



Roger Wallace Dartt

August 11, 1941 - August 22, 2022

Roger Wallace Dartt died unexpectedly on August 22, 2022 at his home in Houston, Texas. He was 81 years old.

In the fall of 1965, while working in Columbus, Ohio, Roger finally garnered enough courage to ask out the beautiful woman he had seen in the office cafeteria to an Ohio State Football game. He married Kathy in the summer of 1969 – which he always called the greatest achievement of his life. The highlight of their 53 years of marriage was their three children and eight grandchildren.

Roger was a teacher, storyteller, faithful Catholic and best friend. He was a jack of all trades. He was a sergeant in the Air Force, an industrial engineer, a business executive, and a professor at various universities in Houston. During his business career, Roger helped numerous companies start, grow, succeed, and sometimes wind-up. He came out of retirement several times for “one more” adventure. His last (and favorite) job was president of Delorean Motor Company. After he retired for the final time, you could find Roger attending Mass and Adoration, volunteering with the USO, exercising at the gym, meeting younger business people to pass on wisdom from his successes and failures, and playing hide-and-seek with his grandchildren.

Roger was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Dartt, mother, Janet Dartt,

and sister, Marcia Szarke. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and his three children, Stephen (wife Angela and daughter Sarah), Kevin (wife Jennifer and children Alston, Kora, Hayes, and Cambrie), and Marguerite (husband Tommy and children Nicollette, Noelle, and Ivan).

Two months ago, Roger finished a 450-page autobiography. He ended it with "Life has been a wonderful adventure and I enjoyed telling my story." Dear Husband, Dad, Grandpa, and Friend - we appreciate you taking us along on this amazing ride. We love you.

The family will be present to receive friends on Sunday, August 28, 2022 beginning at 2:00 PM with a Holy Rosary recited at 3:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston Texas 77079.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, August 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77079. Roger will be laid to rest at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery, 12800 Westheimer Rd, Houston, Texas 77077. A reception will follow the committal in St. Jude Hall on the church grounds.

The family would appreciate Masses being said for the repose of his soul.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery

12800 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77077

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Rosary

AUG 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Rite of Committal

AUG 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery
12800 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77077

Reception

AUG 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Wallace Dartt*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Roger Wallace Dartt*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Roger Wallace Dartt*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Roger Wallace Dartt*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Roger was a friend and classmate from grade school all the way through high school. He was a supporter of our class all of the ensuing years. Rest in peace Roger. Tom May Andover, MN*

Tom May - January 27, 2023 at 11:09 AM

GK

“ My first correspondence with Roger Dartt was 4/11/13. It was a simple email explaining that he was interested in an idea I had and would reach out to me next week. From there the magic happened, I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Roger more and more and began to grow very fond of him and very appreciative of the help support and guidance he always seemed to have an abundance of. It truly became a wonderful friendship that always felt more like family. Our conversations lasted hours and then we might spend 10 minutes on what we were supposed to get accomplished. I was always glad to speak with Roger on the phone and was truly blessed and highly favored that I was able to make it to Houston and have dinner with him only a few months ago. I will dearly miss our great conversations and the guidance and knowledge he would lend to me not to mention the ear to bend. I look forward to utilizing all the tools and help he gave me. I owe him that. More importantly I look forward to seeing my friend again, as I know it will be done. Thank you to the Kathleen and the Dartt family for sharing him with the world. It will truly never be the same because Roger Dartt exists.

Gene Kopczyk - August 28, 2022 at 03:11 PM

GK

“ Gene, Jen and Pop's Kopczyk purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger Wallace Dartt.



Gene, Jen and Pop's Kopczyk - August 28, 2022 at 02:27 PM

RT

“ Your friends at USO send blessings and warm thoughts to the family. Roger will be missed.

Robyn Tompkins - August 27, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Roger Wallace Dartt.*



August 26, 2022 at 11:29 PM



“ *The Wynne Family and all the team at DMC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Roger Wallace Dartt.*



The Wynne Family and all the team at DMC - August 26, 2022
at 08:20 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Wallace Dartt.*



August 26, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ 22 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Detting Funeral Home - August 26, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ Your friends at *KHMRG* purchased the *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* for the family of *Roger Wallace Dartt*.



Your friends at KHMRG - August 26, 2022 at 10:44 AM

DJ

“ Roger Dartt stepped in my life almost 20 years ago. He helped grow our small business to a mid-size corporation that was eventually sold to a billion dollar corporation. Roger's business acumen and personable method of engaging others was always appreciated. He knew how to be direct when necessary and comforting when needed. He was smart, funny, active and had a work ethic that I see lacking today. He never failed to mention his wife, children, grandchildren in our meetings and was a great example of what to do to keep a family together. I truly regret being too busy to pick up the phone to speak to him but he was always in my thoughts and heart. Kathleen, I am so sorry for the loss of this great man and wonderful partner. Thank you for always remembering me at Christmas and please feel free to call on me if you need. God be with the family, but I know where Roger is, because he never failed to mention his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God Be With You!
Debra R Jackson

Debra R Jackson - August 25, 2022 at 07:47 PM

MC

“ A veteran who gave his time to teach and share experiences. So proud to have sat down with Roger during his time at the USO just to chat about cool stuff. I thought he was cool and in return he thought I was too. Sending my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

USO Volunteer - Michelle Cox

Michelle Cox - August 25, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ 194 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Detting Funeral Home - August 25, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Roger Wallace Dartt.



August 25, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Roger Wallace Dartt.



August 24, 2022 at 02:19 PM