



## Darrel Leonard Grumbles

August 30, 1960 - March 24, 2026

Darrel Leonard “DL” Grumbles

With love and gratitude for a life well lived, we celebrate the life of Darrel Leonard “DL” Grumbles, who passed away on March 24, 2026, at the age of 65.

Darrel was born on August 30, 1960, in Austin, Texas, to Carl Eugene Grumbles and Shirley Trulene (Thurman) Grumbles. He was the middle son, growing up alongside his brothers, Guy Eugene Grumbles and Geron Grant Grumbles.

Darrel grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, an experience that helped shape his resilience, independence, and strong work ethic. He later went on to serve his country in the United States Navy, where he carried the same sense of honor and dedication that defined the rest of his life.

A man of vision and determination, Darrel was the CEO and founder of Rig QA International, a company he built from the ground up in 2001. Through hard work, grit, and unwavering standards, he created a lasting legacy in his industry, one that continues to thrive today.

Darrel was known for doing everything full out. He dreamed bigger than most

and never hesitated to chase those dreams. Whether it was fast cars, airplanes, boats, or building something from nothing, he lived life with passion and purpose. Above all, he was a provider, steadfast, strong, and deeply committed to taking care of his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Fox, and his children: Jami Dixon (Stephen Waltman), Jeremy Whittington (Kim Whittington), Casey DeSpain (Cody DeSpain), Miranda VanBrande (Brent VanBrande), and Shawna Grumbles, as well as his honorary daughter, Elizabeth Lowe.

He was a proud and devoted Papaw to his grandchildren: Chance Carrigan (McKenzie), Alexis Richard (Brooks), Colin Dixon (Maggie), Kelsey Whittington (Brian), Casey Dixon, Matthew Whittington, Jake Pineda, Luke DeSpain, Reagan VanBrande, Parker VanBrande, and Brooks VanBrande.

He was also blessed with great-grandchildren: Eden, Jett, Kennedy, and Carter Alaine. He is also survived by his beloved brother Guy, and nephews: Jonathon, Nicholas, Matthew, Wyatt, and Jesse Grumbles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Shirley Grumbles, and his brother, Geron Grumbles.

Darrel will be remembered for his strength, integrity, and the way he showed up for the people he loved. He built not only a business, but a life rooted in loyalty, hard work, and unwavering dedication to family. His legacy will live on through the many lives he touched and the family he was so proud of.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Arrangements

Visitation: Sunday, March 29, 2026

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home

10129 FM 1097

Willis, TX 77318

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Rosary: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Eulogy and visitation to follow

Funeral Service:

Monday, March 30, 2026

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

109 N Frazier St

Conroe, TX 77301

1:30 PM

Burial and reception to follow at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in  
Willis

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Memorial Park Cemetery - Willis

10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com  
<https://www.shmfh.com>

# Previous Events

## Rosary with Visitation to follow

MAR **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.  
Willis, TX 77318  
(936) 890-0454  
greg@shmfh.com

*Rosary will begin at 5:00 pm followed by the Eulogy. Visitation to follow.*

## Funeral Mass

MAR **30**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
109 N Frazier St  
Conroe, TX 77301

## Interment following service

MAR 30 (CT)

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*With Police Escorts*

## Reception following interment

MAR 30 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrel Leonard Grumbles*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - March 29 at 09:16 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.*

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April 13 at 11:53 AM



“ *So many found memories of my friend Darrel/Grumbly. We worked, we played, we travelled and we fished together. Darrel was dear friend, a valued team member and inspiration to all of us who dreamed largely. I marveled as Darrel and Donna built their very successful company together. Darrel's life is proof that dreams do come true!*

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**Danny Ledet** - March 29 at 04:20 PM

LJ

“ Love Kim and Jay purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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Love Kim and Jay - March 28 at 06:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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March 28 at 03:19 PM

MS

“ Michael & Christy Sims purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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Michael & Christy Sims - March 28 at 01:29 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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March 27 at 02:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

March 27 at 02:54 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



March 27 at 02:11 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



March 27 at 12:18 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



March 27 at 10:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

March 27 at 10:54 AM

SJ

“ Sherry, Falcon, Hailey & Jared purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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Sherry, Falcon, Hailey & Jared - March 27 at 08:53 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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March 26 at 05:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

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March 26 at 05:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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March 26 at 04:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

March 26 at 04:26 PM



“ Frank & Eileen Sheridan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



Frank & Eileen Sheridan - March 26 at 04:15 PM



“ Alfred Perry purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



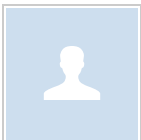
Alfred Perry - March 26 at 04:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



March 26 at 02:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

March 26 at 02:28 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



March 26 at 02:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

March 26 at 02:21 PM



“ Ikenna & Chinenye Pita-Nwana purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



**Ikenna & Chinenye Pita-Nwana** - March 26 at 10:40 AM



“ Ikenna & Chinenye Pita-Nwana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

**Ikenna & Chinenye Pita-Nwana** - March 26 at 10:40 AM

MC

“ McKenzie Parker and Josh Christen purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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**McKenzie Parker and Josh Christen** - March 25 at 11:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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March 25 at 08:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

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March 25 at 08:51 PM

LF

“ Love- All The Mason & O'Connor Families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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**Love- All The Mason & O'Connor Families** - March 25 at 08:36 PM

TJ

“ Tom and Julie Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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**Tom and Julie Jones** - March 25 at 05:37 PM

TJ

“ Tom and Julie Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

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**Tom and Julie Jones** - March 25 at 05:37 PM

DC

“ Donna, I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that your thoughts and memories of Darrel bring you some comfort. Love, Debbie Campise



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**Debbie Campise** - March 25 at 04:57 PM

TD

“ The Davidsons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



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**The Davidsons** - March 25 at 04:55 PM

TD

“ The Davidsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

The Davidsons - March 25 at 04:55 PM

AF

“ Alleman Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.



Alleman Family - March 25 at 04:05 PM

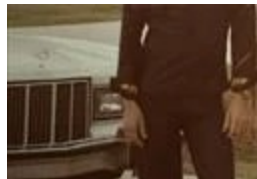
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“ Alleman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrel Leonard Grumbles.

Alleman Family - March 25 at 04:05 PM

WG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wyatt Grumbles - March 25 at 04:01 PM