



## Stanley Duke Blevins

August 23, 1961 - September 24, 2024

Stanley Duke Blevins, beloved resident of Terrell, passed away on Sept. 24, 2024. Scripture tells us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, his family, and the entire community of Terrell takes comfort that Duke is, now, in the presence of the Savior and other loved ones who have gone before.

Born on August 3, 1961, Duke was the youngest son of seven children. He and his siblings had many days where each of their personalities came together to make memorable days, having fun and playing games, occupying their time and just enjoying life. Most of this enjoyment of activities ended up being a challenge to their parents but, no matter what, the seven of them stuck together until the next adventure! Duke was fiercely protective of his siblings, especially his little sister, and he was known to tell other kids that picking on his sisters and brothers was reserved for him only! He had an acute mind as a young man and learning subjects like reading and math in school came easily to Duke. He had a spirit of ingenuity and initiative and, when he was 8 years old, Duke told his sister Janet that he had confidently figured out 'how to get rich' when he got older. Upon Janet asking for more information, Duke let her know that, while he shared everything with his siblings, the details of THIS plan were going to stay with him! He had a wonderful sense of humor and a smile that dazzled others when they met him. As a child, he enjoyed watching cartoons and he also loved animals having several different types in his lifetime including dogs, pigs, goats and even a

pet chicken. After his schooling, he joined the National Guard and was a proud member of the US Armed Forces.

Later in life, Duke was diagnosed with schizophrenia and this diagnosis led to many challenging years. In Terrell, he found a community that met Duke where he was at on any given day. The needs that were communicated by Duke to the residents of Terrell, each of whom rallied around him, were not only met, but in most cases, exceeded. So many were recipients of the gifts Duke could give: his quiet demeanor, and his soft “God bless” as he held open local business doors for patrons. Countless people would stop and visit with Duke, making sure that he received any care that he needed. Duke was known by many names over the years but one thing endured-that his life, while altered by mental health struggles, continued to inspire love and compassion from a small town brotherhood and sisterhood that was as protective of Duke as he was of his own siblings.

Matthew 25:37-40

37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

We grieve as a community but we take comfort that Stanley Duke Blevins, beloved Terrell resident, is now an angel of our town, guiding our way to all others who desperately need love, compassion and community.

. A Celebration of Life will be 2:00 pm Friday October 4, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Joe & Cynthia Parnell lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins



Joe & Cynthia Parnell - October 04, 2024 at 10:06 PM

KA

“ My buddy Stanley will be missed! I never smoke but I carried a pack for him. So when I saw him I gave him a cigarette. He was so nice and always a gentleman. We would always talk about the stuff he would find. I am going to miss him!



karina - October 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

BD

A beautiful memorial was had for STANLEY...RIP  
We will see you again my friend...

Beverly Dudley - October 06, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SH

“ Stanley was such a nice guy! What stood out to me, he was always respectful, nice and appreciative of whatever you gave him. He never asked for anything. There is no telling how much money I have given him over the past 2 years. I had just seen him at the grocery store 2 days before he passed. As always he opened the door and told me God bless when I gave him money. I was so sad when I learned of his passing. He will no longer have to be hot, cold or walk so many miles as he did each day!  
Till we meet again ❤️

Stacy Hathcock - October 03, 2024 at 08:24 PM

AW

“ I met Stanley a few years ago at Serenity Corner during a PIT Count when I was volunteering with the Kaufman County Homeless Coalition . I was instantly taken by his polite demeanor and his kind spirit. I will always remember Stanley walking around Terrell and can only imagine the prayers he was speaking as he walked. God Bless our community & God Bless Stanley for his bravery 🌹



Angie West - October 03, 2024 at 06:27 PM

RS

“ Russell Samples lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins



Russell Samples - October 03, 2024 at 06:20 PM

SM

“ *What an awesome tribute.*



Susan McBride - October 03, 2024 at 06:07 PM

LU

“ *Lori Uptmor lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins*



Lori Uptmor - October 03, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JG

“ *Stanley was such a kind man.  
We talked when I stopped to help him out and  
when he would open the door for me at  
Azteca.  
I enjoyed his humor and conversations.  
Rest in the arms of Gods angels Stanley.*



Janie Garcia - October 03, 2024 at 04:13 PM

 Christopher Hufford

“ *Will miss seeing him around town all the time, it's crazy how fast a life can be taken from this world. Just seen him the day before found out he past. Sometimes you'd catch him on a good day to say hello. Rest Easy and I'll Pray your at peace from this ugly world.*

Christopher Hufford - October 03, 2024 at 04:13 PM

MF

“ *Bless his heart. Pray he has no more worries and walking with the angels. Such a sweet soul. Miss seeing him around town. RIP Duke.*



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**Marsha Flowers** - October 03, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SB

“ *Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins*



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**Sharon Boyd** - October 02, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JL

“ *Joni Lavin lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins*



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**Joni Lavin** - October 02, 2024 at 01:26 AM

JF

“ We knew you only as "Dennis." On occasion you crossed paths with our family member who cared for you, prayed for you, and shared time and food with you. And when you were told our loved one had passed on, you shared with us your heartfelt condolences . . . you always said "God Bless."

*Our hearts are heavy with sadness to hear of your passing and we will pray for your sister, Janet, for your family, and for your Terrell family and friends.*

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**John Riedel Family** - October 01, 2024 at 01:55 PM

RF

*from the family of John Riedel*

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**Riedel Family** - October 01, 2024 at 01:56 PM

JZ

“ Janet Zwadlo lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins



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**Janet Zwadlo** - October 01, 2024 at 01:26 PM

JZ

“ Duke is my brother, we were the youngest 2 of 7 children. We call him Duke, when we were little he didn't like the name Stanley. Probably because I would call him stanley steamer and he called me Janet rea the dirty flea. He had the better one. We were a handful for our siblings no doubt. We would bicker and even fight but loved one another. One of our funnest times together, we poured water all over the old hardwood floors and made a skating rink in the house. We had a blast. Duke was a protective brother, when it came to other kids. He'd say, I can pick on her but you can't. One day a little boy called me dumb, and Duke stood up and in my defense said, She may be stupid but she's not dumb! So funny he was. Thanks brother! When I think of Duke, I like thinking of the days we were young. His true self. Duke was loving and liked to joke. he loved animals dog, pigs goats and even had a pet chicken. He loved cartoons Popeye and road runner he could watch and laugh for hours. Duke was smart, he was just of of those kids that just got it. Reading math.. He was around 8 or so,when he told me he would be rich someday and he figured out how he was going to do it. He was confident in his plan. Of course he wouldn't dare share that plan with his little sister.

Duke was a cute little boy with a beautiful smile. He like planning and dreaming of when he grows up.

I posted a couple pictures of Duke about 17 and service picture. He joined the National Guards, I believe it was,and shortly after was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia.

I'd like to thank everyone for the love and care you gave to our brother. Thank you to the ones that called and responded at the accident and all the medical care he received. Our hearts go out to the driver and his family, you are in our thoughts.

Thanks for letting me share  
Dukes little sister  
Janet

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Janet Zwadlo - October 01, 2024 at 01:03 PM

BD

*What a beautiful service Duke had . .thanks for sharing with us the community who cared for him ...  
God bless you*

**Beverly Dudley** - October 08, 2024 at 07:40 AM

BF

“ *Bacon Family lit a candle in memory of Stanley Duke Blevins*



**Bacon Family** - October 01, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Janet Zwadlo** - October 01, 2024 at 11:49 AM

JZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Janet Zwadlo** - October 01, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JZ

*Duke in the 11th grade*

**Janet Zwadlo** - October 01, 2024 at 11:46 AM

MH

“ I will miss Stanley. He was always polite, helpful and appreciated any help you offered him. I would see him walking all the time at a fast pace, going about his day in his own way. I don't know how he survived the heat, cold, rain and all the elements and stayed on the go, hanging in there. As I said, I will miss him.  
A friend of Stanley.

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**merita harper** - September 30, 2024 at 05:57 PM