



Randall Thayne Amonett

April 22, 1954 - March 15, 2019

Randall Thayne Amonett slipped the surly bonds of earth on March 15, 2019, after a short illness. Born April 22, 1954, in Vernon, Texas, he grew up in Crowell and Wellington. Upon completion of a Bachelor of Arts at Texas Tech University in 1976, he earned a Doctor of Dental Science degree through the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. After three years in private practice, he moved to Big Spring, Texas, to work as Staff Dentist at the West Texas VA Medical Center. By the time he retired in 2014 with 30 years of service, he had attained the post of Chief of the Dental Service. Upon retirement, he and his wife, Donna, moved to their current residence in San Antonio.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Derward Thayne Amonett and Dorothy Maxine Johnson Amonett. His wife, Donna, and three sons, all of San Antonio, survive him: James Ashley Amonett and wife, Rocio; Andrew Aston and wife, Janis; and Aaron Aston and wife, Shayla, as well as his sister, Robin Greene and husband, Joe, of Cedar Park, Texas. He delighted in his grandchildren: Mackenzie, Emily, and Juliett Amonett; Brandon, Nathan, Britney, Courtney, and Lindsey Aston; Ashley Vera and husband Ivan; Kayla Gongora, all of San Antonio; Courtney Ramirez of Stephenville; and Christopher Aston of Parris Island, South Carolina; along with two great granddaughters and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Following in his father's footsteps, Randy was an avid Red Raider fan, acting as a trainer for the football team for four years. He held season tickets and attended most home football games until after his retirement and subsequent move to San Antonio. He was a member of the Red Raider Club and the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

In addition to his dental degree, Randy also earned a Master of Education from Texas Tech University, and held a teaching certificate. With his interest in education, he taught an annual dental lecture for students at Texas Tech University Medical School, as well as a variety of lectures for dental hygiene students at Howard College during his time in Big Spring. As a life-long learner, he was constantly participating in continuing education courses through his membership in the Texas Dental Association, the American Dental Association, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, and online. He was particularly interested in forensic odontology, completing courses offered through the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, and the Investigation for Identification Educational Conference. With his love of learning and his interest in dentistry, he established an endowed scholarship at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio for students interested in pursuing a career in dental education.

Throughout his life, Randy enjoyed traveling by visiting all fifty states and making three trips to Europe. From the time he was a child, his family visited Colorado, where he spent time fishing, hiking, and eating. Later, he took his own boys and grandchildren back to experience the same joys. He loved to try foods from all different cultures, for good food was another of his interests – perhaps one of his favorite interests. During his travels, he loved to take photographs, one of which later won a prize at the Texas Dental Convention.

SERVICES

Visitation will be from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Graveside Service will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH 10 West. The Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 P.M. on at Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, 6739 Callaghan Road with a Reception to follow at the Church. The family suggests contributions in his memory be made to the Randall T. Amonett, DDS Endowed Scholarship at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio ~ 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, MC 7835, San Antonio, Texas 78229 or <https://makelivesbetter.uthscsa.edu/donate>.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion
20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Oak Hills Presbyterian Church
6739 Callaghan Road
San Antonio, TX 78229

Tribute Wall



“ *From John Lauten*
Randy and I have been friends for over 45 years. We were both football equipment managers at Texas Tech. We pursued the same college and dental degrees . Randy was a year ahead of me in school and acted as my mentor. He paved the way for me, tutoring and advising me all through college and dental school. Even after we became dentists, we continued to consult on cases and treatment outlines. Randy and I shared many practical jokes, his dummy Clyde the most memorable. He made me part of his family and was a true friend in every sense of the word. He continued to be an avid Red Raider fan in both athletics and academics. Randy was an excellent role model for all who worked with him and a great family man. He will be dearly missed.

john lauten - March 25, 2019 at 12:09 PM



Agreed!

