



Deputy Sheriff William Butler, Jr. End of Watch June 27, 2024

An enormous sense of grief is deeply felt as we mourn the loss of Hillsdale County's Deputy Sheriff William "Bill" Butler, Jr. who was shot and killed during a traffic stop. The incident occurred while acting as backup for a fellow officer on Beecher Road near Lamb Road in Jefferson Township, southwest of Hillsdale, Michigan. Both men inside the car had warrants for their arrests and tragic events quickly unraveled, resulting in Butler's death.

Truly protecting and serving others, Deputy Sheriff William Butler Jr. is a military veteran who served in the United States Army National Guard, serving overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom and later working as a recruiter. William Butler was a pillar in the Hillsdale community. He is a Hillsdale High School alumni, former employee of Bailey Factory in Hillsdale, and served with the Hillsdale County Sheriff's office for twelve years. He had recently graduated from an accident investigation program. He studied business management at Jackson College. Additionally, he was the broker-owner and realtor for Pure Realty Team, Hillsdale Real Estate affiliate.

A true family man, William Butler is survived and grieved by wife Sarah, five children and two grandchildren. In Butler's honor, the deeply devastated police force is retiring Butler's scout car number and the scout car will be driven by Butler's partner.

It is our honor to bless the family thanks to each one of you. These generous donations to the Robert J. Turner Foundation made it possible to provide \$25,000 in support to Deputy Sheriff William Butler, Jr's mourning widow. We express our most sincere appreciation to our partner Kroger, who provided \$5,000 in Kroger gift cards.

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