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PETER ROSS II (PETE), formerly of Dallas. Born June 24, 1943 in Temple, Texas. Passed away suddenly of a heart attack on Sunday, May 17, 1998 in Austin, Texas. He was a loving father and husband and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Betty Ann) Davis of Austin, Texas; 2 sons and daughter-in-law, Todd & Christine Davis of Dallas, Texas and Brian Davis of Atlanta, Georgia along with innumerable close friends and relatives. He was the current Director of the Texas Turnpike Authority, a division of the Texas Department of Transportation. Prior to that position, he was the Director of Engineering for the North Texas Turnpike Authority from 1988 to 1997. His career spanned over 30 years of service in highway construction in the state of Texas. He held a degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas. The family has asked that donations be made to the American Heart Association or the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Pete Davis Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 45001, Lubbock, TX 79409-5001, in lieu of sending flowers. Services will be 10:00am Thursday, May 21, 1998 in RESTLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 20, 1998 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm at Restland Funeral Home.

RESTLAND FUNERAL HOME
 located on Greenville Avenue
 1/3 mile North of I-37
 972-238-7111

Rites today for highway official Peter Davis II, 54

Peter Ross "Pete" Davis II spent his adult life working to improve Texas highways.

Services for Mr. Davis, director of the Texas Turnpike Authority, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Restland Funeral Home's Memorial Chapel. Mr. Davis, 54, died Sunday of a heart attack at his Austin home. He will be buried at Restland Memorial Park.



Peter Ross

Mr. Davis worked for 30 years as a highway construction engineer before joining the turnpike authority 10 years ago.

"He took it personally that he was trying to expand the roadways of Texas," said his son, Todd Davis of Dallas.

Born in Temple, Texas, Mr. Davis moved to Dallas with his family after his father returned from World War II. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas and earned a degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University.

Mr. Davis joined the Texas Turnpike Authority as an engineer in

1988; he was appointed director last year. The Texas Turnpike Authority — a division of the Texas Department of Transportation — maintains and operates toll roads south of Dallas.

In addition to Todd Davis, Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, Betty Ann Davis of Austin, and another son, Brian Davis of Atlanta.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, Pete Davis Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 45001, Lubbock, Texas 79409-5001.