



Timothy Don Lawson

September 3, 1966 - April 19, 2018

Timothy Don Lawson left his earthly tent behind early Thursday, April 19, 2018 and was welcomed by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Tim passed away peacefully with his wife at his side at the Madrone Hospice House after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer.

Absent from the body and present with the Lord. II Cor. 5

Tim was born Sep. 3, 1966, delivered by his father (an orderly and police officer) in Patterson, CA to Thomas and Janet (Gage) Lawson. With his father in law enforcement Tim attended schools in Morgan Hill, Oakdale, and Modesto, graduated from Beyer High School (1984) and received an AA degree from Merced Jr. College. At age 21 Tim began his CHP career as a member of the Cadet Training Class V '87 graduating from the CHP Academy in April 1988. As a young officer in the Merced Area he met and married the love of his life Melody Mohler. God blessed this union with the addition of Rachel Leann, Noah Thomas and Caleb Timothy. He lived in Siskiyou County 12 years.

Tim's service areas as a CHP officer were San Jose, Merced and Sonora. In 2000 he promoted to Sergeant and served with integrity, dedication, and resolve in Central Los Angeles, Merced, Mt. Shasta and Yreka retiring in Sep. 2016. After retirement he greatly missed his CHP family, the camaraderie,

driving a black & white and being there for his guys. He cared deeply for them both on and off the job.

As a high school student Tim made a confession of faith and repented of his sin. Because of this reality Tim's life was characterized by a love for Christ, God's Word, his family and others. Tim enjoyed serving as director of summer Junior Bible Camp for several years on the Scott River. In recent years God gave Tim a deeper love for God's Word leading Bible studies in his home and teaching children's and adult Sunday School. When cancer kept him from sleeping during the night he would listen to Bible teaching sermons - the bread of God's Word that feeds the soul.

As an avid outdoorsman Tim's interests included salmon fishing and guiding, turkey and javelina hunting, camping, gold prospecting and woodworking.

Tim was preceded in death by his father Thomas Lawson. He is survived by his mother Janet Lawson of Hilmar, CA, his wife Melody, daughter Rachel (Daniel) Peck of Woodinville, WA, son Noah (Hayley) Lawson of Newhall, son Caleb Lawson of Santa Clarita, and a brother Tom (Tammy) Lawson of San Antonio, TX.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the compassionate, supportive and loving staff at the Madrone Hospice House in Tim's final days, to the CHP family and many friends for their encouraging support and prayer.

Viewing will be Friday, April 27th at Girdner Funeral Chapel, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. A funeral and celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 28th at Grenada Community Berean Church at 1:30 pm. A graveside service will be Saturday, May 5th, 2:00 pm at Wood Colony Cemetery in Modesto, CA. In lieu of flowers donations may be given to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.