



Wallace C. Harding

February 19, 1959 - February 3, 2009

Wallace Chalmers Harding the lone proprietor of River City Merchandising passed away peacefully February 3, 2009 at the age of 56. He was a graduate of Alamo Heights High School class of 1970. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston. Wally liked to play tennis, golf and was an avid fisherman. He especially enjoyed summers at camp in Maine. He is survived by his son, Wallace A. Harding, daughter, Allison Baker; sister, Linda Sadkowski; granddaughter, Samantha Baker; as well as other family members, Clint and Ginny Van Orman, Errin and Charles Jones, Jolie and Bruce Siulinski, and Scott and Karen Van Orman.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 12:00 PM

February 7, 2009

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North

Tribute Wall

TY

“ I always looked forward to having River City buildings on the schedule as Wally and his crew were truly great to work with. You all had your shit together and if not, Wally would have put ya in your place. To a great man, Wally will be missed.....my thou

Ty - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To the Harding Family, I apologize for the delay of the response. I just got word from a friend of mine, named Karsten Kroos. Karsten and I printed t-shirts, and alot of them, at a company in the late-80s to the early 90s, known as Enchanted T's. The Eric

Tommy Haddock - May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Wally,
You were one of my absolute favorite merch contacts on the road. Talking to you advancing a show or just knowing you'd be there made the sun shine in my heart and that's where you'll be forever. I feel fortunate to have known you, it enriched my l

Maria Ljungmark - April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Harding Family,
I want to send my condolences for your loss. I have known Wally 10 years now working for him periodically at Alltel Arena in North Little Rock. Wally was a pleasure to be around and his quick with always kept me smiling! He will be mis

Terry Kuykendall - February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DV

*“ What a shock!! Wally will definitely be missed.
We met at Sears Point Raceway in Sonoma, CA in the late 90's.
Yes, his reach extended that far.
I was fortunate to be able to play a few rounds of golf and have a
few beers with him over the years.
Our*

Dan Vitt - February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

*“ I am so sorry to hear of Wallys passing. I have many fond memories
of seeing Wally. Especially, at the opening of the Alamo Dome with
Paul McCartney. Through all the years he was a great friend.*

Charles Meredith - February 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ All the Best!

Tom Timony - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

*“ Wallace, I first met your dad when he brought out Scott, Mark and a
crew to vend with me on the Kiss Tour in the late 70's. We had great
times together and many good memories of that and many other
tours over the years. I know he left you a great legacy*

Scott Eisenberg - February 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BO

*“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family-I am proud to call him
my friend-20 plus years of great memories*

bob - February 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ All of us "Road Guys" have Merch or Business Friends, but Wally was a True Friend. If we'd have a day off in San Antonio or close Wally would come pick you up at the Hotel and take you out for a Great usually Mexican dinner. Wally was a "True Friend" Love

Steve Lewis - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Wally. You were a great friend and it was always a pleasure to work with you. As Josey Wales once said, "I RODE WITH HIM. I GOT NO COMPLAINTS."

Doc Halstead - February 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Wallace,
We are very sorry to hear about your loss and our thoughts are with you. Rest in peace.

Troy & Stephani Smith - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Wallace,

So sorry to hear of Wally's passing, he will truly be missed. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you in your time of mourning.

Dan Frantz - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Wallace,
I was shocked to hear of Wally's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

MIKE KREWSON - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Wallace,

your Dad was the River City Merch king, and a good friend. I will never forget him.

Peter Kernan - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *In my seventeen years of touring, working with you and your crew was always a pleasure, You done good Wally, training the likes of Scott, Dizzy, Mark and many others to carry on.*

RIP

Steve Ross - February 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Dear Harding family, We are sad to hear of the loss of our next door neighbor. As he was "on the road" most of the time, we did not get to know him or vist much. It is evident that you were a wonderful person and will be greatly missed, and that hearts ar*

Dana, Ken and Justin - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ *The Escobar family wishes to extend condolences to the Harding family. I enjoyed working for Wally selling souvenirs,programs,etc. at concerts,events,and rodeos. Thank you for the opportunity to work for you and your friendship.*

George A. Escobar - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Wally,
Very sorry to hear of the loss of your father We will always
remember your Dad a one of those special "really great guys".
Sure he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you at this time.