James Amonett - March 28, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ *How proud I feel today to say I had the opportunity to work for Dr Amonett a smart great chief and leader.A kind, hard worker,honest and humble person. No words can express how grateful I am ...Thank you Doctor, Thank you my Friend.. Fly high... Mildred Ocasio DMD*



Mildred Ocasio - March 23, 2019 at 12:18 PM

AD

“ I worked under Dr. Amonett from 2009-2011. I was a rookie dentist fresh out of residency. I learned a lot from Dr. Amonett. He was hardworking, very detailed, dedicated to his work, and most importantly he was a gentle, kind, honest, humble person. Over the years as I gained more experience navigating through different organizations and encountered challenges both from clinical and management standpoints, my respect for him as a leader and clinician only increased. He is a good role model for younger colleagues.

After we returned to California, I enjoyed occasional correspondences with him through email. Dr. Amonett became a dear friend/pen pal, sharing with me his travels and interesting food places that he visited. I was really happy for him when he retired. I know he is a person with many interests. I was happy that he could finally play and have more fun when he retired.

We are so shocked and deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Amonett. We want to express our deepest condolences to Donna and the rest of the family.

Angela Tung DDS

Angela Tung DDS - March 22, 2019 at 10:48 PM

DA

Thank you, Dr. Tung. You meant a lot to him, and your comments mean a lot to me.

Donna Amonett - April 10, 2019 at 07:14 PM

JZ

“ Good-bye Sweet Randall.....I'm grieving your loss as is everyone who has ever known you. Always kind, fair, honest, trustworthy and a gentleman in every way. You and Donna were fabulous grandparents to all our grandchildren and great grandchildren. You both always showed up to every school function and were always faithful faces in the crowds at all graduations and events. We are so lucky that you took care of everyone even if it were such a short time. Your sweet and gentle spirit will live in our hearts forever! May you rest in GOD'S soft and loving hands in HEAVEN, free of all health issues, worries and stress. Your loving parents are thrilled to have their son home with them. And will love your beard!! Sleep well now, Randall.....your work here is done.

jeannie zinck - March 22, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Randall Thayne Amonett.



March 22, 2019 at 10:43 AM

PA

“ Condolences to the Amonett family on behalf of VA Dentistry. Dr. Amonett was a well respected dental leader who was always present, serving Veterans with a caring smile. He will be missed.

*Patricia Arola, DDS
Assistant Under Secretary for Health, Dentistry
VHA Office of Dentistry, Washington DC*

Patricia Arola - March 22, 2019 at 06:33 AM

RD

“ Even though we worked at different facilities, I had the pleasure and honor to interact often with Randy on the phone or at meetings. He was a wonderful man with a terrific smile, and he was a credit to the VA and the dental profession. I had the good fortune to know him.

Robert M. Craig, DDS - March 21, 2019 at 09:28 PM

DA

Thank you, Dr. Craig. He always spoke highly of you and welcomed your interactions.

Donna Amonett - April 10, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Randall Thayne Amonett.



March 21, 2019 at 07:23 PM

JC

“ We are sorry to hear about Dr. Amonett's passing. He was a great leader here at VA and just a great man. He was kind to everyone and I never heard a negative word from him. I worked with him for many years and he will be missed.

JaNa' Craenen - March 21, 2019 at 03:07 PM

GS

“ *Geert and JaNa' Craenen (Big Spring) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Randall Thayne Amonett.*



Geert and JaNa' Craenen (Big Spring) - March 21, 2019 at 03:05 PM

JV

“ *I didn't know Randall well, but from knowing his son James it's clear that he was a devoted family man and an all-around great person. My condolences go out to the Amonett family.*

Jake Varshal - March 21, 2019 at 02:45 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Randall Thayne Amonett.*



March 21, 2019 at 01:49 PM

MC

“ *What an amazing person! Always so friendly and helpful. He will be missed by many.*

Mandy Cruz - March 20, 2019 at 10:37 PM

LR

“ *I worked with Dr. Amonett and he changed my life forever. He was an awesome teacher and mentor. Gave me the tools to succeed in the VA. I will forever consider Dr. Amonett as my hero!* ”

Laura Relitz - March 20, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Randall Thayne Amonett.* ”



March 20, 2019 at 08:12 PM