



Jon D. Duzan

May 27, 1954 - June 4, 2020

Jon Duzan passed away Thursday, June 4, 2020, in Tyler, Texas. The date for a celebration of his life is pending. He was born May 27, 1954, in Enid, Oklahoma to Earnest L. Duzan and Fatiha Zeynulla.

He graduated from Elysian Fields High School in 1972 and proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his devoted mother, Fatiha and a host of other family members, classmates, and friends. He is survived by his sister, Denise Wilkins and husband Bob; niece, Chontae Goldwater and husband Michael, and their children Riley and Wes; and by his nephew, Will Bardwell and wife Chelsea. Other family members include Karen, Jim, Harper, Ellery, and Tatum Nix, and Tristan and David Wilkins.

Jon was an avid reader, moviegoer, and music enthusiast. He revealed his love of music through his in-depth knowledge of the Beatles and many other popular groups of the 60's, 70's, and 80's. He also enjoyed sharing details about movies – both current and the classics.

His superpower was his sincere desire to know people. Wherever he went, he learned the names of the people he met and remembered the stories they shared. Family, classmates, and friends agree that, while he may have been opinionated, stubborn, boisterous, and certainly marched to the beat of his own drum, softer words paint the most accurate picture. He was kind, big-hearted, funny, and loving. He was a good guy who was there during your lowest times, a loyal friend, and always true to his word. He kept a smile on his face, had a wonderful spirit, and an infectious laugh.

Jon Duzan enjoyed life. He will be genuinely missed by many.

Thank you to a very long list of classmates and friends who helped Jon and took the time to know and love him, including those very special friends, Bill and Diane Kelly, Michael

and Debbie Kelly, Rita Lawless Payne, Nelda Shadowens Farley, and Taunya Vance. You were so good to him, and he loved you.

Thank you to everyone at Panola Nursing Home and Rehabilitation (Carthage TX) for the care you gave Jon in 2018. A special thank you to Katy McMillan Aaron and the physical therapists who gave him hope and the ability to live independently again: Donna Szentivanyi and Sarah Rider. He spoke of you fondly.

Thank you to those at Garden Estates (Tyler TX) who befriended Jon and took the time to visit with him. He enjoyed his time with you.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to: Habitat for Humanity at <https://www.habitat.org>; Disabled Veterans of America at <https://www.dav.org>; or the American Heart Association at <https://www.americanheart.org>.

Comments



“ Jon, my true & loyal lifelong friend. You have always been such a huge part of my life! You were more than a great friend...you were family!! So many good times together & wonderful memories! You will never be forgotten! I will miss you every day & I will love you forever!!



Rita Lawless Payne - August 05, 2020 at 01:05 AM



“ My big and loving friend, I will always love you like my own brother. We had a life time of fun and heartache we shares. I wish life had given you the best of everything. You will live in my heart and memories forever. Dianne Kelley

Dianne - June 16, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Jon drove Denise and I to Carthage to see the Godfather. We all rode in the green Gremlin . Rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers to his family

Virginia Warren Carrington Ford - June 13, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ He was truly such a precious person and one of the most positive people I've ever met. Such a joy to be around. I was so sorry to hear he had passed away. My heart instantly sank. Praying for comfort for his sweet family. Love to you all, Katy McMillan Aaron

Katy McMillan Aaron - June 09, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ You were one of a kind Jon...we loved you and will miss your smiling face...
Marla Horton



Marla Horton - June 09, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ Jon was one of the best patrons the Sammy Brown Library ever had the pleasure to know. Jon and I spent hours discussing books and movies. Jon was funny and deeply insightful. We all missed Jon when he could no longer visit the library, but he always stayed a part of the SBL through our find memories of him.

Debbie Godwin - June 09, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Emilee Odom Hanshaw lit a candle in memory of Jon D. Duzan



Emilee Odom Hanshaw - June 09, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Phyllis Odom lit a candle in memory of Jon D. Duzan



Phyllis Odom - June 09, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ My childhood classmate, Jon.....I love you dearly and will miss you beyond my word can express. I loved it when you came and we visited with Jimbo. I pray you two boys are enjoying the company again and I can't wait till we all get together again.



debramac54 - June 09, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ Linda G. McCracken Weidner lit a candle in memory of Jon D. Duzan



Linda G. McCracken Weidner - June 09, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Taunya Vance lit a candle in memory of Jon D. Duzan



Taunya Vance - June 09, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Prayers for peace and comfort to Denise and family. Jon was one of a kind; blessings to him in heaven!

Norma Lawless - June 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Prayers for Denise and family and all Jons friends. I will surely miss you my friend. You'll never be forgotten!!!

Brenda Hill - June 09, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Jon was a unique person always smiling great at putting smiles on the face of everyone who knew him. Every time I was around Jon he would have me laughing. Jon had a kind heart and a sweet spirit ~ he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I love you Jon Duzan, I will never forget you my ole friend.

Linda G. McCracken Weidner - June 09, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Surprisingly we had our memories and long talks and you had such a loving heart, and kind spirit, but your emotional hits on the shoulder was bruising, lol. When I made my way through town from Alabama, I tried visiting but guess you had moved away. I appreciate getting to know you back in the day. You will be missed but not forgotten. You're in a better place now and with your mom! Will never forget you nor your Gremlin! lol

Phyllis Odom - June 09, 2020 at 05:31 PM