



Roger William Allen

January 24, 1943 - July 31, 2016

Roger William Allen of Plano, Texas, passed away on July 31, 2016, at the age of 73. He was born on January 24, 1943, to John William and Ellen Marie (Francis) Allen in San Antonio, Texas. Roger was an Eagle Scout. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, where he was also a member of the Longhorn Band. Roger then went on to obtain a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Dallas. He began his career at Collins Radio and worked at various other companies in the area. Roger was married to Sheryl Kalka. After retirement, Roger studied music at the University of North Texas. Roger loved music and was an accomplished musician and composer. He was a member of many musical groups including the Dallas New Horizon Band, the Richardson Brass Band, and the Richardson Community Band. Roger was very active in the ham radio community and spent many stormy nights looking for tornados as part of the ham radio storm watch team. He was a member of Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano.

Roger is survived by his daughters, Andrea Allen of Frisco, Texas, Christa Gutheinz and husband Steven of Los Angeles, California; granddaughter, Analiese Gutheinz; brother, Kenneth Allen and wife Terry of Houston, Texas; niece, Elise Gipe and husband Sam; nephew, Benjamin Allen; wife Sheryl Kalka of Plano, Texas; and her children, Rhonda and Darin Box, Randy Cartlet; grandchildren, Haley, Jordan, Presley, Sam, Sailor and Bryston; and numerous other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Gwyn Allen.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 6, 2016, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. The family will receive friends during a remembrance gathering on Friday evening, August 5, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at

the funeral home.

Memorials

Please accept my condolences for the passing of your dear loved one. When someone we love dies, the heartache and grief can be great. I hope that you can be comforted knowing that God cares for you and sees your pain. (1 Peter 5:7) "He is close to the brokenhearted and He saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18) May you find comfort and relief during this grievous time, as you cherish the precious memories of Roger.

J. MILES, AUGUST 8, 2016

Roger was an integral part of our Upswing Orchestra playing bass bone for many years, Roger and I had a true love for big band jazz and especially Stan Kenton. Roger and Sheryl were a wonderful couple and enjoyed dancing and being involved with their families. He was a soft spoken and great person to be around! We will miss him soooo much! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sheryl and your family!

PHIL COOK, AUGUST 5, 2016

I am so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. I knew him well, as we both went to UT, ham radio'd together, worked together at several companies, and both played trombone. Roger got me a job at MCI when I critically needed one. I lost track of Roger about ten years ago, and did not know where he was living. I sold him my trombone at one point, and wonder if he still had it. We both enjoyed jazz, and attended several UNT concerts together. So soon time passes and we wish that we could back up a few years. With all my respect for a good and true friend. Jim

JIMMIE WOOTEN, AUGUST 4, 2016

Our heartfelt sympathy to Andrea and Christa. Roger was always interested in keeping up with the family. We last saw him at Mary Beth's funeral and he seemed to be doing well then. We will surely miss him. We are sorry that we will be unable to attend the memorial service, since one of our grand-

daughters is getting married on that day. Give our love to the rest of the family.

CLAUDE & BEVERLY HALL, AUGUST 4, 2016

Roger was a loyal and supportive friend and an extremely talented and knowledgeable musician, who generously recognized the strengths of others while always deflecting the spotlight from himself, where many of us knew it rightly belonged. My heartfelt sympathy to the family.

JIM LAWRENCE, AUGUST 3, 2016

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