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Services Held For Azle Police Dispatcher William "Bill" Reid

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 19 in the Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Reno, for well-known Azle resident, William Edward "Bill" Reid, 68.

Reid, who had been Evening Dispatcher at the Azle Police Department for 6 years, passed away suddenly Tuesday night, October 17 in a Fort Worth hospital. He had been ill for a short time and had undergone surgery Tuesday morning.

A native of Eastland County, Reid was a rancher until coming to Azle nine years ago. He had been in law enforcement in Eastland County having served as a member of the Sheriff's Department there. He also served as Dispatcher, Chief of Police and Deputy in Eastland County departments. He was a member of Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Reno and lived at 816 Vickie Dr. Azle.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Jack B. Crawley of Odessa, and Mrs. I.J. Hart of Baytown; two sisters, Mrs. Hugo Schmidt of Abilene and Mrs. Letha B. Weir of Azle; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 19 in the Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Reverend Larry Bazor officiating. Interment was at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Alameda Cemetery, near Ranger, Eastland County,

The funeral procession, given a police escort in each of the towns they passed through, attended graveside services at Alameda Cemetery. Azle Police officers were relieved by members of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department for the day so that they might attend services.

Acting pallbearers were Police Chief, Royal Hartwell; Police Captain, Dan Fry; Fire Chief, Don Eastwood; White Settlement officer, Charles Stevens; Fireman, Walter Dietrick; Officer, Benny W. Taylor and Officer, Wayne Bobbitt. Honorary pallbearers were Officer, Jack Biddlecome; Lake Worth officer, B.W. Bentliff; Kenneth Tucker; James Brawley; Officer, D. C. Spradley; Officer, Marie Welch; Linda Wiggington; Officer, Joyce Tallant; Lakeside Officer, Charles Turner; DPS Officer, Darrell Williams and DPS Officer, Tommy Walker, Lynn Hightower, Herbie Wood, Dick Phillips.