

David Lamar CURTIS



CURTIS, David Lamar, 31, of Bushnell, Fla., died June 29, 2010, doing what he loved to do, being a police officer.

He was an amazing son, brother, husband, father, uncle, in-law, police officer and friend. Dave was born October 3, 1978, in Mobile, Ala., and went to school at Mobile Christian, where he was a valuable member of the football team. He continued his football career at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Dave moved back to Mobile, where he attended the University of South Alabama and studied criminal justice. This is where he met the love of his life, his wife and best friend, Kelly, while she was at Spring Hill College. Dave and Kelly moved to Tampa in 2002, and he worked for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, where he was a detention deputy and part of the TACT team. In 2006 Dave began work for the Tampa Police Department, where he was soon honored as the "employee of the month." Dave thoroughly enjoyed his work and the challenge of being a policeman, and soon became a part of the Honor Guard. Dave and Kelly have four boys, Austin (9), Sean (8), Tyler (5) and Hunter (8 mo.), and to them their dad was the strongest and most fun dad and a hero to each of them. Dave was so proud of his family, especially his boys, who look exactly like him. Dave was a wonderful and quiet man with a huge heart. He was simple, honest, fun-loving, hard working, and always made people

laugh with jokes and his stories. He loved fishing, hunting, desserts, Alabama football, being a police officer, and most of all, being a dad. In addition to his wife and children, Dave is survived by his mother, Cindy Hatcher Warren; father, Rick Curtis; grandmother, Margaret "Mock" Curtis; and his twin sister, Autumn Stradley, her husband, Shane, and their three daughters, Jordan, Bailey and Maren. Visitation and viewing will take place at 6 p.m. Friday, July 2, at and the funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3. Both services will take place at Idlewild Baptist Church, located at 18371 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Lutz, FL 33548. Private interment will follow services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tampa Police Department Honor Guard, 411 N. Franklin St., Tampa, FL 33602. Words of comfort may be expressed at www.blountcurry.com

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