



## Steven Kelly Dillard

November 13, 1969 - July 23, 2016

Steven Kelly Dillard, 46, of Apache Junction, Arizona died suddenly at his home on July 23, 2016. He was born November 13, 1969 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Clifton and Carol Dillard. He attended Forest Park and Springdale schools until 1980 when his family moved to Tyler. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1988 and attended Tyler Jr. College.

Steven was employed by The Associates in Ft. Worth, Texas, then operated a dry cleaning business with his wife. After selling the business, they moved to Colorado where he worked in sales. In 2011 they moved to the Phoenix, AZ area. He loved the Arizona climate and being able to enjoy fresh oranges from the orange tree in his yard.

Although a resident of Arizona, Steven remained a true Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks fan and loved watching all the games he could. Over the years, he accumulated an extensive sports memorabilia collection.

Steven was blessed by a loving family, including his wife Michelle; son, Jordan of Rockwall; daughter Chloe; stepsons, Mason and Tate of Arizona; parents Clifton and Carol Dillard of Tyler; sister, Cathy Lilly and husband Ted of Edmond, OK; and his maternal grandparents Dudley and Juanita Wardlaw of Tyler.

Services will be at 10:30 AM, Friday, July 29, 2016 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, with Dr. Paul Powell officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior from 9:30 to 10:30 AM on Friday, July 29, 2016. A private burial will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider donations to the McLendon-Chisholm Volunteer Fire Department located at 1250 South Hwy 205, Rockwall, TX 75032, where his son Jordan is a firefighter.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I wish you all well in the months to come to find a answer, a understanding of such a loss.  
Love to you Carol, sweet memories knowing your kindness and caring of others. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Peggy Roberts Carroll

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**Peggy Carroll CLASS OF 1964** - July 29, 2016 at 06:35 PM

 Floyd  
Etheridge

“ I am going to miss my buddy. I am going to miss the daily aggravation he gave me when we were kids. We probably fought every single day from the beginning of 6th to to the end of 8th grade, but now I wouldn't change a thing. I am glad we reconnected recently on Facebook after all these years. Maybe it was all a part of God's Plan.

*If I could speak any words to his enduring spirit it would be "Ride straight off into the sunset, and make a left at dawn."*

*May you be at peace for eternity. Thank you for sharing your life with us Steve. So long for now, until we meet again someday, my friend.*

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**Floyd Etheridge** - July 28, 2016 at 11:23 AM

LG

“ Lanita Taylor Gantt lit a candle in memory of  
Steven Kelly Dillard



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**Lanita Taylor Gantt** - July 27, 2016 at 08:28 AM

LG

*I am so sorry to hear about Steven. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you!!*

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**Lanita Taylor Gantt** - July 27, 2016 at 08:30 AM

LH

“*Laura Hickerson lit a candle in memory of Steven Kelly Dillard*



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**Laura Hickerson** - July 26, 2016 at 09:38 PM

JJ

“*"Dillard" as we called him growing up in Tyler was always someone that I remember being a friend of friends who crossed the lines of clicks. I am thankful to have been a part of his life and our hearts are with the family during this time.*

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**james jay** - July 26, 2016 at 09:31 PM