



## Allen Whaley Fair

December 14, 1955 - August 17, 2019

Memorial services for Allen W. Fair, 63, of Tyler, Texas, will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lewis Pollard officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service at 2 p.m.

Mr. Fair passed away Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, after a long battle with lung cancer.

Allen was surrounded by many prayer warriors from the community for the last several months, gratefully acknowledging his faith and assurance to them.

He was born December 14, 1955 in Fort Worth, Texas and came to Tyler as a baby. He was the son of James and Nancy Fair, brother of Wood, Mimi and Ginger. He had a wonderful childhood and lots of adventures. He attended Birdwell Elementary School, Hogg Junior High, Robert E. Lee High School and Tyler Junior College. He met Greg Conine in the 3rd grade and they remained life-long friends. In 1976, he married Mariann Ragsdale and moved to Starrville to be a rancher. They had two beautiful daughters, Amy in 1977 and Perry in 1980. "His girls" were the best thing that ever happened to him.

Allen followed in the footsteps of his father, James and grandfather, R.W. and was involved in his family business for over 45 years, 35 of which he served as President of Crystal Systems, Texas Inc., a public water utility company serving roughly 2000 homes and businesses within the Hide-A-Way Lake area of Smith County. Under Fair's leadership, Crystal Systems maintained a coveted "Superior Rating" by State Regulators for its excellence. Allen never lost his zeal for innovation in the water utility industry, continuously looking for ways to improve deliverability and customer service. He was an early pioneer in adapting computer technology in field operations and billing.

Allen was a partner and served in various capacities in numerous real estate and oil and gas projects throughout his career. He was also active in community leadership having spent several years serving on the Tyler Planning and Zoning Commission and as a

Director for Habitat for Humanity. Additionally, he served many years as a Director of the RW Fair Foundation.

On August 19, 2000, he married Janet Drake, and began his biggest adventure. For the past twenty years, he enjoyed life to the fullest with friends and family. Allen's generous spirit, sense of humor and love of mischief will be missed by everyone who knew him. Mr. Fair was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Barbara, and sister, Mimi Fair. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Janet; daughters, Amy Fair and wife Raye and Perry Flowers and husband Jeff; grandsons, Haden and Bentley; brother, Wood and wife Cathie; sister, Ginger Fair; step-sister, Lisa King Baker and husband Daryl; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Honorary pallbearers are Bob Garrett, Greg Conine, Mike Ragsdale, Joe Drake, Lauro Berver, Micheal Jones, Tracy DeMoussett, Chris Simons, Bobby Young, Phil Pongetti, Lane Norvelle, Skip Ogle, Clyde Sanders, Don Etheredge, and Steve Tarantino.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Chaplain Services at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, 800 Dawson Street, Tyler, TX 75702; Heart of Tyler, P.O. Box 7399, Tyler, TX 75711-7399; Gladney Center for Adoption, 6300 John Ryan Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76132-4122; or a charity of your choice.

In true Allen fashion, shorts, flip-flops and Hawaiian shirts are encouraged for the service. No socks allowed.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 02:30PM

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX, US, 75703

**AUG** **Memorial Service** 02:30PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - August 21, 2019 at 10:53 AM

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“ Janet, my heart is saddened, as you shared his lost with me. We have a deep love for you and Allen as you embraced my whole family and I after we lost everything in Katrina. It was 14 years ago today. I will never forget how you and Allen welcomed us into your lives. You all were angels that God placed in our lives. The love, compassion and care will never be forgotten. We will never forget Allen with his wit and ability to make us laugh even though we often wanted to cry. Cherish your memories of him and always keep him in your heart. We love you and we are praying with you and for you. Audrey and family!

**Audrey Clements** - August 29, 2019 at 05:32 PM

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“ Janet, we are so sorry for your loss. Allen was such an awesome man. Paxton and Addison will always remember him as “the cool guy who let us swim”. We are praying for all of you. Jonathon, Sarah, Paxton and Addison Santone

**Sarah Santone** - August 21, 2019 at 02:14 PM

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“ 82 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - August 21, 2019 at 09:15 AM

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“ Janet I am so sorry for your loss. Anytime I ever saw you or Allen we had a great time. Will be out of state during the services but will be praying and thinking of you. If I can ever do anything let me know! Allen was a true friend! Love BillyHall

**Billy Hall** - August 21, 2019 at 12:55 AM

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“ Janet:

I was saddened to learn of Allen's passing. I offer my sincere condolences, and I will be thinking of you and your family.

**John Sims** - August 20, 2019 at 05:28 PM

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“ Our Prayers are with The Family Love Mineola Post Office

**kimlicko lee** - August 20, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ How fortunate we have been to live in Hideaway and have Crystal as our source for domestic water and a contact such as Allen to work with. Never was there a time when Allen was not available with both a friendly response and assistance in diagnosing solutions to our community questions. On a more personal note, I considered Allen a friend from the very first time we had occasion to work together and, he will be missed.

God speed my friend.

**Jerry Godfrey P.E.** - August 20, 2019 at 02:07 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many.  
PLease accept my condolences. Ruth Wedeman

**Ruth Wedeman** - August 20, 2019 at 01:13 PM

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“ Rosemary Hays sent a virtual gift in memory of Allen Whaley Fair



**Rosemary Hays** - August 19, 2019 at 11:46 PM

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“ Greg Conine lit a candle in memory of Allen Whaley Fair



**Greg Conine** - August 19, 2019 at 07:39 PM

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**Greg Conine** - August 19, 2019 at 07:38 PM

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“ Debbi Conine lit a candle in memory of Allen Whaley Fair



Debbi Conine - August 19, 2019 at 07:31 PM

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“ Tara Conine lit a candle in memory of Allen Whaley Fair



Tara Conine - August 19, 2019 at 07:29 PM

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“ Janet, I was saddened to hear of Allen's passing. You were both such special friends to the Pye family and Allen and I will always be grateful for your friendship and kind hearts extended to Billie. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Linda & Allen Pye

Linda Pye - August 19, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ From your Hideaway Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Allen Whaley Fair.



From your Hideaway Family - August 19, 2019 at 09:30 AM