



David Oliver Layne

June 27, 1948 - August 10, 2023

Services for David Oliver Layne, 75, of Tyler will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Deacon Jim Boland officiating. Burial will follow at Noonday Cemetery in Noonday under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Layne passed away Thursday, August 10, 2023, in Tyler. He was born June 27, 1948, in Tyler to James Oliver Layne and Ruth Alma Grant Layne.

David was a 1966 graduate of John Tyler High School. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he was trained as a Combat Tracker at the BJWS in Ulu Tiram, Malaysia. He was a tracker dog handler and a tactical team member assigned to the Combat Tracker Team (CTT) No. 2 (Provisional) attached to HHC 2nd BN, 27th Infantry, and 25th Infantry Division, assigned to Cu Chi South Vietnam.

Following his deployment, he met the love of his life, Barbara Ann Bohr, to whom he was married for 52 amazing years. Together they had two children, Jason and Jessica. In addition, he gained a daughter-in-law, Sheila and a son-in-law, Tommy who he also considered his children. He was a loving and devoted husband and a kind, supportive, and very proud father. David loved his family more than anything and the pride he felt for them was immeasurable.

People who met David, rarely forgot him. He was a gentle, kind, caring man who everyone loved. He was a quiet soul with a tough exterior and his eyes could tell an entire story without him ever uttering a word. There was never a time when he failed to squeeze a joke into conversation, even in his last days. His quick wit and dry sense of humor kept everyone around him laughing... and some guessing as to whether he was serious. He loved animals especially his dog, Heidi.

He was a deep thinker and loved learning and reading. He loved studying history. Later in life he found a love for woodworking and began making walking canes and wooden dough bowls. Anyone who visited him was likely to be gifted one of his pieces. He was also a skilled heavy equipment operator. He could do anything with a tractor.

He was a hero and friend to all who knew him.

In 2005 and 2006 David was a SME (Subject Matter Expert) for the United States Marine Corps Combat Tracker Team Initiative. This was the first time since Vietnam that the specialty had been applied to the current military. The Marines that David trained were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. They accomplished the mission and returned safely, a tribute to the excellence of David's instruction.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ruth Layne.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 52 years, Barbara; son, Jason Layne and wife Sheila of Tyler; daughter, Jessica Neugebauer and husband Tommy of Tyler; grandchildren, Kamden Layne, Maddox Layne, Mark David Neugebauer, and John Thomas Neugebauer; brothers, Lonnie Layne of Meridian, Dale Layne and wife Patricia of Austin, Mike Layne and

wife Teresa of Lindale; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pallbearers will be: Jason Layne, Tommy Neugebauer, Lonnie Layne, Dale Layne, Mike Layne, Ronnie Morris, Jimmy Boland, John Layne, and Jason Lee Layne. Honorary Pallbearers will be Maddox Layne, Mark David Neugebauer, and John Thomas Neugebauer

Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

Cemetery Details

Noonday Cemetery

Hwy 155 S.
Noonday, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Oliver Layne



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 16, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ I got to know David through our son's baseball. He was a good man who loved his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Tony Dorsey - August 17, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.



August 16, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Oliver Layne.

August 16, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



August 15, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



August 15, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Oliver Layne.

August 15, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



August 15, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Oliver Layne.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



August 15, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Oliver Layne.

August 15, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



August 15, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Oliver Layne.

August 15, 2023 at 12:09 PM

SS

“ Sam and Shirley Savage purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David Oliver Layne.



Sam and Shirley Savage - August 15, 2023 at 10:50 AM

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“ Sam and Shirley Savage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Oliver Layne.

Sam and Shirley Savage - August 15, 2023 at 10:50 AM

NL

“ Niece Equipment, LP purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of David Oliver Layne.



Niece Equipment, LP - August 15, 2023 at 10:49 AM

NL

“ Niece Equipment, LP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Oliver Layne.

Niece Equipment, LP - August 15, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



August 15, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Oliver Layne.

August 15, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *Mike & Marilyn Grenfell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Oliver Layne.*



Mike & Marilyn Grenfell - August 14, 2023 at 10:30 PM

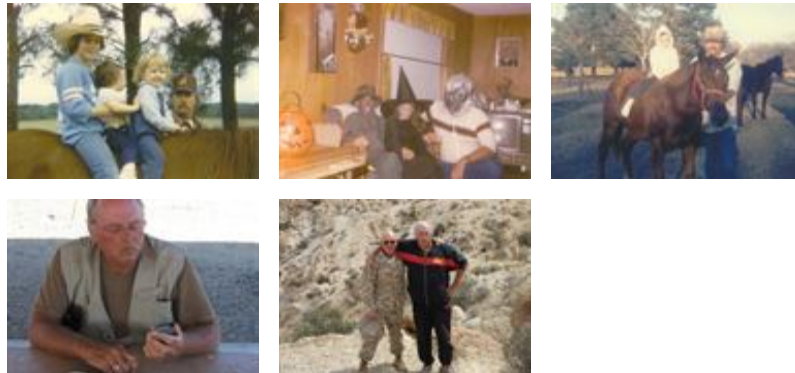


“ *Mike & Marilyn Grenfell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Oliver Layne.*

Mike & Marilyn Grenfell - August 14, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ 116 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 14, 2023 at 12:42 PM

SA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. David was a close high school and after friend. Actually he went AWOL from Ft Hood in 1968 to be best man at my wedding when I married his best friend. I could go on and on about his shenanigans. Lots of memories for sure. My heart is heavy. Sorry I cannot be at the service. He was definitely one of a kind.*

Shirley Barcroft Barnes Adams

shirley Adamd - August 11, 2023 at 10:12 AM

JL

That sounds exactly like something David would do!!

John Layne - August 14, 2023 at 01:46 PM