Mark & Sherry Metzger - February 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ My Heart is broken. The world has lost one of the greatest men I
have ever known , I feel so lucky to have been given the gift of his
friendship.Wally you were larger than life and will never be
forgotten. Wallace my thoughts and prayers are with you and

Natalie Johnson - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Wally and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have only heard my
father choke up a few times in my life, but he did as he told me this
sad news, and as he said what a great man your father was. I know
he will be missed.
Thinking of y

Jennifer Van Orman - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Wally was a true gentleman-- warm, gracious, and thoughtful. He
will be deeply missed.

Wallace and family, please know that we are thinking of you and
sending our love.

Melissa Van Orman and Mark Bussow - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I can still feel Wally's pride right after he had one of his best rounds of golf a few years back. That was a special moment I'll always cherish.

Rich Orvis - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Wally was a mentor & a friend, over the 9 years we worked together when he came to our building. His vast knowledge was passed on with a true desire to help. I called him the the T-Shirt King, something that made him laugh whenever he was in our building, W

Debbie Johnson - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Wallace, I remember when you kept accidentally calling my cell phone after you switched with an old friend. My number was still in the speed dial and we had a nice laugh over it every time! Thanks for letting me be a part of yours and Wally's life.

Katie - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Though we never had the honor of knowing Mr. Harding, Katie a friend of his son shared with us, our Bible Study group, his illness. We lifted up prayers for Mr Harding and family and we will continue to lift up prayers of comfort and peace that only God

Lois Kight - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ To Wally's friends and family
I was saddened to learn of Wally's passing. It was a pleasure to be one of his clients. He was honest, hard working and just a good guy to deal with. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. M

Roger Newton - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ My family and I have just come from the service for Wally. He truly was a great man and had great friends. What has impressed us throughout is the enormous outpouring of love and feelings in the comments from the many, many friends that Wally had. He t

Scott Van Orman - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Harding Family,*
My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Rest in peace Wally..

Melissa Perez-Bernal - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My sadness at Wally's passing is a constant lump in my throat. Wally was one of the most trusted and responsible merchandisers in the country. When I knew I would be in one of his buildings or working with any of his guys, I always knew I would the job

Mark Haynes - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Wally, my biggest regret is that we never played golf together. Our long conversations somehow always led to golf. I can't believe we never took time out of our busy schedules to play a round of golf that we both loved. I will miss that forever.

Carla Elsken - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Wally,
It was an honor to have known and worked with you.
You are greatly missed.
Wallace, my condolences to you.

Roger Connor - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Wally, you were a good friend and always ready to help! You will truly be missed! billy webster

billy webster - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ GREAT GUY,
GREAT LOSS...

LEIANE OVIEDO - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Wallace,
Your dad was a wonderful man who was a joy to work with. I will miss his smile and can do attitude. My prayers to you and your family.

Michael Marion - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU AND THAT OLD PICK-UP TRUCK YOU HAD YOU'RE GOING TO BE MISSED

Michael Rocky Donahue - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Thanks Wallace for all that you made better. My condolences to the family.

Victor Cohen - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Wally~
Cherish all the fantastic memories of your pops and share them with as many people as possible. I will be here for you always!

Stephanie Langenberg - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ You were a good, good man Wally. I feel fortunate to have known you.

Al Sitchon - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Wally you were one of the greats. Our prayers go out to your family.

Craig McEnroe - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ So sad to lose someone so full of life, at such an early age....I'll miss crossing paths with you on the road, I believe we first met in the mid-80's while out with Motley Crue...such a pro, and loved by all. I'll never forget those late night Margarita'

Bob Bishop - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Wally, you were a good guy and a good friend. We will miss you.

