



## Dan J. Stansel

September 1, 1944 - March 29, 2025

Graveside services for Dan J. Stansel of Bullard will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Rose Lawn Cemetery Pavilion in Tyler with Rev. Richard Luna officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Dan J. Stansel, age 80, passed away at the Hospice of East Texas in Tyler, TX.

He was born on September 1, 1944, in Greenville, TX, to Jesse Merle and Tennie Clay Stansel and passed away Saturday, March 29, 2025 in Tyler. He had 2 older sisters and one identical twin brother, Don.

He graduated from Greenville High School in 1962 and graduated from East Texas State University in 1967.

He joined the US Navy in 1967 and proudly served until 1971. He married the love of his life, Shirley Bailey, on January 25, 1966.

He was a long-time resident of Nacogdoches. Dan and his partner owned and operated the Hot Biscuit Family Restaurant as well as HB's and TacoUSA.

After retiring from the restaurant business, he became a real estate broker

with Landmark Reality, selling commercial real estate.

He was involved in the business community and served on the Board of Directors of Fredonia State Bank for many years.

Dan enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, gardening, hunting, golfing with his friends at Emerald Bay, and especially traveling in his RV with family and father-in-law, Doc, and friends.

Dan is preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Betty Pope and Jeanie Green, and brother Don W. Stansel.

Dan is survived by his wife Shirley of 59 years, daughter Carrie Stansel, sister-in-law Diana Stansel, and her daughter Tisha Stansel and children.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Rose Lawn Cemetery Pavilion  
2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Reggie your long time employee hope you doing well . 2814606275*

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**Reginald Thomas** - June 20, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JC

“ *We would like to send our deepest condolences to Shirley and family. I've got a few great memories of spending time with Dan. My favorite was every time we would go out golfing, Dan would finish up on #7 & drive straight to #9 skipping #8 completely, for reasons only those of us that golfed with him know. Golfing with Dan & Jack were full of laughter and just pure fun no matter how bad we were doing. Other great memories of Dan was when he would call to let me know his onions were ready be picked & to come over and help myself. He was also the first person I ever fished in a tournament with. I've missed you buddy ever since you got sick.*

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**Jim Cook** - April 09, 2025 at 08:49 AM

FT

“ *Shirley, we were saddened by the news of Dan's death. I didn't know that he had been sick. I have so many memories of times spent with y'all in Nacogdoches in our younger years. I wish I could be there for you now as you were there for me.*

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**Fay Tooley** - April 07, 2025 at 09:50 AM

RG

“ *So sorry... I didn't know Dan was sick. Will try to make the service. Shirley, can you call me? Ronnie Graham 281-376-1660*

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**Ronnie Graham** - April 06, 2025 at 07:34 PM

MB

“ *My prayers go out to Shirley and the family.  
We were friends in our younger days in  
Nacogdoches.*



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**Marti Fisher Byrd** - April 06, 2025 at 07:01 PM