 2005 after he passed the National Registry Paramedic exam when Leon Valley hired him as a firefighter. He loved his job and he loved his crew. He often said he felt guilty about taking a paycheck for having so much fun. As a youth of twelve, he often walked home from middle school. Every time, he stopped at the Windcrest Fire Station to pester any firefighters there. At the age of seventeen, he began attending the Wednesday training sessions at the Windcrest station. At the age of eighteen and still a junior in high school, he joined the Windcrest Fire Department as a volunteer. He relentlessly pursued his education, both in firefighting and as an EMT. Eventually, he became a certified basic firefighter instructor and the Windcrest Department chose him as a lieutenant. He continued his education at the UT Health Science Center Paramedic program. He took the National Paramedic registry exam in May 2005 and passed it the first time. While pursuing his education, he often looked for different jobs. He worked for the Hays County Sheriff's Office as a

medic at the county jail. While in school, he also worked part-time on the University Hospital transplant team. He enjoyed flying all over Texas, helping to collect donor organs, and preparing the organs for the transplant surgeons on the other end. His was an important job, but when people asked him what he did, he usually replied, "I'm the guy who carries the cooler."

Eric was a modest man who lived to serve his community and his fellow man. He was extremely proud of being an Eagle Scout, yet most of his friends never knew that about him. He often went out of his way to help his friends, and he never met anyone who was not a friend. Survivors include his parents, brother Brian Renate Dopp of San Antonio, brother David Mary, Junior of LaGrange, GA., brother Darien Pam Dopp and sister Denelle Robert Miller of Newnan, GA, paternal grandparents Maurice and Hazel Dopp of Flowery Branch, GA, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. His maternal grandparents James and Ola Jane Chapman Williams preceded him in death. Visitation will be Friday, March 31 from 5:00PM until 9:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The Leon Valley and Windcrest Fire Departments with many other departments participating, will honor Eric with a firefighter's funeral. Services will be at the Windcrest Methodist Church, Windcrest, TX on Saturday, April 1, 2006. Burial will be at Mission Park Retama Cemetery in Selma, TX. A luncheon reception will follow at the Windcrest Fire Station, 8601 Midcrown, Windcrest, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Eric Dopp Memorial Firefighters Fund at any Security Service Federal Credit Union Branch. Anyone not having a SSFCU branch in their area can call 1-800-527-7328 and inform the teller they want to make a bank transfer into the Memorial Fund for Eric Dopp.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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3401 CHERRY RIDGE DRIVE

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was Eric’s supervisor at the Hays County Sheriff’s Office. I often think about Eric and how his positive attitude and quick smile made such a positive change in the medical department. He will be forever be in my thoughts. RIP my friend, when those tones drop for the next call we will roll out with your memory right beside us.

Jon Craigmle - August 02, 2020 at 07:51 PM

KD

“ I was thinking about you today!! Paramedic class was a blast!! I smile every time I think of the Whataburger fries you would bring me before class!! I wish you would have had the chance to build that dream house you always talked about!!! Miss you fri

Katrina Dye - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ David and Diana,

*It's been almost a year since Eric passed away and I have been thinking of you often this past year. May God help you in your sorrow and ease the pain that you feel.*

*Fondly,*

*Kathleen BorcickyHines  
GHS - 1962*

Kathleen Hines - January 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ i am very sad to hear and read of your great loss of such a young man who was just beginning to live his life and life dream. My prayers are with you.

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**Linda Demas** - November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Driving down Midcrown this morning, the sign at WVFD in memory of Eric was a shock. He was a young, giving, talented person ... such a loss to all who know him and the world. I have known Eric since he went to Ed White MS and I worked in the library. W

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**Karen Remmert** - April 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ David and Diana this is Kathey Mercer & family. Diana I am the BAC teacher at Irving. I want you two to know that you and the family are in our prayers. I didn't know Eric however, I trust that he was saved and now in peace with our Christ Jesus! May

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**Kathey Mercer** - April 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Our paryers are with the family May God Bless

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**Gilbert Rodriguez** - April 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear David and Diane,  
I am so very sorry.  
Marie Forehan

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**Marie Forehan** - April 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I never would have imagined that at 26 I would have already lost so many people I knew from grade school.

*Eric is a wonderful person. He is the first person I've ever known to know exactly what he wanted out of life and never settled for anything shor*

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**Luke Schulte** - April 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ It was a Very Nice Church and Funeral Service today. Mr. Eric was a Great Lost to Your Family, the City of Leon Valley and to the Community. Eric talents, friendship and smile will never be lost or forgotten, his memory will always be with us and in our

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**Rick/Cynthia Rangel** - April 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ You will be missed, may the lord lift you up in a place of honor for your selfless service to your fellow man!

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**Daryl Kyle FF/EMT-P** - April 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear lord,you have taken our Firefighter brother Eric,for you only know why?may you show us mercy and understanding,in your name we pray..Amen

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**Jesse Hubbard Jr** - April 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ The thoughts and prayers of the Selma Fire Department go out to Eric's family.

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**Chief Scott Lee** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of a fellow medic. May God Bless you and your family. You will be in my prayers.*

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**SGT Luis Varela** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *He will not be forgotten.*

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**Angela Katz** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *eric you will live in my thoughts forever as the person who always had a smile on his face no matter what. that smile could always make me feel better. may God be with you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Desiree Garza** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Eric you will be missed and remembered as one of the best fire fighters that windcrest and leon valley had to offer you have shown me so much and in return I have taught what i have learned from you me courtney and aj will miss you dearly. Most of all I w*

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**SGT Anthony P Caudill** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *eric...wow what can i say about him?? one that he was a great guy. honest trustworthy caring.. and oh so lovable. how can we forget dopp? how can we forget his smile that just put everything at ease? we will all miss eric. i am grateful for having him as*

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**TABATHA GRIFFIN** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Dave and Diana, I am honored to have worked with your son through his employment with the Leon Valley Fire Department. I will miss his infectious smile that he shared with his "B" shift crew each day. While he may no longer be in our physical presen

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**Robert Lee** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers were with you and yours from the start and continue to be with you Dave.What a wonderful OB...so heartfelt..as were your updates and your friends who did not know Eric personally..to know Eric thru a proud father's eyes!! I must sa

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**Debbie Bowers** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ As a friend and a classmate, I am going to miss Eric.

*Mr.Charles Allen Fimple*

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**Charles A Fimple** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

D4

“ Eric M. Dopp

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**Donald B. Mizera Live Oak F.D, IAFF local 4098** - March 31, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Our hearts go out to you. Eric will be greatly missed and the memory of his life will always be a brightly burning flame. May that memory warm your hearts as you grieve his passing.

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**Charles and Joyce Talbott** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Just got reading the Guestbook, so many friends, and people who didn't even know Eric. I didn't know him either but after reading what some said, I couldn't help but cry, knowing that a guy like Eric who had worked so hard to fulfill his dream and make s

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**S D Smith** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I didn't know Eric well, but knew him from talking to him a few times at LVFD. It is a very sad thing to loose a brother firefighter, but all we can do is be ready to get back on the truck and be ready to go on the next call and continue to do our jobs i

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**Erik Smith** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ I offer my deepest condolences, I didn't know him for very long, just that I helped hire him at Six Flags and he seemed like a very nice person.

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**John R. Zorola** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ You and your family are in our prayers. We are among the many who will truly miss Eric.

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**Ed & Mary Hicks** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

YP

“ *Diana,  
I am so sorry for your loss. May God grant you and your family  
peace during this time of sorrow.*

*Yvonne Pleasant-Shelf  
San Antonio ISD*

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**Yvonne Pleasant-Shelf** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *David you went to school in Geneva with my mother Diana Brewer.  
She forwarded your story to me one day because my husband is a  
firefighter. Since that day I have been following your story and I just  
wanted you to know I have been thinking and praying for*

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**Wendy Carter** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ *Whether it was running the lightboard, sitting in class, or running  
around town, you could always be counted on for a laugh, a  
sympathetic ear, a hug, or whatever else the situation called for.  
You were there for me in moments of need and I'm forever grat*

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**Krista Quiroz** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Eric, thank you for being such a good friend. I will miss you, man. I  
will never forget the first time we've trained, you were there behind  
that nozzle showing me the way. Just a couple of days later, at  
2:00am my first vehicle fire was under your guidanc*

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**J.P. Robillard** - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I deeply regret your loss and wish you strength for the path you and your family now find yourself on.

RJ Thomas Asst Fire Chief - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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DP

“ Dear David, Diana and all your family, My heart goes out to you during this time of great sorrow. But we have the promise that the Sun will shine again. Although I did not know Eric, I feel like I do because of the thoughts of the heart that you shared

Dorothy Doop Page - March 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Compadre,Buddy.. The news came to me as a rock!! When Joe called me and said" hey have you heard about Eric? and I sead" yea that crazy who passes his test in the first try?..Ther was a big silent pulse and I realized it was bad news..The only thing I co

sergio limon - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Dear Diana,  
May the Lord sustain you and your family and give you strength during these trying times. My deepest condolences to you and your family.  
Nidia Milne, SAISD

Nidia Milne - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Eric,  
I will miss your mischievous smile and your kind heart. May God  
bless you and be with you, always.  
Love,  
Teri

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**Teresa** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about your son. Please let me know if I can do  
anything to help!

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**Carol Jones** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss.

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**Erin Prichard** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ We just wanted to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of  
your son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
No words can ease the pain that you are feeling, but know that God  
will give you the strength to get thru each day one moment

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**Rudy & Lisa Rangel - 911 Uniforms Inc.** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ Our hearts are broken over the loss of Eric but we "smile" because  
we will see him again. He brought pure "joy" to us over the years we  
knew him. He was blessed with a wonderful family and we are  
better people because we know you.

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**Frankie & Rick Niedorf** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Dearest Eric,  
Please know how much you mean to me and my family. It cuts so deep to know you have left us. Your ready smile and twinkling eyes will always warm our hearts. I know there is a celebration in Heaven but I haven't gotten past the hurt here*

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**Janet Grabosky** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

YB

“ *My condolences and my prayers go out to the Dopp family.*

*I dedicate this quote to Eric from my book of Angels:*

*God in heaven above, bless me with your love. Send your angel choir to guide me. Safe within your arms, please hide me. High in heaven'*

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**Ylda Marta Blanco** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences to you all in your time of sorrow.*

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**Tim & Ann Miller** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

*Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North*

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**Mission Park North** - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ The men and women of Leon Valley Public Works enjoyed the time we shared with our co-worker and friend...may the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with and Bless his family.

Orland F. Steele - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our to condolences to the Dopp Family. Eric was a very special and caring person. I am very proud to have worked with Eric and for him to be a part of our lives. We will never forget the time he was there for me and Lynn. He was someone you could cou

Sam & Lynn - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Diane, I am so sorry for the loss of your son, Eric. My deepest condolences are with you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Carla A. Salinas, SLP SAISD - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ The thing I will remember about Eric the most was his sense of humor. Eric always had a smile and an off the cuff remark about anything going on at the time. His sense of humor never seemed to fail him, and he always, when seeing me on patrol, would stop

Dale and Donna Clark - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ It's two o'clock in the morning and here I am on shift, staring at this blank screen. The tones go off for a medical call and I jump in the seat of the Engine. Lights flashing, siren screaming...it's all a blur. We get the job done and return to the hous

Justin F. Dalton - March 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Eric,  
Thank you for being more than just a good friend to me all these years; you are actually the first "real" friend I made when moving here in 2000, to work at Windcrest PD. I will always remember how easily we became friends, sharing the same inter

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**Frank Castillo** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Diana  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. My prayers are with you and your family.  
Esther Menchaca SAISD-SLP

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**Esther Menchaca** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My prayers go out to Eric's entire family and his many friends for the loss of Eric, however please all know that GOD has Eric now and he will forever be by the lords side. He will always live inside the many memories that each of us all have of him, and

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**Lisa Taylor** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ May God's love and compassion fill your hearts with strength and peace. Clearly, he is what this world needed and he is what this world will truly miss! My condolences to the family and may peace be with you!

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**Lynda Crosby** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ I HAVE NO AMBITION IN THIS WORLD BUT ONE, AND THAT IS TO BE A FIREMAN.

THE POSITION MAY, IN THE EYES OF SOME, APPEAR TO BE A LOWLY ONE; BUT WE WHO KNOW THE WORK WHICH A FIREMAN HAS TO DO BELIEVE THIS IS A NOBLE CALLING.

OUR PROUDEST MOMENT IS TO

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**Tarek Vaughters-Haywood** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Dopp family and all the friends that Eric loved so much. Eric, you will always be in my heart, and I'm so grateful that you and I could share so many joyful times. Love Always, Kathi Zuniga

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**Kathi Zuniga** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Eric M. Dopp

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**John Gruber** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family. Eric will be dearly missed.

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**Chantel Spink Crowder** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My condolences to the Dopp family. Eric was a dear friend and a wonderful guy. He will be missed.  
Rest in peace Eric.  
God speed good friend.

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**Ashley Schmidt** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the Dopp family in the loss of Eric. I did not know Eric, but my heart is broken and I am saddened for your loss of such a fine young person and hero. May God bring you peace in your heart as you reflect on all the wonderful memo

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**Monica Garza** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Eric you will be missed dearly, My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. It is not going to be the same without you around, You were always there for me and knew how to make me laugh. I know you will be watching over us. Our Firefighter angel

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**Tim Villanueva** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ My condolences to the Dopp Family. I had the great pleasure of working with Eric at LVFD. I had the even greater pleasure of being partners with him on the ambulance 2 shifts before the accident. We had a lot of fun. He was a great guy and will be sorely m

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**Brian McClintic EMT-P** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *To The Dopp Family:*

*The Family has my deepest sympathy. May God give you comfort.*

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**Debra D. Miller** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Dear Dopp Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. God Bless  
You.*

*Monica and Moises Zuniga*

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**Monica Klein-Zuniga** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *We are with you in your hour of need.*

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**Glenn & Manuela Ellison** - March 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Our condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of  
Eric. He will be missed as part of the brotherhood we all share.*

*Robert Hogan  
Assistant Chief  
Gardendale VFD*

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**Robert Hogan** - March 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *To the Dopp Family,  
My Condolences on the lost of your son Eric.*

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**Aaron Ward** - March 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Eric will be in our hearts and prayers as we continue to answer alarms. We are sure Eric is now a part of GFD "Gods Fire Department" staffing Heavens Fire Station proudly. Our condolences to the Dopp Family.

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**Seguin Professional Firefighters Association L-4122** - March 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ You are a awesome friend always loved hanging out with you and Bill at Dennys while you worked the night shift at Metro

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**Tina Spring** - March 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Eric you will missed by all. We will miss your jokes and pranks, but most of all we will miss you for the great friend/brother that you are. My Condolences to Dopp Family. Eric's memory will be with us. I know that Eric is looking down on us and he will t

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**Robby Weidenbach** - March 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Eric was an outstanding firefighter/paramedic but above all...the best friend anyone could have. I only knew him a short time at UTHSC Paramedic school and made a few calls w/ him at Windcrest. He will never be forgotten but greatly missed by anyone tha

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**Hilary Warzecha** - March 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Just know you will always be in my heart Eric and I will never forget or stop loveing you! My prayers and heartfelt condolents go to Mr. & Mrs. Dopp...know that he will be missed very very much! I love you Eric and I miss you!

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**Heather Bishop** - March 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ WELL I HAVE NEVER KNOWN ERIC DOPP BUT I BELIVE HE AS A GREAT FIRE FIGHTER AND PARAMDEDIC. HE LOVED HELPPING PEOPLE. BUT I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE. FROM ONE FIREFIGHTER TO ANOTHER HE WILL BE SADLEY MISSED.

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**MATTHEW LEACH** - March 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM