



Durk Darwin Watts

January 21, 1956 - January 27, 2018

Durk Darwin Watts, age 62, passed away on January 27, 2018. Durk was born to Bill D. and Carol Watts on January 21, 1956 in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Durk split his childhood years between Colorado and Texas. He graduated from W.T. White High School in Dallas, TX in 1974 and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from North Texas State University and a Master's Degree in Education from University of Phoenix. Durk is survived by his wife of 35 years, Susan Ledbetter Watts; daughter Kacee Watts of Brighton, CO; daughter, Audrey and her husband Eric Slovacek of Broomfield, CO; and son, Garrett Watts of Denton, TX. He was a beloved father and wonderful "Pawpaw" to Grant Slovacek and soon-to-be Nolan Slovacek. Durk is also survived by his parents, Bill D. and Carol Watts, sister, Kathy Watts Langas and husband Dr. Mark Langas of Tyler, TX along with multiple nieces and nephews.

Durk was a teacher for Tyler Independent School District at the Career and Technology Center. Durk was a professional in the high-tech computer industry for 28 years before taking his real-world experience into the classroom where he had a passion for teaching and coaching.

Durk was raised to a 3rd degree of Master Mason in 1977. He enjoyed outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and golfing, excluding yardwork and trimming hedges. Durk had a wonderful sense of humor and was very devoted to his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Durk on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at

10:00 a.m. at Stewart Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Durk Darwin Watts



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 03, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Durk Darwin Watts



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 01, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Durk Darwin Watts



Loretta martinez - April 17, 2018 at 09:09 PM

AA

“ *Mr.Watts was one of my favorite teachers..we had conversations about me making the right choices in life, and he pushed to get my grades up in school my senior year of 2015. He was a great man and he was part of the reason I graduated high school. My condolences go out to the family and staff, and my peers who had close relationships with Mr.Watts. You will be missed. 💔*

Alyssa Alcalá - February 21, 2018 at 05:47 PM

LW

“ *I worked with Durk at Prairie View High school and remember him as a caring and gentle teacher and a wonderful asset to our school. His students respected him and enjoyed his quiet and quirky sense of humor. Audrey, we are thinking of you and all of your family members during this difficult time, and hope you find strength and comfort in each other and in your memories of your wonderful father.*

Leanne Wilson

Leanne Wilson - February 04, 2018 at 11:51 PM

VR

“ *Thinking and praying for all you during this time. Durk often brighten my day when we would chat outside D109 at PVHS. He was a wonderful teacher and friend that will be greatly missed.*

Veronica Randall - February 03, 2018 at 12:10 PM

ST

“ Sarah Goodwin & The Hydrotemp Team purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Durk Darwin Watts.



Sarah Goodwin & The Hydrotemp Team - February 02, 2018
at 04:01 PM

LF

“ Durk and I coached football together for years. He was a man of character, integrity, honesty, good humor, and humility. He was a teacher that brought out the best in both kids and adults. I admired and learned so much from Durk and will miss him very much. Susan, Casey, Audrey, and Garrett – you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for being part of our lives.

Linc Enney & Family - February 02, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Durk Darwin Watts.



February 02, 2018 at 01:34 PM

CS

“ Cannedys, Carpenters, Morgans, Mary Lou, & Shari purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Durk Darwin Watts.



Cannedys, Carpenters, Morgans, Mary Lou, & Shari -
February 01, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ 150 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 01, 2018 at 11:31 AM

GC

“ Dirk always had a smile on his face. I enjoyed working with him at the Career and Technology Center. He was very cooperative and supported our CTC Ambassadors.

Gladys Cooper

Gladys A Cooper - February 01, 2018 at 08:22 AM

GJ

“ George Watts and family: Marion, George Jr, Beverly purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Durk Darwin Watts.



George Watts and family: Marion, George Jr, Beverly - January 30, 2018 at 08:50 PM

 Janell
Cannedy

“ *It's never easy when someone passes, but these circumstances feel particularly tragic. I don't know the words to make this any better but I am keeping you in my thoughts. - Janell Cannedy*

Janell Cannedy - January 30, 2018 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Durk Darwin Watts.*



January 30, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Durk Darwin Watts.*



January 30, 2018 at 01:01 PM