



Dan Rankin

June 7, 1949 - August 8, 2021

Graveside services for Dan Rankin, 72, of Rusk, will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Pelican Cemetery, Commerce Street, Pelican, Louisiana under the direction of Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Bradford officiating.

Mr. Rankin passed away August 8, 2021. He was born June 7, 1949 in Alexandria, Louisiana to the late Daniel and Gertrude Rankin. He graduated high school in 1967, and graduated from Howard Payne University in Brownwood, TX in 1971. He was commissioned at Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1973 as a 2nd Lieutenant. He got his Master's Degree from the School of Theology from Southwestern Baptist University in Ft. Worth, TX in 1979.

He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at the age of 15, and discovered his gift for teaching while in the Army. He served as Associate Pastor at East Side Baptist, where he was still teaching Sunday night Bible study. He was a history professor at SFA and Angelina College in Lufkin. August 1, 1981, he married Sherry and spent 36 years before she passed away. In 1983, they moved to Rusk. In 1989, he began as the interim pastor at Atoy Baptist Church. By 1991, he became the full time pastor.

He is survived by his brothers Frank Rankin of Spring Branch, TX, Steven and

Charlotte Rankin of Suffolk, VA, sisters, Jonnye and Danny Griffin of Knoxville, TN, Beverly and Walter Keener of Oswego, KS, countless nieces and nephews, as well as his church family.

Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021 at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home
221 5th Street
Rusk, TX 75785
(903) 683-2222
info@wallacethompson.com

Graveside

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Pelican Cemetery
Commerce Street
Pelican, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Dan Rankin*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *I had planned on attending the services for Danny. But at the last minute, plans were changed. Danny was my friend for 50 years and I cherished his friendship. He was a Godly man who was knowledgeable, caring, generous and funny. He told me once that when he is in Heaven he would be found sitting at the feet of Jesus. So my friend, when I get to Heaven, that's where I will look for you. Forever your friend,
Shirley Joseph Hurley*

Shirley Hurley - August 18, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dan and Jimmy Boone made an odd couple but they knew the Bible, loved the Lord, and loved to tell people about Jesus. As the leaders of East Side Baptist church in the late 70's they poured their heart and soul into teaching God's Word.*

Dan loved fried chicken and always accepted any invitation to come for a meal on the weekends! He was a wealth of knowledge....in both Biblical and trivia genres!!

Dan, you have completed your race for the Lord. Thank you for heeding His calling.

Doug and Lauva Currier

Lauva Currier - August 13, 2021 at 04:13 PM

CC

“ Angelina College will be forever changed due to his influence and stories. He loved teaching and was a bright spot on campus. May his bright light shine down on all of us!

Cindy

Cindy Casparis - August 13, 2021 at 03:05 PM

BJ

“ Oh my friend, you will be truly missed. I will miss going to lunch with you and the gang. I will miss the debate over the best cookie. I know it was silly, but it was fun. We get tired of discussing serious stuff all the time. You are truly a good man. A true man of God, We have all enjoyed, Angelina College Faculty and students, sharing our lives with you. Never intentionally mean, always loving and kind. I do not have the words to do you justice. I take solace in knowing that you will be with your beloved wife. I will simply end this by saying that I love you my friend. I will miss you.

Benetha

Benetha Jackson - August 12, 2021 at 10:33 PM

SH

Well, Dan. Benetha said it all! However, I will miss your caring and loving spirit! I will miss your quick wit! I will miss making you laugh! Rest in Peace, my friend!

Suzi Honeywell - August 12, 2021 at 11:22 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Dan Rankin.*



August 12, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *My family and I were very fond of Bro Dan. He loved asking about my girls and how they were doing in school and church activities. He will be deeply missed. Charity Ourso*

Charity Ourso - August 10, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Love, Jimmy, Cindy, Becky & Raymond purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dan Rankin.*



Love, Jimmy, Cindy, Becky & Raymond - August 10, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *I worked with Dan for nearly 20 years at Angelina College. He started what we called the Monday Club, where Liberal Arts faculty would meet on Mondays during the summer to eat lunch together. It was a way for us to stay in touch during the summer. I remember that one of his favorite jokes was to order "angry broccoli" at lunch (i.e.--it was "steamed"). He was a good man, a great teacher, and an admired colleague. He will be missed by more people than you can know.*

Howard Andrew Cox - August 09, 2021 at 10:07 PM

SC

“ In memory of Danny...

In 1972 Danny helped me get a scholarship to Howard Payne during my freshman year at Del Mar Fr. College. it was a full scolarship for tuition and room and board and it paid my way two years at HPU. When I left HPU to complete my degree in nursing at UT Nursing School in San Antonio, he also gave me a gas credit card and allowed me to use \$30 a month for gas. Leaving home to go to HPU changed my life in so many ways. I grew tremendously as a Christian, I met Ken and we have always been happily married, and I had a meaningful career in nursing. And I know to this day and always that God gave Danny a heart to help me find His will for my life. I'm sure I'm not the only one that benefitted from Danny's influence. He truly cared about us as teenagers and we may never know the scope and power of that influence until we all get to heaven with him. ❤️

Susan Cearley - August 09, 2021 at 09:26 PM



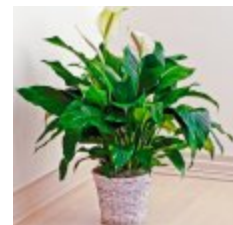
“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dan Rankin.



August 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dan Rankin.



August 09, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dan Rankin.* ”



August 09, 2021 at 01:28 PM