



Thurman Alan Lee

March 11, 1960 - December 31, 2022

Services for Thurman Alan Lee, 62, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Lanny Bridges officiating. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery in Scroggins, Texas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Thurman passed away December 31, 2022 in Houston. He was born March 11, 1960 in Dallas, Texas, to John Lee and Carolyn Swafford Lee. He was raised in Lancaster, Texas and graduated from Lancaster High School in 1978.

He was always so proud to serve his country in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1998. He was also so proud of his sons, Thurman Alan Lee II and Tanner Lee for serving in the Air Force. Following that, he graduated from U.T. Tyler, with a B. S. in Nursing. He held the position of Register Nurse with U.T. Health North Campus at the time of his passing.

Thurman was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He was an active member of the Building Bridges Sunday School class where he assisted with recording the lessons. He loved his Savior, Jesus Christ, and had professed his belief at a young age.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Carolyn Rose Lee of Tyler, Texas; his children, Thurman Alan Lee II and Amanda Lee; Kristena Freese; Jennifer and Erik Buckner; Heather and JR Everett; Tanner Lee and Sierra Lee. He is also survived by his mother, Carolyn Swafford Minor; his siblings, Carol Lee; Donna Fincher; Alacia and Jackie Hudson; and Veleva and Mark Baker.

He greatly loved his grandchildren, Tristen Lee, Kaylee and Emilee Freese, Glynlee and Kaleb Buckner. Thurman also leaves behind his beloved dogs, Cody, Fancy, Pudge, Pepper and Gypsy.

Pallbearers will include Thurman Alan Lee II, Tanner Lee, Erik Buckner, JR Everett, Tristen Lee and Kaleb Buckner.

Visitation is scheduled from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday January 7, 2023 with the service held afterwards in the chapel at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to Pets Fur People, 1823 County Rd 386, Tyler, Texas 75708.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Cemetery of Franklin County
Scroggins, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thurman Alan Lee



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 06, 2023 at 10:59 AM

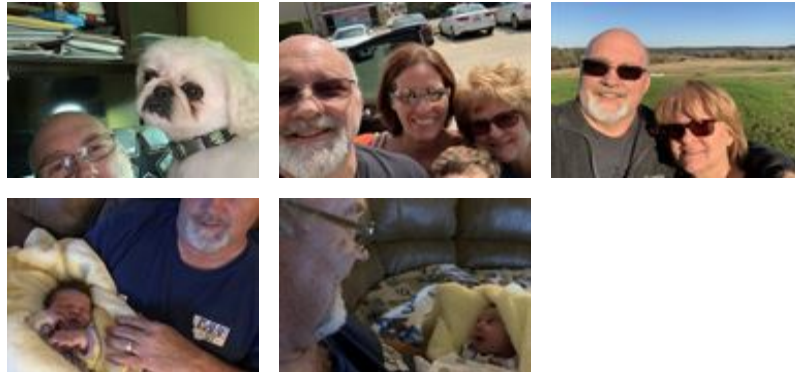
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“ Too many to list! Alan was one of my best friends for years! So devastated to hear that he's gone! My prayers and condolences with his family!

Christopher Basnett - January 14, 2023 at 05:14 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 06, 2023 at 03:47 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 06, 2023 at 10:57 AM

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“ I'm going to miss my work "Pop" so much. I'm going to miss calling him up or texting to get advice on certain stocks, housing market and life experiences. When we first met at UT we instantly bonded over sharing the same last name and both serving our country. It was then he started calling me "daughter" and I called him "Pop". We would always get a kick out of seeing the look on our patients' faces when he would tell them he had a daughter who worked with him and then he would send me in the room. They would look puzzled when they saw I was black and he was white. We would all laugh. That just goes to show that love is love, regardless of color and GOD is love. I'll never forget him and his beautiful wife, Carolyn being in attendance to witness me taking Oath to become an officer for the Air Force. He gave me my first salute and received my half dollar. I'm truly going to miss you pop and I love you. May you rest in the presence of our True and Living GOD.

Love,
Rae



Ranieka Lee - January 05, 2023 at 10:37 PM

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We met Alan 8 years ago through his then girlfriend, Carolyn. We instantly fell in love with him as he lived life "BIG" and with gusto. We began our friendship by worshipping together at GABC and being in SS together. Alan jumped in right away and started giving of his time to minister to our class. He helped record the SS lessons and always wanted everything perfect. When he saw that a table would make recoding easier, he showed up the next week with an awesome table. When the teacher struggled with the microphone, Alan showed up with a new headset, just perfect for allowing the teacher to share God's word easily. Alan let God use him to minister at church ❤️.

We were observers of Alan's love for Carolyn. He helped take care of her when she broke her knee cap and later we were present when the two of them got married. It was a great day for all of us!!

We watched as Alan ministered to family. He truly adored his kids and grands and nieces and nephews and talked about them regularly. He had a big heart for all his family was going through...the loss of husbands (his daughter and sister) the loss of a child (his sister's grandson), surgery, and anything else that came their way. He spoke lovingly of his 4 sisters and his mama! Every game we played was based on his memory of his mama's rules!!! Yes, he ministered to and loved his family.

Up close and personal, we got to experience Alan ministering to his friends. Being homebound while caring for an elderly parent, Alan did not want us missing anything. He showed up with big bags of Chick-Fil-A or Mercados and always to the MAX. He arrived in a mask and gloves, along with Carolyn, to deliver a huge birthday dinner of ribs, beans, a homemade cake (Carolyn) and everything else you could imagine. The two of them stood outside our house and sang Happy Birthday. I had been caring for my 95 year old mom in the hospital at the time with Covid. Alan and Carolyn wanted us to feel loved and we did!

Alan was like a brother to me. Best of all, he was a brother in Christ with an eternal home guaranteed. We loved him and he loved us, along with precious, Carolyn.

Although God only granted him 62 years, he lived them Big and with enthusiasm. He made his mark for Christ, an indelible mark, and he won't be forgotten.

Teresa Sturrock - January 07, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thurman Alan Lee.*



January 05, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ *Pete & Brenda Karagozian purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Thurman Alan Lee.*



Pete & Brenda Karagozian - January 05, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thurman Alan Lee.*



January 05, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ 14 files added to the album North Campus



- January 05, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thurman Alan Lee.



January 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ Gregory and Ranieka Lee (Rae) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thurman Alan Lee.



Gregory and Ranieka Lee (Rae) - January 05, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thurman Alan Lee.* ”



January 04, 2023 at 05:54 PM