



Deward Alan Childre

January 15, 1941 - March 16, 2025

Dad was born in Dallas, Texas on January 15, 1941. His parents Deward Adonis Childre and Anne Allyn Childre had four children. Dad was #2, the only boy and “The Boss”. He grew up on Highview Farm which is now better known as Canyon Creek in Richardson, TX where he tended livestock, worked hard with other farm hands, played with his pet crow and made the peacock chase his younger sister, Nancy, just to be annoying.

Music was a focal point for Dad. He loved playing the trombone in the Richardson HS Golden Eagle Band, participating as the team captain and center for the football team, president of the student council and was honored as Mr. RHS. That’s also where he met our mother, Martha, a recent transplant from McKinney, their freshman year of high school. They married young and started a family having four children in 3 ½ years. Mom would say they were crazy, and we agreed! His music continued at SMU as the 1st chair trombonist for the Mighty Mustang Band and as the principal trombonist with the Air National Guard playing for dignitaries and other military officials.

Outside of work, Dad enjoyed golfing and playing cards with his lifelong buddies, Nick Renneker, George Tannous, Bob Bonser and Clyde Hensley. The couples traveled on vacations, played cards and enjoyed their friendships. We want to say a special thanks to Clyde for his kindness, constant communication, taking dad to eat BBQ and spending time with him.

He coveted their friendship.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents, D.A. and Anne Childre, sisters Fran Hudnall and Catherine Samuel and his beloved dog, Jake.

He leaves behind his loving sister, Nancy Page, four children Connie Coyne and husband Bryan, Debbie Childre, Dale Childre and Dave Childre, a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Although divorced for many years, he also leaves behind his “darling Martha (Mert)” who he admired until his last breath.

Our family is indebted to Centric Home Health & Hospice in Plano for their outstanding guidance and care. Special mention to Laura, Lauren, Esther, Chris for taking care of dad’s needs daily, Brittany for her oversight and kindness, Chaplain Tonya for praying and singing by his bedside, and most notably to Brooke, his nurse, who treated him like family. We are forever grateful. Lastly, to North Central Texas Cremation and Funeral Services for the dignity you showed and constant communication with us during this difficult time.

Family and close friends will celebrate his life at a private event on April 5th.

Tribute Wall

MW

“*Uncle Alan, what an amazing Legacy you have left behind. You will be dearly missed by so many. What a wonderful reunion you must be having in your new home of eternal glory. I love you Uncle Alan.*



Michelle Wright - March 30, 2025 at 04:10 PM

DC

“*Dad, I wish I could have held your hand longer, spoken with you about anything you wanted to talk about (except politics), hugged you more often. This deadly disease called Alzheimer's took you away.*

Although I'm grateful you're in a much better place shooting the bull and going to places unknown, know that I will always miss you and love you. We will celebrate your life with friends and family and give you a CHEERS in remembrance. Love you forever! BIG Hugs and Kisses from me!

Debbie

Debbie Childre - March 27, 2025 at 03:14 PM

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*To my Bubba. Oh, how I love you. Maybe a better word would be adore. You were always there for me. In the middle of the night sitting at my kitchen table, driving several hours to meet my grandchildren, and again driving several hours to visit my granddaughter in the hospital. I will miss your Sidley Whiplash laugh, playing cards, holding hand in a restaurant in Florida. It's still unbelievable to me that I can't call you, hear you answer and call you our favorite secret word. Oh, to hear that laugh. I love you, my darling
Forever.*

Nancy J Page - March 27, 2025 at 09:06 PM

BA

“ My Pop, how incredibly lucky I am to have been loved by you. I am proud to be your granddaughter.



Bailey - March 27, 2025 at 12:04 PM

BM

“ Alan was an amazing man that I am so thankful I was given the opportunity to meet and take care of!! During the short period of time I was able to get to know him and his family which you could just feel the love they had for each other and their passion for music. He did enjoy holding my hand during my visits for peace and comfort. I am upset I wasn't given the priveledge to know him and the family longer. May God light the way and guide you all through your grief process!

Brooke Morgan - March 27, 2025 at 09:23 AM

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“ I gave so many wonderful memories of my brother. Always a cowboy and prankster. As a small child I was able to accompany him and the RHS band to Washington DC. Watching him march down the street in the Presidential parade for Dwight D. Eisenhower was thrilling. I just didn't know how special it was at the time.

Nancy J Page - March 27, 2025 at 08:51 AM