



Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga

July 14, 1950 - September 12, 2015

Rade Russell Kangerga, 65, of Henderson, was born in Henderson, TX on July 14, 1950 and passed away September 12, 2015. Russell was very active from a young age for the betterment of Henderson and Rusk County. He began at the age of fifteen with the Howard Dickinson House. Russell was a graduate of Henderson Schools and Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. He was also a member of the Henderson Kiwanis club for over 20 years serving as Lieutenant Governor.

It would best be said that Russell had a servants heart and that he was genuine.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Nancy Russell Kangerga.

His survivors are his wife Debbie Morgan Kangerga, his son Rade Morgan Kangerga and fiancé Kaitlyn D. Orr, daughter Emily Kangerga Ricks and husband Charles, his three grandchildren, the light of his life as their Pops, Ava Michele Kangerga, Layla Blair Kangerga, and Russell Owen Ricks, brothers Jim Kangerga and wife Deborah, John Kangerga and wife Sarah, and Spikes Kangerga.

A celebration of life for Russell will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday, September

15, 2015 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. David Luckert officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Great Hall at the church.

Pallbearers are Patrick McGinnis, Preston McGinnis, David Richardson, Joe Rossum, Lou Columbo, and Brian Ballard.

Honorary pallbearers are members of the Henderson Kiwanis Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to First United Methodist Church Pre-School at 204 N. Marshall, Henderson, TX 75652 or Henderson Kiwanis Scholarships at PO Box 1762, Henderson, TX 75653.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall
Henderson, TX 75652

Visitation

SEP **15**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
204 N. Marshall
Henderson, TX 75652

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Steve And Becky Gelwicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Steve and Becky Gelwicks - September 19, 2015 at 08:37 PM

RJ

“ Randy And Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Randy and Tracey Johnson - September 18, 2015 at 11:20 PM

CB

“ Connie Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Connie Boatwright - September 16, 2015 at 10:51 AM

JW

“ Jerry Winfrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Jerry Winfrey - September 15, 2015 at 06:54 PM

JW

Solid Man, I admired and respected His dedication to His fellows!

Jerry Winfrey - September 15, 2015 at 06:56 PM

JT

“*Russell was a kind soul. I enjoyed working with him over the years and appreciated his friendship. He will be missed! The Kangerga family is in my family's prayers. Jon Tate*

Jon Tate - September 15, 2015 at 04:20 PM

AM

“*I am very sorry to hear of your loss, Russell was a wonderful person. I am grateful that I knew him as well as the family. My prayers are with you at this time. Angie Williams Mitschke*

Angie Williams Mitschke - September 15, 2015 at 01:09 PM

BP

“*Bryan And Genna Pool lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Bryan and Genna Pool - September 15, 2015 at 12:25 PM

JE

“*James And Sara Ross And Jana Ross Enloe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



James and Sara Ross and Jana Ross Enloe - September 15, 2015 at 12:20 PM

SP

“ *Scooter And Patsy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Scooter and Patsy Phillips - September 15, 2015 at 11:13 AM

MK

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Russell was so kind to me. My prayers are for The Kangerga Family. I love you all.*

Madeline Kennedy - September 15, 2015 at 10:19 AM

DN

“ *I went to school with Russell and graduated with him. He was a support to the class and will be missed.*



Debra Nichols - September 15, 2015 at 04:14 AM

RH

“ *Russell had a great attitude about making a person feel good about themselves. Always encouraging and wanted you to know he was there to help you.*



Rick Hanning - September 14, 2015 at 10:48 PM

TM

“ *Trudy McGill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Trudy McGill - September 14, 2015 at 04:42 PM

JL

“ *Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Judy Lewis - September 14, 2015 at 04:24 PM

BT

“ *Some of my best childhood memories are spending the night at Russell's house on East Main and then of course the woodbox. I would like the family to know you have my condolences. He is missed.*



Ben Taylor - September 14, 2015 at 01:11 PM

BP

“ *Debbie, Morgan, Emily, Spikes, Jim and Johnny, Russell was a one of a kind. He was always a gentle man and cared so much for his community. My deepest sympathy on your loss.*

Ben Patterson - September 14, 2015 at 12:29 PM

RH

“ Russell was Henderson's good-will ambassador. A kind and generous gentleman who loved his community and people. Our prayers and thoughts to the family. A great loss to Henderson.

Ray & Sandra Hall

Ray & Sandra Hall - September 14, 2015 at 12:05 PM

BF

“ Russell was always a sweet gentleman. Our prayers go to all of the family. Brenda and Daniel Flanagan

Brenda Flanagan - September 14, 2015 at 11:55 AM

KL

“ 2 files added to the album Russell, 1969



Kathleen Lynch - September 14, 2015 at 09:45 AM

MM

“ Deepest sympathies to the Kangerga family.
Mike Mason Austin TX



Mike Mason - September 14, 2015 at 09:36 AM

BB

“ My favorite memories of Russell are from the ball park with our kids. I can't think of one single event but I can see him now in my mind and I smile. Morgan and Emily were his joy and happiness. Debbie, we send all our sympathy and love.

