



## Richard Milton Trent

May 12, 1948 - September 23, 2013

Dr. Richard Milton Trent

On the morning of September 23, 2013, with his wife at his bedside, Dr. Richard Milton Trent peacefully passed away at The Home Place in Tyler, Texas. He was 65 years old.

Dr. Richard Milton Trent was born in Clark Field, Philippine Islands on May 12, 1948. He was the only child of the late Dennea Ann and Roy Milton Trent. Richard is survived by his wife, Dr. Idalia Hernandez Trent and daughter, Estella (Stella) Danielle Trent of Rusk, Texas.

In 1966 Richard graduated from Gaithersburg High School in Gaithersburg Maryland. In 1970 he received an AA degree from Montgomery Community College in Rockville, Maryland.

Richard received a BA degree in psychology in 1977 from the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada and in 1979 he earned his MA degree from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. In 1985 Richard was conferred a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce (formerly East Texas State University) in Commerce, Texas.

Following his graduation, Richard joined Rusk State Hospital in Rusk, Texas. He served initially as psychologist and later as Director of Psychological

Services. Dr. Trent received various recognitions throughout his tenure at Rusk State Hospital. In 1991 he was awarded a Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Showcase Award. In 1995 he was awarded the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's most prestigious honor, the Preston E. Harrison Award (having been also named as a finalist in 1989). In recognition of his excellence in 1999 he was named Ambassador of Texas A&M University-Commerce Alumni Association. Dr. Trent retired from Rusk State Hospital in 2006 following 21 years of service.

A kind man who appreciated a simple life, Richard loved sunsets and thunderstorms; a great seafood meal and the company of good friends. Richard was an avid diamond hunter and fisherman who preferred the outdoors. An ardent collector, his love of American antiques was only surpassed by his devotion to his wife and daughter.

A private memorial will be held at the family home in Rusk, TX on Sunday, October 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to Tyler Junior College's Roy Milton & Dennea Anne Trent Armed Forces Scholarship Endowment, American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Milton Trent*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *It's been nearly a decade since you've passed Dr. T but I still think about you often and all the many life lessons you taught me as I grew up spending a large portion of my childhood in your household. You, Mama T and Stella all shared with me the value of friendship as well as love within a family. I am so grateful to have known you and I still consider you to be like a second father. In fact, you and Mama T both were secondary parents to me and I love your daughter like a sister. My parents are grateful to you as well. I can't imagine a life without knowing the Trent's and I don't want to.*

*I still have and will always keep the 1892 silver dollar that you and Mama T bought me from Canton as a high school graduation gift and it means the world to me and when I break out my coin collection from time to time for new people, I always tell the story of how I received that coin from some very special people. I remember that you chose it because it was minted 100 years before my birth and yall's thoughtfulness within that gift has always been close to my heart.*

*I know it's been a very long time since I have seen or spoken to your wife or daughter but I think about them often too. I miss them dearly and I wish so badly to go back in time and swing on the rope swings with Stella while you sat on the porch enjoying the evening air just one more time.*

*Love always,  
Nene*

Renee - September 18, 2022 at 09:04 PM

RM

“ I just learned of Richard's passing today. I am saddened by your loss. Dr. Trent was the Chief Clinical Psychologist at Rusk when I was hired there. He was one of the psychologist on the interview panel, and was a fierce interviewer :-). He knew exactly the right questions to ask that stumped me. At first, I was intimidated by him, but as I got to know him better I found him to be a gentle and kind man. He also had a good sense of humor, and would say or do things that made me laugh. From time to time he would check on me to make sure I was okay. I recall how he would mention you and your daughter, and by the way he'd talk, I could tell that he loved and respected you very much. He had a picture of your daughter in a black soccer uniform hanging on his wall. Before he retired from Rusk, he gave me some personal advice about how to be successful in the helping field, and I have it written down in a notepad. I haven't forgotten what he said, and find it to be just as helpful today as it was back at my days at Rusk.

*Raymond P. Martinez, LPC*

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**Raymond P. Martinez** - April 10, 2014 at 02:04 PM

HW

“ I've been thinking about you since hearing your classes were canceled, and am so sorry to hear the sad news. Is there anything I can do for you?

*Heather*

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**Heather Whitaker** - November 18, 2013 at 02:10 PM

DD

“ We were surprised to hear that Richard is gone. I'm glad that you all were such a big part of Renee's life and of ours while we lived in Rusk. Our hearts go out to you.

*Dave and Dee Derr*

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**Dee Derr** - October 18, 2013 at 02:26 PM

ID

*Thank-you for your kind thoughts. Although he had been unwell for about a year, it was unexpected. He had a massive stroke for which he did not recover.*

*Please tell Nene I do not have an address for her. Please relate my thanks to her for the basket of flowers she sent us. It was beautiful! Please tell her that we placed the basket beside him and that it gave us comfort to know that she was thinking about us.*

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**Idalia** - October 23, 2013 at 10:37 AM

CB

“ A gentleman and a scholar, Richard was always pleasant to be with . He was a fine professional and had a kind word for everyone. My sympathy to his family.

*Charles M. Briley, Ph.D.*

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**Charles M. Briley** - October 15, 2013 at 11:06 AM

AN

“ Our sincerest sympathy to your family. May God bless and keep you in this time of sorrow.

*Archie and Kim Nickle*

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**Archie and Kim Nickle** - October 09, 2013 at 11:16 PM