

Mr. Franklin Allen Dorough

January 30, 1935 - November 10, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a beloved father, grandfather, and dedicated public servant, Franklin Allen Dorough. Frank passed away on November 10, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, commitment, and service. Frank was born January 30, 1935, in Kaufman, TX to David and Carrie (Willingham) Dorough. He lived in Carrollton TX for many years, and later made a home in Krugerville, TX. He was married to Barbara Rae (Tanner) Dorough for an impressive 68 years before her passing. Frank's commitment to his family and unwavering support for Barbara was an inspiration to all who knew them. Frank was a long-time member of New Hope Baptist Church.

Frank's legacy is deeply intertwined with the city of Dallas, where he served as a firefighter for an honorable 32 years. He dedicated his life to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community, displaying courage and resilience in the face of danger. Frank was not only a colleague but also a friend to many in the firefighting community.

Beyond his professional commitments, Frank had a passion for travel. He loved going on road-trips across the country. From the mountains to serene coastlines, Frank embraced the beauty of the world and created enduring memories with his loved ones.

Frank will be remembered for his warmth, kindness, sense of humor, and the countless lives he touched throughout his remarkable journey. He leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and a spirit of adventure that we will all remember.

Frank is survived by his daughter, Carolyn Watts of Denton, TX; grandchildren Justin Watts and his wife, Krista, Aaron McLendon and wife, Heather, Amanda McLendon, Jeremy Dorough; and two great grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Dorough; parents David and Carrie; son David Dorough; and daughter Linda Lee.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Franklin Allen Dorough will be held at Belew Cemetery in Aubrey, TX with Pastor Aaron Ashlock officiating on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 11:00AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Salvation Army in Frank Dorough's memory.

May he rest in eternal peace, and may his memory continue to bring comfort and strength to those who mourn his passing.

Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com
Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Belew Cemetery

9500 Belew Road
Aubrey, TX 76227

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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9500 Belew Road
Aubrey, TX 76227

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Sweet little Daddy, I miss you so much. You and I still have some good talks everyday. People may think I'm crazy, but I know you hear me and you still guide my decisions with your sweetness and giving heart. I had always tried to prepare myself for the day our Lord called you home, but nothing could have prepared me for that moment. If some people think there is no God, they need to think again, for I had 2 incidents involving my daddy that prove otherwise. I had prayed for years and years, especially after momma passed that the Lord would please not let my sweet daddy pass away in a strange place all alone. I had been spending nights with him in the hospital and would come home long enough to feed the cat, take a shower, get clean clothes and head back. That morning, I told him I would be right back and what I was going to do. I got home, put my key in the door and an overwhelming feeling came over me to get back to him. I didn't even open the door. I rushed back went in his room, mist was just him and I. I hugged him and kissed his cheek, told him what a wonderful father he had been to me and for him not to worry about me. I was gonna be ok if he was ready to go. I sang a soft verse of amazing grace in his ear and again told him daddy, don't you worry, I am going to be ok. I believed that Justin and I will mend the fence that has been broken, so if you are ready you go on and I love you. I looked up and a tear was rolling down his cheek and he was gone. No one can take that precious moment from me. The most precious moment of my life to be there holding him and comforting him as he took his last breath. I wasn't in that room more than 2 minutes when all of this transpired. Anything could have held me up . . . The train, a red light, but I know without a doubt the Lord made it possible to be there, what a gift. I love you Lord and Daddy.

Carolyn Watts - March 24, 2025 at 11:57 AM

CW

“ Carolyn Watts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Franklin Allen Dorough



Carolyn Watts - January 30, 2025 at 12:40 PM

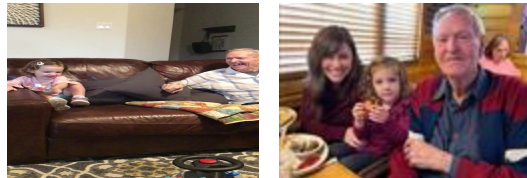
CW

“ Daddy, my sweet little daddy. Today is your 90th birthday. I want you to know that you live in my heart and every thought everyday of my life. I miss you and I am going out to put some pretty flowers out in honor of up your birthday and momma's too. I love and miss both of you to the moon and back.

Carolyn Watts - January 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CW

“ 2 files added to the album Daddy



Carolyn Watts - January 30, 2025 at 11:58 AM

CD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



carolyn watts daughter - January 30, 2025 at 11:03 AM

CD

“ 9 files added to the album *Daddy*



Carolyn Dorough-Watts - March 23, 2024 at 05:17 AM

CD

This was at a surprise party that I nominated my daddy for “ a wish of a lifetime” through AARP. They were wonderful, paid for everything, which they accept donations for this event they continue to do so. I told them what a sweet man he was, etc, and they chose the letter I wrote about him out of thousands. We planned it right around his birthday of 87 years. He was so surprised family and good, good firefighter friends attended. The smile on his face was priceless. He was touched that people thought enough of him to come.

carolyn watts daughter - January 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM

CD

“ *My Sweet Daddy, You made the world a better place and your legacy of love and caring will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew you. I am so very grateful that the Lord made it possible for me to be there for you especially after loosing momma. You and I shared some loving private times and talks that will remain with me until it is time for me to leave this earth. My heart hurt for you so loosing your partner of 68 years and David and Linda. I tried to make your last years as best as they could be. I know after all the loss of everyone, the spark in your eye was gone, but always lit up when I walked through your door. I love you and miss all of you so. The only thing that keeps me going is the promise of our Lord that we all who believe will be together for eternity. I miss you Daddy and I am so grateful I learned how to be a kind and giving person by your actions you showed to others whether you knew them or not, just like your momma. I give thanks to God everyday for letting me be there holding your hand when your journey here was over. That was the most precious moment of my life. I love you Daddy!*

Carolyn Dorough-Watts - March 23, 2024 at 05:10 AM

DK

“ *what a blessing from God, he brought sunshine to the presents of all he encountered. Frank, is and will always be a light of joy! He was like a second father figure to me when I was around him. especially, after my father passed . We love you Frank and will see you up there in Heaven one day. With love and prayer for all the family, sorry for your loss. Love always and forever, D Phillips and children.*

D Phillips and Kids - November 15, 2023 at 07:59 AM

BR

“ *Mr. Dorough was a quiet pillar of kindness and strength. We were neighbors for a time in Krugerville. One particularly wintry day, our ditches became filled with snow. A stranger's car ended up in the ditch. Mr. Dorough was quick to use his expertise to remove the shivering stranger's car from the ditch and send the them on their way. That's who Mr. Dorough was. He didn't care if he knew someone, he was always quick to help anyone in need. His love for his wife and children overflowed in stories about them. If the world had more men like Frank Dorough, it would be a much better place. Heaven gained an honorable man that will be greatly missed here on earth. Condolences to his family and friends.*

Bea Reames - November 15, 2023 at 07:26 AM

C-

Mr. Reams, I haven't been able to get on this site until now. Today my daddy would have been 90 years old. Thank you for sharing your sweet memories and thoughts of him. I am his only remaining, youngest daughter, Carolyn Dorough Watts. You are right about his spirit to help others, especially strangers. I guess I have taken to heart some of his heart's loving traits and qualities in helping others. Thank you for your kind words and taking time to share. I know I try my best to still make him proud through my actions and caring for others. Hey heartfelt sincerity, Carolyn Dorough Watts

carolyn watts -daughter - January 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM