



## Charles Roger Bauer

August 30, 1973 - October 12, 2016

Charles Roger Bauer, 43, of Madisonville, Texas passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at his home in Madisonville surrounded by his loving family. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in the Hooper Chapel in Conroe at 11:00 AM. Bro. Jeff Berger will officiate with a luncheon to follow. A graveside service is scheduled at the Greenbriar Cemetery in Madisonville on October 29, 2016 at 2PM with military honors followed by a celebration of life at their home at 3074 Union Road in Madisonville. The day will be filled with food, fun, music, fishing, laughter, and memories along with an outdoor video presentation at dark. So dress accordingly!

Charlie was born on August 30, 1973 to Roger and Jeanne (McCormick) Bauer in Wheaton, Illinois and honorably served his country in the United States Navy during Desert Storm. Following the war, he worked for Emerson Network Power as a customer support Engineer.

Charlie had many talents, but from the outpouring of love and support since news of his death hit social media, it is clear that it was his gift for humor that touched so many people of his acquaintance. Amazingly, it was the one thing ALS could not steal from him. Even bed bound, he never failed to elicit laughter when people visited him bedside and asked how he was doing. Without missing a beat, his dead pan reply was a computerized vocal that simply stated, "Living the dream."

After being diagnosed with ALS in July of 2013, he soon discovered an online support community of fellow PALS (Persons with ALS). His humor was legendary among this tight knit community of ALS warriors and brought laughter to those who might otherwise have precious little to laugh about. These people became his family and their love for one another is fierce.

Hearts are heavy with grief over his loss, even as they rejoice knowing his pain and suffering is over. His circle of love is large spanning family, childhood friends, Naval brethren, close friendships formed at Emerson Network, church families, or really, anyone who came in close proximity to Charlie. The man made quite the impact.

The stories of his antics, jokes, and love for inappropriate humor will live on in the memories of his family, friends, and ALS Community forever. To know Charlie was to laugh. And though there may be less laughter upon this earth today, it is surely echoing in the halls of heaven as Charlie regales Jesus with one of his hilarious, albeit inappropriate, stories.

Survivors include his wife, Katie Bauer; daughter, Grace Bauer; father, Roger Bauer and wife Julie; mother Jeanne Bauer and husband Walter Hittelman; brother, Tim Bauer; sister, Tami Bauer; nephews, Chris Bauer, Thomas Bauer, and Alex Bauer; and his closest friends Jason Smith, Patrick Ryan, Chris Hamner, Joe Hartman, Steve Riecke, Dennis Dikeman, Roberta Gibbs, and Chad Raab.

In lieu of flowers, in honor of Charlie's courageous battle with ALS, donations may be made to [www.alstdi.org](http://www.alstdi.org) in effort to research and treat the disease.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Margaret Mosley lit a candle in memory of Charles Roger Bauer* ”



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**Margaret Mosley** - October 14, 2016 at 10:15 PM