



## Allan Priest

February 18, 1949 - February 17, 2008

Services for Allan David Priest, 58, of Tyler, will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Lou Thomas officiating. Mr. Priest passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2008 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. Allan was born on February 18, 1949 in Atlanta, Georgia to Morris Green and Hilda Harbutt Priest. He graduated from John Tyler High School in 1967. He later served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. Allan went on to earn a degree in accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington, and became a Certified Public Accountant. He was a loyal fan of the Texas Longhorns. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and spending time with his family that he loved so much. Mr. Priest was preceded in death by his father, Morris Green Priest. He is survived by a loving family including his wife, Alejandra (Janet) Priest of Tyler; daughters, Allecia Cindy Priest of Tyler and Christi Amber Priest Neubig of Irving; his mother, Hilda Priest of Tyler, a brother, Gerald Priest of Tyler; sisters Teresa Sturrock and husband Michael of Tyler and Gloria Ramsey and husband Mike of Shreveport, Louisiana; a grandmother, Marguerite Priest of Atlanta, Georgia; and a grandson, Kyle Jonathan Neubig of Irving. Visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Memorials in honor of Allan Priest may be made to Team Allan, c/o Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter, 2105 Luna Road, Suite 370, Carrollton, Texas 75006 or by phone at 800-344-4867. For more information or to

express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

“ *Papa Sunflower Gets a New Home*

*Papa Sunflower was the largest flower in the garden. All the other flowers loved him. He was bright, beautiful, and very strong. And he gave the little flowers shade.*

*And to all the other flowers he gave his laughter and his joy.  
And lots and lots and lots of love.*

*One day he became weak and ill, but  
he continued to bloom. Papa knew, though, his days would not be  
long.*

*One morning he heard God's voice calling:  
"Come home, my son.  
I want you planted now in my Heavenly garden. You will bloom up  
here without illness, pain, or sadness.  
I promised I would prepare a special place for you.  
Come and enjoy your new home."*

*Papa followed the Master's call.*

*All the flowers below were very, very sad after Papa had gone. They  
did not feel they could grow anymore without him.  
But Papa Sunflower's love and courage remained in them, and they  
did grow after all.*

*God sent love's nourishing rains and His brilliant sunlight. Loving  
hands of earthly helpers came to comfort and tend the plants. And  
they weeded out the salty pain of tears. God's sweet Spirit swept  
around the flowers like a soft Texas breeze.*

*And the flowers became strong again.  
They leafed out, brightly green. They budded and then  
They bloomed and bloomed and bloomed, more brilliantly than ever  
before.*

*Papa Sunflower looked down from Heaven's garden that season.  
And when he saw the beauty and love growing in his garden below,*

*He smiled.*

*He laughed and*

*He danced with Heaven's grace,*

*Still blooming in the joy and light of the Son.*

*(Written for children of all ages.)*

*"Love never fails...." I Corinthians 13:8*

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**Shirley Ann Priest** - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *BEING A RELATIVE OF ALLAN IS AN HONOR, TO SAY THE LEAST!!*

*WHEN I THINK OF ALLAN, I ADMIRE HIS COURAGE AND DETERMINATION. WITH MOTORCYCLE INJURIES ALONG WITH MS, AND LORD KNOWS, WHAT OTHER OBSTACLES ALLAN FACED, HE CHOSE TO MOVE AHEAD AND ACCOMPLISH HIS GOALS! WHAT A MAN!!*

*I CAN'T IMAGINE THE SETBACKS ALLAN ENDURED DURING HIS LIFETIME! I CAN CHOOSE TO ENDURE, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BOTH THE INFLUENCE AND IMPACT ON MY LIFE THAT ALLAN MADE..*

*Once again, the CHAMPION, has forged ahead!!*

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**J.D, Priest** - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GP

*My cousin Jesse Daniel Priest (JD) commenting on my brother who passed away in 2008 one day before his 59th birthday. He was diagnosed with MS when he came back from Vietnam. The motorcycle accident JD spoke of was caused when the owner of the Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge Co in Tyler, TX pulled out in front of my brother who had a friend on the back of his Allstate scooter. My brother hit the car broadside hitting his head on the top of the car before landing in a yard. His friend got a broken leg from the accident. The man was charged with failing to yield the right of way. After a near death experience, my brother got on with life the best he could. He was a real trooper to be admired.*

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**Gerald Priest** - August 02, 2023 at 05:50 AM

MW

“ *Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. May God's presence continue to be with you.*

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**MARYBETH WAGGONER** - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM