

*Pallbearers*

*Rigo Betancourt  
Ed Clair  
Pat Goodman  
Lt. Rick Pena*

*Sgt. Mike Reynolds  
Capt. Jim Szabo  
Sgt. Joe Thrasher  
Sgt. Pat Thrasher*

*Honorary Pallbearers*

*Alex Bancroft  
Rick Criner  
Tom Crofoot  
John Eppick  
Mark Fisher  
Don Johnson  
Gary Labb  
Robin Lee*

*Levon Matson  
Lonnie Melchior  
Ron Minor  
Joe Ortiz  
Joe Palmer  
Doug Thomas  
David Woofter  
Ken Wright*



*In Loving Memory of*

*Robert Frederick Grimsley, Jr.*

*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

*Psalm 100*

*Sergeant Robert F. Grimsley, Jr*  
*(Retired)*

Robert F. Grimsley, Jr. was born July 12, 1944 in Stockton, California to Robert and Olive Grimsley. He was nicknamed after his grandfather Fred and better known to all as "Fritz". 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 boot camp, he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. When he returned to Stockton he began working 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. It was during 1967 and 1968 that Fritz bragged about having the highest residential phone bill in L.A. County.

Fritz and Sue were married 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 1969. The week before Fritz returned to duty in August 1969, their first son, Rob III, was born. Fritz reported to his next assignment at Zone V Headquarters performing background investigations on new applicants. In 1971 he entered into auto theft and found his true calling on the Highway Patrol. It was at this time that their second son Todd was born and the family relocated to Orange County. Fritz was promoted to Sergeant on April 1, 1974 (the only day he thought they could promote him) and had to leave auto theft for a graveyard shift in West LA. He was soon called back to Headquarters, where he and Sergeant Joe Palmer 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 was in the State of California. During the 70's and 80's, Fritz and his family enjoyed trips to Northern California to visit with family and friends and many camping trips in the high sierras. They were also greatly involved with football and baseball and all the wonderful families they came to know. In 1980, their third and final son, Nathan was born.

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; grandchildren; Danielle, Robbie and Andren; and brother, Peter Grimsley.

In Loving Memory of

*Fritz Grimsley*

Entered Into Life

July 12, 1944 • Stockton, California

Entered Into Eternal Life

September 14, 2004 • Fountain Valley, California

*A Celebration of Life*

Calvary Chapel

3800 South Fairview • Santa Ana, California

Thursday, September 23, 2004 • 10:00 a.m.

Closure of Casket

Opening and Welcome

Opening Prayer / Scripture Reading

"Imagine"

Eulogists

"Remembering Our Fritz"

Eulogists

Congregational Singing

Message

"The Badge of the CHP"

Benediction

Pastor Alex Gonzalez

Pastor Phil Twente

Kristen Sue Irving

Troy H. Boocock

Sgt. Dennis Frias

Ken Wright

Tom Crofoot

Chief Joe Ortiz, Retired

Lt. Rick Criner, Retired

Comm. Spike Helmick, Retired

Pastor Phil Twente

Cliff Bemis

Burial will follow at Pacific View Cemetery

3500 Pacific View Drive • Corona del Mar

Reception will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Newport Dunes • 1131 Back Bay Drive • Newport Beach