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Tyler Pinchot Obituary Notice

Buena Park Police Corporal died 100 days after a traffic accident.

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Pinchot, Tyler, 45; Buena Park Police Corporal, a 23 year Buena Park Police Department Veteran, 9 years as Motorcycle Officer, died 12:27 PM, September 21, in hospital care, 100 days after his admittance. Corporal Pinchot was working a traffic enforcement detail on a police motorcycle, Friday, June 13, 2003. Attempting to catch up to a traffic violator, he was struck from behind by a mid-sized sedan driven by a Buena Park resident. He was thrown from his motorcycle. Soon after, Corporal Pinchot was airlifted to UCI Medical Center in Orange, Calif., where he was admitted in "serious" condition with injuries to his head and pelvis. Doctors chemically induced a coma to perform corrective surgery to his pelvis. After medication was stopped, doctors realized that his head injuries were more severe than anticipated. Corporal Pinchot had spent 41 days in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit when he was moved to the Progressive Care Unit where he spent the rest of his days. Throughout his hospital stay, hundreds of family and friends have visited the hospital bringing gifts and condolences.

An Orange County native, Tyler Pinchot was born on April 12, 1958 to Edward (Bud) and Sally Pinchot, in Garden Grove. Two years after graduating from Orange High School, he joined with the Garden Grove Police Department Explorers. He then applied with the Buena Park Police Department, attended the academy and was hired in July of 1980. The love for his career was evident in all his responsibilities. Corporal Pinchot was a Special Weapons and Tactics team member, Explorer Post advisor, station Santa Claus, a tactical officer at Fullerton College's police reserve academy and the unofficial department photographer. He was the only Buena Park Officer to win the "Officer of the Year" award consecutively - in 1991 and 1992. Other hobbies included photography, woodworking, guns, camping, motorcycles, and a devotion to his cats. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Orange.

Tyler Pinchot is survived by his wife Susie Snider-Pinchot, married May 18, 2002, his step-children, Stephanie Snider, Scott Snider, and Jenna Koch; his mother and father, Sally and Bud Pinchot; his brothers, Michael and Deron; his sisters Leslie Peck, Tracey Anderson, Becky Gromala; and his three cats Moffie, Mosley and Lucy. Visitation at Pierce Brothers Anaheim Mortuary (2425 W. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim) from 5:00 to 8:00pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2003. Service is on Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 10:00am, at the Crystal Cathedral in

Garden Grove. Interment will follow at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Direct donations to the Buena Park Police Department, 6650 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90621 or call (714)562-3901. Pierce Brothers Anaheim Mortuary, Daly-Spencer-Baggott & Schacht- Mortuary Directors.