Jack Orbin - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Wally - you were such a good friend, a pro at merchandising and will be missed by so many. All of us that worked The Pyramid in Memphis wish to say Thank You for everything -- especially driving to town in tow with Pappasitos cheese dip and salsa!! Gods

Terri Knight - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To The Harding Family,
Our prayers are with your family at this time. You'll never know how many lives Wally Harding touched. He was an honorable man and pleasure to work with. You have much to be proud of. We will all miss him as well.

David Ross - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ You were bigger than life. This world will feel so different without you in it. Lots of Love. Love you Wallace.

Rocio Bodevin Land - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Wallace,

I just got the news last night, I am so sorry, your dad was a great guy. I am glad that I had the opportunity to know him, and work with him. He will be missed.

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

May God comfort you

Bill Catlin - February 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ So sorry to hear of your passing.

It is nice to have known you.

Rest in Peace

jon Okeefe - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Wallace C. Harding

Don & Marlene Mueller - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I'm so sorry for your lose. Wally was a great man and will be deeply miss. Miss you "Big Wally"!

Sami - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Geez---I sure will miss him sneaking around the arenas checking out the stands. When I would spot him, he would just lift that eyebrow and I would know it looked ok. I will miss his temper, our hour long phone conversations mostly him talking and his w

Sandy - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I have a feeling Wally is now up there yelling at the big guy upstairs!
You will be missed my friend.

Brian Guenther - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

10year anniversary... he is still missed

Raymond donato - February 03, 2019 at 03:58 AM

JB

“ Wally, you'll be sorely missed. RIP

Jamie Betwee - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So long Wally, you were a diamond..

John Spink - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ You touched so many peoples lives in this business. What a true professional! It was a true pleasure knowing you and working with you...May you go in Peace My Friend

Scott Decker - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PQ

“ Wally, you were a very dear friend over the years. I will miss our talks on the phone and visiting with you when I came through Texas.I will always remember our late night dinners at Mi Tiera's. Rest in Peace Wally, I will miss you

Paul Quiroga - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

I remember a few of those dinners as part of the river city crew.... and a lunch once at jacalas one day

Raymond donato - February 03, 2019 at 04:06 AM

MC

“ *Wallace, Your Dad was a Great guy! He will be missed. I counted him as a friend. Praying for God's peace for you and your family.*

-Mike

Mike Christian - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *sad day in the merch world to lose a great man like wally,you where something else wally*

midge - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *We have all lost a true earth angel here in Wally's passing. I pray that Wally meets up with Sean Fogerty in heavens garden. You both are missed by us all.*

Dar Jenkins - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I have so many great childhood memories with Wally. He was always fun, sweet and had a heart of gold...he was another big brother to me....I will dearly miss him....*

Jeanette Forney Van Wicklen - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Wallace and family,
I am thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort during this
sad time. Wally will be missed but he will not be forgotten.
Julie B.*

Julie B. - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Wally,
You were one of the hard workers in the merch world. You set the
standard in the early days. I always enjoyed seeing San Antonio on
the schedule because that usually meant a late dinner and a cold
beer after our show.
RIP.*

Bill Manley - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Linda and Wally's children,

I am one of the six Forney children, who lived two doors down from
the Harding family on Morningside. I have such fond memories of
Wally, Debbie, Linda and your parents. I was saddened yesterday,
when I heard about th*

Jackie Forney Hammett - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *We will miss you dearly. Thanks for being such a great friend.*

KIRSTEN BAXLEY - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Little Wally,
There are no words that can express the loss of Big Wally. My sympathy is with you and your family. I love you and am praying for you and your family.
Love,
Becca Delph daughter of David Delph*

Rebecca Delph - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Not only is the world in general sadder for your passing, but our own world of merch has a void that will be hard to fill. You set a good standard not only as a merchandiser but as a human being...so long buddy*

Richard Carter - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Wally was a great guy!! Always available to help and you always knew that he was only a phone call away. Everyone at Richards and Southern will miss him!!!*

Ryan Calonge - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Wally, you were a gem. You set the standard that few could measure up to. You weren't happy unless us rd. mgrs. were happy and you always went the extra mile. You touched peoples lives in ways you probably were not aware of. I always looked forward to com*

Dan de Serpa - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Wallace, my most sincere condolences to you and your family.

Ronnie Christian - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Wallace-
My deepest condolences to you and your family. Your dad was one of the greats and will be truly missed.

Tim Brady - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Wally was a true legend and one of the best. He was always quick to tell me what I was doing wrong and then compliment me on everything I was doing right. A day in one of his venues was like a day off with a friend. You will be missed by many.

Todd - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Wallace How Boutcha!!! Bud...you're Dad was a consumate professional and a stand-up guy, C/MON! I'm lookin' at the silver travel cup he gave me 16 years ago and I'm celebrating his Life!!! He's won his race, COPY!!!

Mikee Cusack - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

Great memories bufy

Raymond donato - February 03, 2019 at 04:12 AM

RD

Bud I meant lol

Raymond donato - February 03, 2019 at 04:13 AM

DG

“ I meet Wally in 1979/80, on Tour with Molly Hatchet. I have many funny fond memories of Wally and his crew. Wally would all ways put a smile on my face with his stubbornness and humor. Wally laughed a lot, and he wasn't bad golfer. When Wallace was growi

Doug Gall - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Wallace -
My heart sunk when I heard of your dad's passing. He always treated us 'road guys' like family. We will never forget that. All my thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Eric Wagner - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TY

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Ty - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Wallace, we just want to let you know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers. Please know that we are here for you if you need anything.

Royce and D'Ann Hart - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My long friendship with Wally started in 1981 when we were both working for Burt Ward's merch company in Malibu. Wally was one of the greatest guys I've ever had the pleasure of knowing in this business. He worked his butt off, was generous to a fault,

Brad Hudson - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I always looked forward to playing one of Wally's buildings. You knew you were going to be working with Wally who has set the standard in arena merchandising. Wally and his crews made the entire day run so smooth that you just wanted them to be vending

Josh Brown - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Wallace,

My condolences and prayers are with you and your family on the loss of your dad. I didn't know your dad, but I do know that he raised a fine son. Losing a family member at your young age is so hard. I lost my dad 20 years ago and my mother

Sandy Hancock - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Wally and Robin

We were so sad to hear the news. We will never forget the good times in Bulverde. Jeff is in Iraq and we emailed him. You are in our prayers.

Bob & Becky Grimes - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I had no idea what our business was about when I met Wally in Lubbock while I was a wet behind the ears freshman at Texas Tech in the fall of 1985. 24 years later I've got a job I love and am good at, because of him. Wally took me under his wing and taught

Tim Walston - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ As many merch guys have said, Wally set a high standard on how merch was done. Walking into one of his buildings was considered a day off because you knew it was being done right. Wally, you'll truly be missed. Wallace, my condolences to you and your f

Jim Harrison - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Wally-- Thanks for such a great friendship. You will be greatly missed by many.... Thanks for the great memories!!!!

Triple, Joy Carly, Jenna Belle and Jillian Fuhrmann

Triple Fuhrmann - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Wallace,

I just want you to know I am here for you and I am praying for peace and comfort for you and your family right now. It's never easy losing someone, I know. Your dad did such a good job on you. He made you into a man that people care about and

Rachel Hancock - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to Wallace, Linda, and the entire Van Orman family. We were only with Wally a few times in his life, but he was always a gentleman and one whom the Hill family could be very proud. A life taken much too early!

Bill & Ginny Boehm - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Wally, I have missed our dinners and movies out and our long phone calls about work and growing children. I have missed baking you pies and cookies and getting into screaming matches with you at the venues you knew I was just as stubborn as you!. Now I ca

Kim Scott - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Wally U will be missed.Thanks for giving us road guys a stand to work back in the early years.

Jim Siemens - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Wallace, Your dad helped us when we first started in the merchandise business and has been a good friend for a long time. He always had time to answer a question and give help when he could. If there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know..

George Kimberly - February 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM