



## Mr. Dale Purdy

February 25, 1947 - March 12, 2021

Funeral services for Mr. Dale Purdy, 74, of Tyler will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Bro. Park Robertson and Chaplain, Lt Col Barry Phillips, Ret. officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the funeral home. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, masks or face coverings are strongly recommended, however not required, for the health and safety of all those in attendance for a visitation or service.

On Friday, March 12th 2021, Norman Dale Purdy, child of God, loving husband and devoted father, passed away at the age of 74. Dale was born on February 25th 1947 in Newport News, Virginia to Oscar Marshall and Eunice Ethel Purdy. After graduating from Tatum High School, he enlisted in the United States Army, February 8th 1966, and served 34 years, 7 months and 23 days.

He attended basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana and advanced individual training as an Aircraft Armament Repairman at the Ordinance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. During this period, his major assignments included 2 tours in Vietnam, 3 tours to Germany, 4 tours at Fort

Hood, TX, and a tour to Aberdeen Proving Ground where he was the Commander of Company D.

He was appointed as a Warrant Officer in April of 1977. While on active duty, he garnered an Associate's Degree in Industrial Management and continued his education at Liberty University Lynchburg, Virginia.

Awards and Decorations earned: The Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Volunteer Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 5 service stars.

During his military career he surrendered his life to Christ and became an Ambassador for Jesus. He lived by the words, if being a Christian was a crime, would there be enough evidence to convict me? He lived each day by growing in, living by, and sharing the Word.

After retiring from the military, Dale settled in Tyler, Texas, where he became an ordained Chaplain and was licensed to exercise God-given gifts, which included officiating weddings, funeral services, baptisms and he was an active Hospice Chaplain affiliated with the International Fellowship of Chaplains.

The greatest love of his life was his wife of 53 years, Carrol Purdy. The love they shared extended to an abundance of close friends that they loved like family. Together they had big hearts for single soldiers and military families, and the door to their home was always open. They became honorary parents to so many, whose lives they touched forever.

He was preceded in death by his father, Oscar Purdy and wife, Lizzie. His mother, Eunice Purdy. Sister, Mary Virginia Purdy Vann.

Dale is survived by his precious family. His adored wife Carrol. Daughter

Pamela King and husband Kevin, of Tyler. Daughter Patricia Lewis and husband Larry, of Tyler. Son, David Purdy and fiancé Kathryn, of Overton. Daughter Julia Seals and husband Terell, of Ramstein, Germany. Daughter Angelica Brandt and husband Thomas Johnson, of Longview. In addition, he is survived by 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Dale is also survived by his sisters Ellen Woodard and Linda Buchanan, and brothers Robert Purdy and Oscar Charles Purdy.

In lieu of flowers our family requests contributions be made to Cadence Ministries at [www.Cadence.org/Purdymemorial](http://www.Cadence.org/Purdymemorial) or by mail at: Cadence International Attn: Purdy Memorial P.O. Box 1268 Englewood CO 80150 and/or the International Fellowship of Chaplains at [www.IFOC.org](http://www.IFOC.org). Donations to IFOC can also be mailed to PO Box 1004, Temple, TX 76503.

Pallbearers will be David Purdy, Kevin King, Terell Seals, TJ Brandt, Andrew Lewis, Michael King, Robert Smith, Kai Manning, and Matthew Pearce. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Lewis, Geoffrey King, Daniel King, Kaysin Brandt, Elliot Norris, Isaiah Seals, Mason Brandt, and Kale Purdy.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tatum City Cemetery

Forest  
Tatum, TX 75691

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall

PK

“ Pam King lit a candle in memory of Dale Purdy



Pam King - December 03, 2025 at 03:16 PM

PK

“ I miss you Daddy.



Pam King - March 03, 2023 at 01:30 PM

KP

I miss him to

Kale Purdy - January 16, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JD

“ Jessie And Dee Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy



Jessie and Dee Dixon - March 19, 2021 at 04:19 PM

JD

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**Jessie and Dee Dixon** - March 19, 2021 at 12:55 AM

CC

“ *What a great mentor. I remember as a child living in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Purdy would frequent our home. He always had a smile. I was so excited as an adult to see him February 2020. He had the same big loving smile. You will be missed. Our family is thinking of the Purdy family at this difficult.*



*With loving memories and healing prayers,*

*The Craig Family*

*Art, Clara, Greg, Eric, Cynthia, Carla, Julia, and Gina*

*Donation sent to IFOC.org*

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**Cynthia Craig** - March 17, 2021 at 06:59 PM

KP

*This is his grandson, and I never knew you or heard of you, but I'm glad you liked him*

Kale Purdy - January 16, 2025 at 03:50 PM

CD

“ Candy Dotson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy



candy dotson - March 16, 2021 at 01:42 PM

CD

“ My heart goes out to the family of Dales. Sending lots of hugs and prayers to you all. I met Dale through Lewis Realty and there wasn't a time I couldn't call or text him and he would help. He was a great man. I would go in the office and talk to him about my personal problems and rest assure he would listen and guide me in the right direction. Dale even ask me if my family and myself were on the list for the vaccine and if we wasn't he was will to do what he could to get us on there. I talked to Dale about 2 weeks ago and he told me he would always have good reference for me because I did right by him. I will miss the talks and great advice but I know he's with the Lord.

candy dotson - March 16, 2021 at 01:41 PM

TS

“ Our most heart-felt condolences to Dale's family! My mother began using his property management services through Lewis realty at some point after inheriting a small house in 2000. Then my brother and I inherited the property after her passing in 2017, and knowing how much our mother thought of Dale, we stayed with him. A wonderful, kind man!

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**Tammy Sonnamaker** - March 16, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LL

“ You have known me from birth, you have watch me become the man I am today. You have given me a gift of becoming a friend, father in-law, coworker, and counselor. Thank you for sharing your life with me over the last 60 years of my life. When I was young and had no father figure around, you found time to toss the football, When I graduated HS I decided to join the military just like you, When I traveled your door was always open for me and my family, When I had tragedy in my life you were there, When I retired from the military you supported me, When I ask for your daughters hand in marriage you gave me your blessing. Thank you for always being there. Thank you for showing me what a real man should look like. I sure will miss you but you have earned your wings, now just fly and rejoice in the presence of our Lord and Savior.



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**Larry Lewis** - March 16, 2021 at 11:14 AM

MB

“ Dear Carol and Family, I am so so saddened to hear of Dale's passing. What a genuinely caring, amazing friend he was to me and my husband, Thomas. Our friendship started when I was working at the newspaper and he would place ads. He loved to chat! He was the first one to help me when my first husband had a stroke. He found out about it and immediately came to the hospital. I was so lost and will remember how he took over to a very sad, lost girl! I felt like I had nobody else . He was there until the end, in Hospice. Years later he ended up being the one to marry my husband and I. What a full circle. He saw me at my worst and my happiest. that is a true friend. I know he was always willing and happy to help anyone, anywhere.

*I know this is such a huge loss to so many people. May God guide you and love you.*

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**Mona Bryner** - March 16, 2021 at 09:54 AM

KL

“ Kimberly Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy



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**kimberly Little** - March 15, 2021 at 09:32 PM

SM

“ Sandy Morton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy



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**Sandy Morton** - March 15, 2021 at 08:37 PM

CW

“ *Christie Wilhite lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy*



Christie Wilhite - March 15, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JB

“ *I, to date, still cannot believe the fact that my brother-in-law Dale has passed. He was, and Still Remains an extremely large inspiration in my life. He has shown me ways to better myself and honor Family Values as a family member. I myself, I'm going to miss him very. I love you brother-in-law, I hope that you forever rest in peace...*

Jim Buchanan - March 15, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JB

“ *Jim Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy*



Jim Buchanan - March 15, 2021 at 10:52 AM

GR

“ *Glenda Riker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy*



Glenda Riker - March 15, 2021 at 02:50 AM

CI

“ Dale you were truly a giant among men.....thank you for loving my sister like you did!! Thank you for loving the rest of us unconditionally as well. Bless your sweet heart you married my sweet sister already knowing there was a bunch of us and you knew we came with the package. You married us all and truly became our brother. You will forever live in our hearts .....until we meet again I love you!!

Cindy - March 15, 2021 at 02:03 AM

KK

“ To my Aunt Carol And cousins, I love you all so much and am praying for comfort and strength. There are no words to adequately express what Uncle Dale meant to us all. I love each and everyone of you.



Kelly Kelley - March 14, 2021 at 10:10 PM

BR

“ It is impossible to pick 1 memory of Mr. Purdy. I can however say unequivocally that I always felt safe, loved, & welcomed when in his home and presence. I could never have dreamed when Pam & I met in Geometry in 1985 at BAHS that I had found such a treasure in her, her family & my second parents!!! The Purdy's & Phillips' have shared such sweet memories over the years & Mr. Purdy was a huge piece of these. I love you all & you are in our prayers.



belynda randolph - March 14, 2021 at 08:18 PM

GR

“ Dale you were the shining example of what a Christian should be in every way. Thank you for leading our family through thick and thin, you were always just there for whatever we needed. I rejoice that you are in the presence of our Lord, knowing that He will comfort our broken hearts. You are so missed but so deserving of this rest and peace. I will see you soon I know! Love to all, glendaruth 🙏🥲  
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Glenda Riker - March 14, 2021 at 06:11 PM

KW

“ Kathy Wartha lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy



Kathy Wartha - March 14, 2021 at 05:49 PM

KW

Dale never said an unkind thing to anyone. He didn't hold back on the truth either. He was always the first to volunteer the prayer at breakfast, lunch or dinner, at all family gatherings, and anytime the mood struck him. I always admired that about Dale. He lived his beliefs every day and in every crowd. I don't think I ever saw Dale slow down. He was definitely a man I am proud to say was family. My heart is sad for Carol and his children as they morn this tremendous loss. Our entire very large family is in my prayers as we will all morn the loss of this great Christian man. Hugs and prayers to the family

Kathy Wartha - March 15, 2021 at 09:19 AM

KP

I miss him to

Kale Purdy - January 16, 2025 at 03:48 PM

SW

“ *Its so very hard to believe that you are gone. I have many fond memories throughout my life of you and Aunt Carol. I looked up to you and still do. You set the example of what a father, an uncle, a brother and a man should be like. You were definitely one of my hero's. I know that you had a strong relationship with God and are basking in his eternal light now. I love you Uncle Dale. Thank you for being the man you were. My prayers and thoughts are with Aunt Carol and my cousins as we all go through this time of loss. I love you guys. God bless you.*

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**Steven Williams** - March 14, 2021 at 01:24 PM

SW

“ *Steven Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dale Purdy*



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**Steven Williams** - March 14, 2021 at 01:19 PM

BC

“ *He will be greatly missed by our family. John Oakley Childs family*



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**brenda childs** - March 14, 2021 at 01:14 PM

HO

“ I have so many memories with this great man. But my best memories would be when 17 of us cousins went to visit them on base before they left for Germany . Him making us Korean Rice. But the best memories were of us just visiting where I soaked up his love and wisdom.

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**Hope** - March 14, 2021 at 12:36 PM