Bill Bagley - September 14, 2015 at 08:37 AM

DG

“ Rest in peace Russell. You were such a kind hearted person, a trait you got from your parents. I don't know anyone who loved Henderson more than you did. You were instrumental in the Main Street renovations. You will be missed.

Donna Gentry

Donna Gentry - September 14, 2015 at 08:00 AM



“ Russell was a great man and loved his family and his town. He will be missed.

Cass Summers - September 14, 2015 at 12:39 AM

MT

“ Dear Debbie, Morgan, and Emily
Just want you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Russell was always such a kind gentleman. He was friendly to all. Our hearts hurt with yours today. Much love to you all at this.. May God give you strength and peace at this difficult time. Melanie & John Taylor

Melanie Taylor - September 13, 2015 at 09:48 PM

HF

“ Howard and Pam Flanagan



Howard Flanagan - September 13, 2015 at 07:36 PM

DO

“ Dan And Ann Whitley Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



dan and ann whitley Odom - September 13, 2015 at 06:59 PM

DO

I am Anne Whitley Odom and will always remember Russell, as a wonderful classmate and I will always remember him.

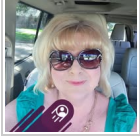
dan and ann whitley Odom - September 13, 2015 at 07:01 PM

AW

“ Andrea Martin Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Andrea Martin Walker - September 13, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ *Sherry Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Sherry Price - September 13, 2015 at 06:48 PM

DV

“ *Debra Bell Vandeventer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Debra Bell Vandeventer - September 13, 2015 at 01:22 PM

LG

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family. Much love, Greg and Leesa Green*

LEESA GREEN - September 13, 2015 at 12:25 PM

PP

“ *Russell was one of the kindest men I ever knew...my deepest sympathy to his family on your loss. Pud Patterson*



pud patterson - September 13, 2015 at 12:19 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Bob & Sue Henderson - September 13, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BG

“ *Kathy Rosser, daughters Belinda and Leslie, of the Howard Rosser family light a candle for the family of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga. We remember he was a loyal tourism supporter and good friend to our father/ husband at East Texas Tourism. Our sympathy to your family.*

Belinda Gunckel - September 13, 2015 at 09:16 AM

CG

“ *Candy Duncan Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Candy Duncan Grant - September 13, 2015 at 09:00 AM

MG

“ *Mark And Nancy Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Mark and Nancy Gibson - September 13, 2015 at 07:50 AM



Roberta
Vallantyne

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Roberta Vallantyne - September 12, 2015 at 11:22 PM



CG

“ *Claudia Morgan-Gray & Weldon Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Claudia Morgan-Gray & Weldon Gray - September 12, 2015 at 10:12 PM



CW

“ *We will so miss Russell's interest and his help in all things related to Henderson heritage. The Howard-Dickinson House has lost a great friend - and many of us have too. He was a true sweetheart. Deepest condolences to the family.*



Cyndi Walker - September 12, 2015 at 09:29 PM

LR

“ A Henderson citizen who worked to make the city a better community. Russell was a great tourism and economic development promoter and was involved in many other civic minded endeavors. He and I worked an East Texas Tourism Association Show in Shreveport one year and he was definitely the dynamic salesman for the city and county during that event. He came to ETTA's 40th Year celebration held in Longview in 2003 at the invitation of Howard Rosser, ETTA Executive Director, and spoke at the afternoon Memories of ETTA program.

I am proud I knew Russell. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Linda Romer - September 12, 2015 at 09:13 PM

KL

“ Kathleen Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Kathleen Lynch - September 12, 2015 at 09:01 PM

TS

“ Debbie,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Craig & Paula Sweeney

The Sweeneys - September 12, 2015 at 07:43 PM

CR

“ Claude And Pam Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Claude and Pam Robinson - September 12, 2015 at 07:28 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - September 12, 2015 at 05:47 PM

BB

“ Billy Todd & Charlotte Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Billy Todd & Charlotte Bryan - September 12, 2015 at 05:19 PM

PC

“ Paula Swann Crim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga



Paula Swann Crim - September 12, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JU

“ *My sincere sympathy to the entire family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Judy Romer Nutter

Judy - September 12, 2015 at 03:41 PM

RG

“ *Rebecca Riley Glass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Rebecca Riley Glass - September 12, 2015 at 02:08 PM

CB

“ *Chad Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Chad Boatwright - September 12, 2015 at 01:06 PM

ME

“ *Maryjo Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rade Russell Kangerga*



Maryjo Evans - September 12, 2015 at 11:40 AM

RK

“ *Henderson has lost a wonderful member of the community. Russell was a good and caring man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. So sorry to the family for such a great loss, we will be praying for you all!* ”

Ruth Harris Kusheba - September 12, 2015 at 09:44 AM