



Dan Stephen Trent

December 5, 1946 - September 5, 2020

On September 5, 2020, Dan Stephen Trent got to meet his Savior, Jesus Christ after a four-week battle with Covid19. He was born December 5, 1946 in Grand Prairie, Texas to Elsie Dyer Trent and John E. Trent.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Colonial Hills Baptist Church on S. Broadway in Tyler, Texas. Social distancing and masks will be required. A private inurnment ceremony will be held at Rose Lawn Cemetery.

Dan was a member of Colonial Hills Baptist Church and a member of the Silver Notes Choir. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1969. There, he was a member of Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society and president of Eta Kappa Nu National Electrical Engineering Honor Society.

Dan served in several organizations. He was an educator for the Alzheimer's Alliance, a very active member of two Toastmasters groups in Tyler, and was president of Rose Toasters. Under his leadership, Rose Toasters obtained the President's Distinguished Club Award. As a member of The Tyler Evening Toastmaster, he served as Vice President of Education and as secretary. He also served as the director of Area 14 District 50 of Toastmasters.

Dan was an accomplished actor with multiple performances for the Tyler Civic Theater, where his last performance was that of Norman Thayer in "On Golden Pond." He also performed at Henderson Civic Theater, which he helped establish, and Cherokee Civic Theater in Rusk.

Dan had a history of varied and diverse careers in his life. When he passed, he was the Area Census Office Manager in Tyler. He actually retired from Nextar-KFXK/KETK TV as the chief engineer and Head of the Engineering Department. Prior to that, he was an Ambit energy consultant; technical director at Central Baptist Church of Jacksonville, TX; a census enumerator; director of engineering and maintenance at Laird Memorial Hospital in Kilgore, TX; design and sales engineer for King Tool Company of Longview, TX; and chief engineer for White Knight Broadcasting KFXK TV of Longview. For several years of his life, he pursued a prolific writing career, while living in Henderson, TX, and co-wrote, along with his wife Lynda Trent, 54 romance novels for Harlequin and Pinnacle. He wrote several soft horror novels for Zebra and Dorchester Publishing. He began his career working 17 years as an aerospace engineer for NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. There, he worked behind the scenes on solving the problems of Apollo 13. This group of engineers were instrumental in developing the GFI electrical plug. He also worked on the Space Shuttle Program and ran many tests on equipment inside the zero-gravity airplane.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, John Trent. His brother and wife finished raising Dan after he was orphaned at the age of 17. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Patricia Sullivan Trent of Tyler; son, Stephen Trent (age 50) of Muncie, Indiana; son, Vance Trent (age 48) of Pflugerville, TX; daughter, Donovan Rebecca Trent (age 21), who is a student at Northwestern Louisiana State in Natchitoches, LA; son, Dane Rex Everett Trent (age 16), a student at Jacksonville High School of Jacksonville; and stepson, Matt Gandy (age 48) of Tyler. Dan was very proud of his 8

grandchildren including: Erin Trent (age 30) of Pflugerville; Krista Trent (age 28) of Richmond, TX; Courtney Washington (age 25) of Leander, TX; Jackson Trent (age 21) of Flower Mound, TX; Aidan Trent (age 17) of Flower Mound; Kenna Gandy (age 16) of Tyler; Kara Gandy (age 11) of Tyler and Kylie Gandy (age 7) of Tyler. He is also survived by 2 great-grandsons, Jaden Andrews (age 10) of Pflugerville and Robbie West (age 1) of Richmond. Surviving former wives include: Henna Trent of Pflugerville, Lynda Trent of Henderson, and Minnette Bryant of Jacksonville.

If desired, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Colonial Hills Baptist Church
7330 South Broadway
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



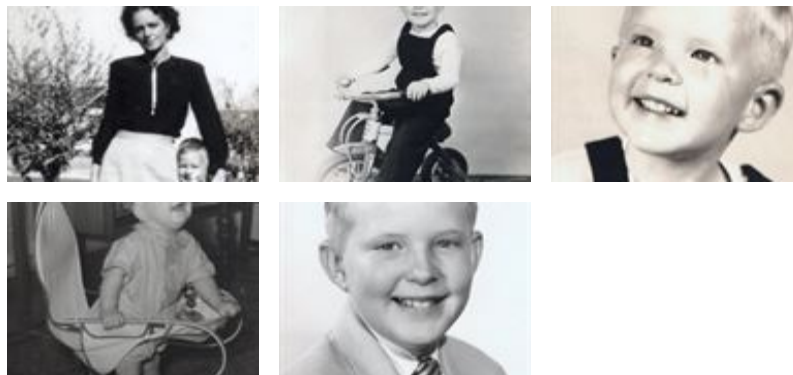
“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dan Stephen Trent



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 27, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 27, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ Pat, I am Dan's cousin, Linda. I am so sorry we never got to meet but just know you are in my thoughts and prayers. So many precious memories of my cousin that go a long ways back to our childhood. I spent many hours just watching him fish when he came down to my grandmother's (his Aunt Sib) in the pond by the house or surf fishing at Surfside in Freeport. Summer's in Eddyl, TXat Mamma Petty's with all our cousins and families. I'll cherish them always. Love and prayers, Linda Bland Watson.

LINDA WATSON - October 09, 2020 at 12:22 PM

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“ It is with a heavy heart I write the memory of such a man filled with life and so much to live for! As he lived his life, he will always be remembered by those who were fortunate to know him. He was a beautiful person! I am so happy he and Pat found each other! Theirs was an exceptional love so few experience in this life! I will miss your sweet, gentle spirit, sense of humor and so many things about you! You will live in our hearts always dear friend! RIP

Teresa Sartors - September 23, 2020 at 10:32 PM

 Alan Johnston

“ Pat, I am heartbroken to learn of Dan's passing. He is one of the kindest, sincere people I have known. We will miss him in our business and most of all his true friendship. God bless you, know that our Savior welcomed Dan saying “job well done my faithful servant”

Alan Johnston - September 20, 2020 at 10:01 PM

DB

“ Pat you do not know me but Dan and I grew up together on SE 10th street. We went to school together and were in the GPHS Band. Our parents were friends and we spent a lot of time at each other’s house. We were both saved at 8th Street Baptist church VBS in 1958. After graduation from High School we went our separate ways but stayed in contact over the years. My family moved to Grand Prairie in 1949 when Dan and I were 3 years old. I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Dan was one of my best friends and I will always remember our days on SE 10th street.

Dennis Brown - September 18, 2020 at 12:16 AM