



## Bob Lew

Former Bexar County Constable, Bob Lew, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on December 30, 2015, at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Castle Hills Baptist Church, 2220 NW Military Highway, San Antonio, Texas 78213. Bob Lew was Constable of Precinct 3 in San Antonio, Texas from 1989 until he retired in 2007 after more than 50 years of law enforcement service. Constable Lew began his career in public service as a reserve deputy and went on to hold many important positions in the Bexar County law enforcement community, including Chief Deputy Constable, criminal investigator for the Bexar County Sheriff's Department and Commander for the Bexar County Major Crimes Task Force. He broke new ground as the first Chinese American in Texas to be certified as a peace officer and the first Chinese American to be elected as Constable in Texas. Throughout his career, Constable Lew was active in community affairs. He provided volunteer law enforcement and public service to functions for such institutions as the American Cancer Society, Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, the March of Dimes and the San Antonio Livestock and Rodeo, where he was Director Emeritus. He served as the Security Director for the Rodeo Cowboy Breakfast for more than 20 years. He was a life member of the Lonnie Irvin Masonic Lodge and the San Antonio Scottish Rite; he was a member of the Alzafar Shrine Temple and has served as Vice President and council member of the San Antonio Chinese Community Council. The 80th

Legislature of the Texas Senate commended Bob Lew on his exceptional service to Bexar County and his many contributions to our state in a Senate resolution which stated that he was "highly regarded for his leadership and dedication to his work" and "handled his many responsibilities with exceptional skill and professionalism." Certified as a Master Texas Peace Officer, Constable Lew received numerous awards for his dedication and effectiveness, including the American Legion Citation for Meritorious Service in Law Enforcement, the Bexar County Citizens Award for Crime Suppression, and the Constable's Department Meritorious Service Award. He was born in 1937 in San Antonio, Texas and attended Brackenridge High School. He served as a reserve for the Texas Air National Guard and graduated from the FBI Academy training program. He was an active member of the Geological Society of San Antonio and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. He was a pro at feeding crowds of people (including years of running the Chinese booth at the San Antonio Folklife Festival). He was known for his witty humor, generous spirit and kind heart. He is survived by his wife of more than 55 years, Mamie, his children Lynette, Michele and Brent, son-in-law Don, daughter-in-law Allison, grandchildren Camille, Sebastian and Isaac, siblings Lili, Sonny, Ella, Wing and Walter and many cousins, nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to MD Anderson Cancer Center by website at [www.mdanderson.org/gifts](http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts) or by mail to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Moon Shot Lung Cancer, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486.