



## Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand

June 11, 1980 - May 19, 2025

Memorial services for Rev. Dr. Robert Aillet Hand, 44, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in Herd Worship Center at Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler with Dr. Marc Donaldson officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Reception and visitation will follow the service from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Hand passed away Monday, May 19, 2025, in Tyler, Texas. He was born June 11, 1980, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Albert Moore Hand Jr. and Melanie Aillet Hand.

Robert was a member of Marvin Methodist Church and an Associate Pastor of Bullard Methodist Church. He loved the outdoors, fly fishing, mountain biking, and his wife and daughters. Robert was also a lifelong learner and professor. He received a PhD from Calvin College Theological Seminary in Philosophy, a MA from Regent College in Theological Studies, and a BA from Ouachita Baptist University in Biblical Studies, Language, and English. He held the position of ordained elder and deacon in the Global Methodist Church.

Robert Hand carried out his ministries at The Wesley House of Studies, George W. Truett Theological Seminary and LeTourneau University in the areas of biblical studies, theology, and philosophy. He was also the owner of the Dunbar Group, LLC, a publishing consultant company, and Bowen Press,

an independent publisher of select nonfiction essays, poetry, and fiction. He was an acquisitions editor for Hendrickson Publishing and the author of *Presupposing God: Theological Epistemology in Immanuel Kant's Transcendental Idealism and Karl Barth's Theological Method*, published in the Princeton Theological Monograph Series. In addition, he was the co-founder and a financial advisor of Azalea Wealth Partners in Tyler, Texas.

Robert was an exceptional father and loved his family deeply. He was preceded in death by his brother Albert Moore Hand, III and grandparents Robert Ray Aillet, Dorothy Adams Aillet, Dr. Albert Moore Hand, Wanda Momon Hand, and Beverly King Hand. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Michele Crain Hand; daughters Genevieve and Emerson; parents Albert Moore Hand, Jr. and Melanie Aillet Hand; brother Dr. Mark Hand, his wife Dr. Ashlyn Hand, and niece Vivian; sister Minette Hand; in laws Gary and Janet Crain, Mike and Laura Crain, niece Stella, and nephew Nicholas; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Mark Hand, Michael Crain, Gary Crain, Michael McDonald, Dr. Tanner Hays, Dr. Austin Lash, William Robins and Jacob Joiner. Honorary pallbearer will be Albert Moore Hand, Jr.

If desired, donations may be made to <https://gofund.me/f53340e2>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church- Herd Worship Center  
300 W Erwin St,  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 23, 2025 at 04:17 PM

KS

Beautiful tribute! Prayers for your family! 💕💕

Kathy Stewart - May 24, 2025 at 09:00 AM

AJ

One of nicest people I've ever met with a richness of faith and a supportive kind expression of it. I'm really grateful to know have known him.

My deepest condolences to you and a Good Paradise to Robert.

Anestis Jordanoglou - May 28, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Condolences to his family



Carson Loveless - January 22 at 08:24 PM

HN

“ Robert Hand was in college at OBU when I was there. I remember he was very intentional in his what he did. He was always respectful to everyone and God’s Spirit shone through his character. He was a steadfast person. It’s amazing what he accomplished in his life and he is leaving a rich godly legacy for his family. I’m sad for his wife and children. I don’t understand why people like this who are such a blessing leave earlier sometimes. I hate it for the rest of us. God Bless his wife and children.

Hannah Nowlin - May 24, 2025 at 12:25 AM

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“ -The Mercers and the South Region Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

-The Mercers and the South Region Family - May 23, 2025 at 05:00 PM

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“ -The Mercers and the South Region Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



-The Mercers and the South Region Family - May 23, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - May 23, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 23, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ Jenny M. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

Jenny M. - May 23, 2025 at 02:12 PM

DA

“ *David & Kay Shanks & Kacey Shanks Appel purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.*



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**David & Kay Shanks & Kacey Shanks Appel** - May 23, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

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May 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.*



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May 23, 2025 at 01:09 PM

CG

“ *Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.*



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**Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway** - May 23, 2025 at 12:27 PM

GY

“ Gaye Garbarino - Cook Yancey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



Gaye Garbarino - Cook Yancey - May 23, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

May 23, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 22, 2025 at 10:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

May 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 22, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

May 22, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ Love, the von Merz Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

Love, the von Merz Family - May 22, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ Love, the von Merz Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



Love, the von Merz Family - May 22, 2025 at 05:54 PM



Charley  
Munro

“ Michele, Genevieve, and Emerson,  
My heart and prayers are with you. Robert was one of my  
instructors at Truett Seminary, and I deeply appreciated his teaching  
and the grace with which he carried himself. He touched many lives,  
mine included. Though his time here was brief, his impact was  
lasting. He is with the Lord now, and we grieve with hope.

*Pastor Charles Munro*

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**Charley Munro** - May 22, 2025 at 05:47 PM

DF

“ In the short time that Robert was our Associate Pastor, he  
ministered with quiet and kind assurance. His sermons were filled  
with rich content and his Love of Jesus. We will miss him and pray  
God's peace, strength and comfort on his family.

*Diane Fritsche*  
*Bullard Methodist Church*

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**Diane Fritsche** - May 22, 2025 at 05:23 PM

WB

“ With Love, Jan, Jay, Matt, Jennifer And Brian  
purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family  
of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



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**With Love, Jan, Jay, Matt, Jennifer And Brian** - May 22, 2025  
at 05:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.

May 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 22, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Robert A. Hand.

May 22, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hand.



May 21, 2025 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ I came to know and love Robert as a frequent contributor to "The Vine," a discipleship ministry I led at Dayspring. I saved his speaking notes. The depth of his knowledge, his calm and confident presentation style and his genuine care for each person in attendance was clearly evident. I'm grateful I had the privilege of studying and learning with him. He helped me grow my faith. He made this world a better place. Thankfully, I'll get to see him again.

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**Rob Shultz** - May 21, 2025 at 03:45 PM