



# Stephen K. Sandlin

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**S**tephen Kinlaw Sandlin, age 70, of Longview, Tx .passed away suddenly on September 20, 2012. He was born January 4, 1942 in Washington, D.C. to Catherine and Hallie Robert Sandlin. Stephen proudly served his country for 20 years in the Air Force, moving all over the world on assignments. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked for 10 years as a Director for Martin Marietta Corporation, retiring again at age 50.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Billie Jean and two sons, Ricky and Larry Gillem. Survivors include a son, Kerry Gillem, of Longview, a grandson Kristopher Gillem, a sister, Cathy Weyand and her husband Glenn, brother Robert Sandlin, brother Ben Sandlin and his wife Valerie- all of Jacksonville, Fl.; a son, John Jeffrey and his wife, Jean, of Virginia and a daughter, Monette Gouchenner and granddaughter, Jasmine of Montana.

Steve was blessed to have caring neighbors and friends, especially Steve and Kathy Steelman and the family is very grateful to them for their friendship to him, Steve also leaves behind his new best friend, "Trouble" the cat who misses him already. Graveside services will be held on Thursday September 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Rosewood Park in Longview, TX under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. There will be a viewing one hour prior to the service. A private burial will follow. Steve's brothers and sister say to our dear brother "rest in peace" as you are finally re-united with your loved ones.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Stephen was a friendly and well liked neighbor. He was kind enough to adopt 6 cats that were abandoned by one of his neighbors and affectionately named them Trouble, Lisa, Stripes, China, Max and Maxine. They brought him great company and joy over the years. He will be greatly missed by all of us.##imported-begin##Jackie Searcy##imported-end##

September 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

thank you Ruth for the kind words. No we don't know each other but people like you made me feel at ease knowing that my brother had people looking after him. He talked to me often about the "price matching" he did at stores. I wonder if they have "price matching" in Heaven? God Bless all of you Cathy##imported-begin##Cathy Weyand##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

DEAR FAMILY, I TOO KNOW ABOUT HOW MUCH YOUR LOSS MEANS TOO YOU ALL. AND YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHERS FACING LOSSES AT THIS TIME. BUT REMEMBER OUR TIME HERE IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN INSTANT, TO WHAT AWAITS US AFTER OUR JOURNEY HERE ! GOD BLESS YOU ALL ! AND AND TO YOUR DAD, SIR "JOB WELL DONE " ! PEACE BE WITH YOU UNTIL WE ALL MEET AGAIN !##imported-begin##Lance Melton##imported-end##

September 25 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Dad:You were the best father that anyone could of had.You were there always for me and everyone else.I am happy knowing that you are with my mother now.I will take care of troubles for you and the others.##imported-begin##Kerry L. Gillem##imported-end##

September 22 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear family, Even though I do not know any of you, I want you to know that I am very sorry for your loss. I met Mr. Sandlin at Albertson's Grocery in Longview where I work. He was a customer, but quickly became a friend. He was always so kind-hearted to me and we shared some wonderful conversations which I will always remember. It was always a pleasure to assist him. Please know of my prayers for all of the family at this time. ##imported-begin##Ruth Kay##imported-end##

September 22 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My dear brother Steve: I will miss you so much, especially the weekly phone calls to see how you are. I will always treasure the visit we had back in July when we came to visit and meet your cat crew, especially sweet little Trouble. I know you were ready to go and be with your love, Billie and it makes my heart glad to know you are now re-united with her. But you left this earth all too soon and that makes my heart sad. Rest in peace my dear brother. I love you. ##imported-begin##Cathy and Glenn Weyand##imported-end##

September 21 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

You will be missed but not forgotten. You had a big heart when it came to those that needed your help, especially to the cats that could not speak for themselves....I love you and like I said, you will not be forgotten! ##imported-begin##Valerie Sandlin##imported-end##

September 21 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Always in memory couldn't have asked for a better grandpa. ##imported-begin##Kristopher I Gillem##imported-end##

September 21 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To all those who loved Steve, thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I will always love and miss my precious brother. rfs. ##imported-begin##robert f. sandlin##imported-end##

September 21 at 7:00 PM



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