

Officer's Creed

I, a member of the California Highway Patrol, subscribe in word and deed to the following:

To serve the United States of America and the State of California honestly, and conscientiously, and fulfill my oath as a soldier of the law; to uphold and maintain the honor and integrity of the California Highway Patrol;

Be loyal to my fellow officers; respect and obey my seniors in rank; and enforce the law without fear, favor, or discrimination;

Assist those in peril or distress, and, if necessary, lay down my life rather than swerve from the path of duty;

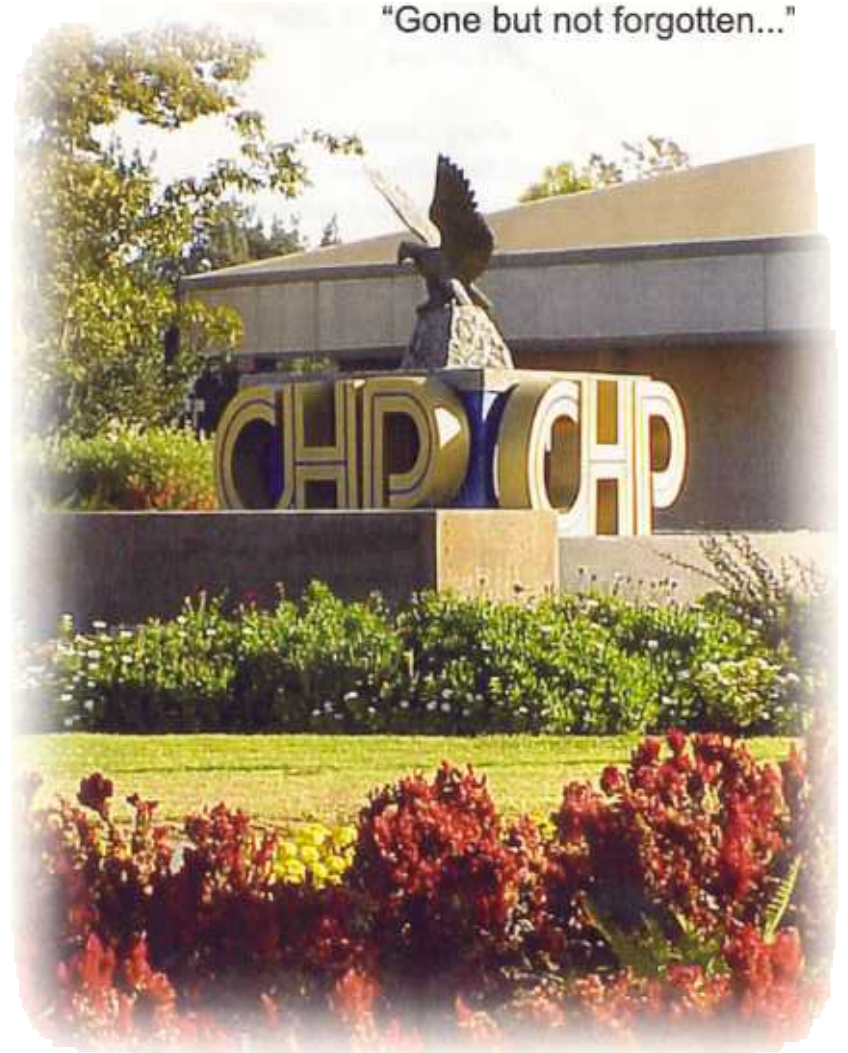
My personal conduct shall at all times be above reproach and I will never knowingly commit any act that will in any way bring discredit upon the California Highway Patrol or any member thereof;

To all of this I do solemnly pledge my sacred honor as an Officer of the California Highway Patrol.



In Memoriam

"Gone but not forgotten..."



Memorial Service

Robert F. Grimsley, Jr.

July 12, 1944 - September 14, 2004

Thursday, September 23, 2004

10:00 a.m.

Calvary Chapel

3800 South Fairview

(between MacArthur and Sunflower)

Santa Ana, California

Burial will follow at Pacific View Cemetery

3500 Pacific View Drive

Corona del Mar, California 92660

Reception will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Newport Dunes

1131 Back Bay Drive

Newport Beach, California 92660



Sergeant Robert F. Grimsley, Jr. #5173 (Retired)

Robert, who was better known to all as "Fritz", was born July 12, 1944 in Stockton, California to Robert and Olive Grimsley. He attended local schools and graduated from Stagg High School in 1962. Fritz attended college in Santa Cruz, California before joining the Army National Guard. After his service with the National Guard he returned to Stockton and began work at The Bank of Stockton, where he met the love of his life, Miss Sue Keeler. Fritz's unique and outgoing personality soon won Sue's favor and they fell very much in love. Fritz entered the Highway Patrol Academy in December 1966 and graduated in March of 1967. He reported on April 1st for his first assignment in East Los Angeles.

Fritz and Sue were married one year later in April 1968 and made their home in San Gabriel, California. Fritz had applied for motors and returned to the Academy for motor training that summer.

Unfortunately, his motor career was brought to an abrupt end when he was involved in a near fatal accident on Labor Day weekend of that same year. He spent the following year on 4800 time and endured several surgeries before he was able to return to full duty.

In August 1969, Fritz reported to his next assignment at Zone V Headquarters performing background investigations on new applicants. He then entered into auto theft and found his true calling in life. Fritz was promoted to Sergeant in April 1974 and had to leave auto theft for a graveyard shift in West LA. To Fritz's joy, he was soon called back to Headquarters, where he and Sergeant Joe Palmer soon made up the "Dynamic Duo" of CHP Auto Theft. Fritz was instrumental in establishing the liaison between CHP Auto Theft, LAPD BADCATs, and the FBI which made the CHP Auto Theft program the success it is in the State of California.

In May of 1993, Fritz transferred to Border Division and was stationed with the fledgling Orange County Auto Theft Task Force in Anaheim. Under Fritz's guidance OCATT has grown into the premier task force in the state, culminating in the receipt of the CHP Commissioner's Unit Citation in July of 2004. The first Commissioner's Unit Citation Award ever awarded to a task force.

Fritz retired on August 1, 2004 at the age of 60, being the oldest Sergeant on the Highway Patrol. Fritz truly loved his job and loved the men and women who worked with him. He is survived by his wife, Sue; sons, Rob, Todd, and Nathan; brother, Peter; and grandchildren, Danielle, Robbie, and Andren.