



## Allan Neale Pritchard

April 27, 1940 - July 30, 2017

Allan Neale Pritchard went to be with his Heavenly Father on July 30, 2017 in Huntsville, Texas. He was born to E.M. and Mary Pritchard on April 27, 1940 in Brownwood, Texas. As a young boy, he was very involved in Boy Scouts. After joining Troop #43 in 1952, he obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1955 and then volunteered at Camp Billy Gibbons during the summer as a camp counselor. After graduating from Brownwood High School in 1958, he attended Texas A&M University in College Station, where he played the trumpet in the Aggie Corp Marching Band and joined the ROTC. Allan received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in 1962. After college, he was commissioned with the United States Army and worked his way up to the rank of Captain, eventually serving as a medivac helicopter pilot in Vietnam. While in the military, he met the love of his life, Earline Hensarling. They were married on July 17, 1965 and celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary two weeks before his passing. Following in his fathers' footsteps, Allan worked for Texas Department of Transportation until he retired with 40 years of service in 2003. He began as Assistant Resident Engineer and then Resident Engineer in Huntsville. The last 10 years of his career he served as Director of Operations in the Bryan District office.

Anybody that knew Allan recognized his true passions in life were his Lord, his family, his church and his community. He was a deacon at First Baptist

Church, Huntsville and served on many committees. He had a beautiful tenor voice and sang in the sanctuary choir, as well as the Mens Community Choir in Huntsville. Allan was a loving husband, dedicated father and cherished “Pops” – a sweet and gentle family man. We will forever remember family vacations traveling, tent camping and trips to the beach and mountains. He was always involved in activities with his children, from scouting to music to sports. During the time his son was in scouts, he served as Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop #114 in Huntsville. Allan was an avid golfer and also enjoyed birdwatching and woodworking. Always wanting to give back and help others, he was a blood donor for over 30 years. Most recently, he spent many hours volunteering at HEARTS Veterans Museum. He touched many lives and will not be forgotten.

Left to cherish his memory is wife, Earline; son Michael Pritchard and wife, Keiko of Yokohama, Japan; daughter Jennifer Sliva and husband, Donald of Tomball, TX; grandchildren Ashley and Abby Pritchard, Tanner and Sydney Sliva; sister Marilyn Wells of Palo Alto, CA; sister-in-law Dorothy Messer and husband, Keith of Kent, WA; and sister-in-law Liz Henson of Round Rock, TX. Also surviving are nieces and nephews: Stacey Wells, Adam Wells, Andy Foster and wife, Laura; Leigh Webb and husband, David; Kyle Henson and wife, Michelle; Donna Corley and husband, Nathan. He was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, Earl and Vivian Hensarling.

The family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Lawrence Wells and his staff at Huntsville Family Medicine for their wonderful care of Allan. Visitation will be Tuesday, August 15, 2017 from 6 – 8 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Celebration of Life service will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 10am at First Baptist Church in Huntsville. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Adickes Addition.

Memorial donations may be made to the Music Ministry at First Baptist Church

Huntsville, HEARTS Veterans Museum or Boy Scout Troop #114 in Huntsville.

# Cemetery Details

## Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery

700 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

AUG 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Huntsville  
1229 Ave J  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Allan Neale Pritchard*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Earline and Jennifer,  
Marsha and I want to send our condolences to you and your family  
on the death of your husband and father. You both will be in our  
thoughts and prayers.  
Billye Muecke*

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**Billye Muecke** - August 17, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Although aware of Allan's many accomplishments and record of  
dedicated public service, I especially enjoyed getting to know him as  
we volunteered together on Mondays at the HEARTS Veterans  
Museum. Allan was a star member of the volunteer team there,  
always upbeat, meeting all with a smile and willing to share his  
considerable knowledge and experience with visitors and staff alike.  
Possibly unknown to many is that this quiet man was a highly  
decorated Vietnam veteran who no doubt saved many young  
American lives performing the extremely dangerous mission of  
medevac helicopter pilot.*

*Allan will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our condolences  
to Earline and family.*

*Bob and Anne Heartfield*

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**Bob and Anne Heartfield** - August 15, 2017 at 05:26 PM

YB

“ Your Aggie Buddies purchased the With Distinction for the family of Allan Neale Pritchard.



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**Your Aggie Buddies** - August 12, 2017 at 07:25 PM

MA

“ Michael and Cheryl Acosta purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Allan Neale Pritchard.



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**Michael and Cheryl Acosta** - August 12, 2017 at 01:03 PM

LS

“ Allan was always a steady and positive influence in both high school and scouting.....Lyman Shaw...BHS59....Troop43...A&M63.

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**Lyman Shaw** - August 12, 2017 at 11:27 AM

KR

“ I remember the wonderful times we had with your family at church activities and the beach. You were always there to support us in times of need.

*May God give you peace, comfort, and fond memories of your life together.*

*Love,  
Karen Henderson Rhynard*

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**Karen Rhynard** - August 11, 2017 at 07:31 PM

CS

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of a wonderful man, and good classmate at Brownwood High School Class of 1958! Our thoughts and prayers to all of the family!!

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**Chester Deaver Sr.** - August 11, 2017 at 02:17 PM

JM

“ Allen set a high standard as he participated in Scouts, school, sports and community activities during our shared years growing up in Brownwood. His military service to our country leaves a positive mark in history. I join our BHS Class of 58 friends in expressing sincere sympathy to his family. Allen’s walk on earth was a blessing and an inspiration to us all.

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**Jo Ellen B. Mercer** - August 11, 2017 at 10:10 AM

DS

“ Doyce Cooke '62, and wife Shirley purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Allan Neale Pritchard.



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**Doyce Cooke '62, and wife Shirley** - August 10, 2017 at 09:25 PM

DH

“ He was a great guy, fishing buddy many times. Good Christian man. Proud to know him.

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**David Henderson** - August 09, 2017 at 05:40 PM

J'

*Allen...extended blessings to your family...I know that you were met for your earthly endeavors by a whole gang of your classmates, rejoicing for your victory over death...and rest assured that most of the rest of us will be along...sooner than later...*

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**Jeanette Fisher Benningfield '58** - August 11, 2017 at 07:43 PM

MF

*My deepest sympathy to the family. I remember what a wonderful person Allen was while we attended FBC in Huntsville. Such a fine Christian man.*

*Marilyn Franer*

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**Marilyn Franer** - August 14, 2017 at 10:08 AM