



## Steven Ross Dooley

May 5, 1949 - January 2, 2010

Steven Ross Dooley Steven Ross Dooley went to be with the Lord on December 30, 2009. Steve was born May 5, 1949 in Electra, Texas to Ross and Julia Nell Stevens Dooley. He married Debra Jeanine Parks on July 14, 1979. Steve graduated from Goliad High School and from Sam Houston State University with a vocational teaching degree after four years in the navy. He taught at San Jacinto Junior College, Woodlands High School, and was with the Windham School District for 20 years. Steve served as a deacon at University Heights Baptist Church and taught a men's Bible Study class. Steve is survived by his wife, Jeanine, of 30 years, his mother Nell Dooley of Goliad, sister Linda Dooley of Goliad, nephew William L. Stockton III of Goliad, niece Brenda Nell Bond and husband Scott of Beeville and great nephew William Bond. He is also survived by father-in-law and mother-in-law Louis and Jeannette Parks of Temple, brothers-in-law Louis Parks Jr. and wife Susan Parks Nenney, Danny Parks, Randy Parks and wife Lori, niece Jillian Parks and nephew Sean Parks. Survivors also include aunt and uncle, Jo Ann and Leon Porter. He will be missed by many cousins and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his three children, Jordan Ross, Candace Laura, and Krystal Laura and his father Ross Dooley. Visitation will be Friday, January 1, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at University Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Richard Rogers and Rev. Reagan Cooksey officiating. Interment to follow at Mayes Addition of Oakwood

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to University Heights Baptist Church building fund at 2400 Sycamore, Huntsville, Texas 77340; J Bar J Country Church, P.O. Box 327, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355; or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Steven Ross Dooley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Jeanine,*

*Nikki, at the Rainbow RV Park, just told us about Steve's passing. It was such a shock and we want you to know how much we respected and enjoyed Steve's company. He was such a fine person and loved to talk to the guys about everything. We will miss him very much, but hope to see you in the future. Steve always told us how wonderful and strong you were, so I know that God has you in his hands and Steve in heaven with him.*

*Please know we are thinking about you and your family.*

*Love,*

*Leah and Roger Edwards  
Ruidoso, NM  
Corpus Christi, Texas*

**Roger & Leah Edwards** - January 18, 2010 at 10:31 AM



“ *I am writing for David Vorpahl, who graduated with Steve in Goliad, and was with him in Hawaii, while they were stationed there in the Navy. David was extremely moved to hear that Steve was ill, and had passed away. David is experiencing a series of strokes himself, but wanted to let the family know how touched he was. Barbara Vorpahl*

**David Vorpahl** - January 11, 2010 at 02:26 PM

BW

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley** - January 05, 2010 at 06:02 PM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Dooley family. I admire all of the family and friends that gave such strong and consistent support during this difficult time. It was very clear to everyone that his faith was strong and I know that God is taking better care of him than we ever could! God Bless you Mrs. Dooley.

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**Julie Parker, RN** - January 05, 2010 at 02:58 PM

MH

“ Our prayers go out the Jeanine and the family. Steve was someone special. He was active with the church, but most important he loved his family. He will be missed. I am thankful for the time that I had with Steve. Steve was supportive of so many things and really liked his football games. But what many probably do not know is how wonderful Steve and Jeanine is to the church family. They have supported members in their time and generous contributions. I have heard many wonderful things about both. I know God has a very special place for Steve. I am going to miss him very much also. I cannot put all I want to say about both Steve and Jeanine in just few words, but am glad God put both in my life.

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**Marvin and Sara Hyvl** - January 04, 2010 at 05:59 PM

GM

“ To the Dooley Family,  
My deepest condolences to the Dooley family on the loss of your  
dearly beloved son, brother and husband.  
May the Lord comfort and Bless you.  
Dooley you know we always prayed together and for each other,  
and even now we will continue to pray for each other. May God  
Bless you.

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**Gloria Morales** - January 04, 2010 at 04:13 PM

TH

“ My sincere sympathy on Steve's passing. Steve was a high school  
classmate at Goliad High School. We lost touch after graduation but  
I always enjoyed speaking to him at our class reunions. May you  
find comfort in all the wonderful memories that you shared. Steve  
will certainly be missed by all who came in contact with him.

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**Tina Hughes** - January 04, 2010 at 11:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Jeanine, You have my deepest sympathy. Life is a vast  
mystery and the older I get the less I understand. I have always  
marveled at your strength. I pray that God will give you peace and  
understanding and that some meaning of the tragedies in your life  
will become apparant and provide you continued perseverance,  
grace and compassion.  
Sincerely, Karl Mahaffey.

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**Karl Mahaffey** - January 03, 2010 at 02:46 PM

AS

“ Mrs. Dooley, Many of the staff in the ICU came very close to Steven and your family and I was no exception. He touched my life more than you realize and I am grateful for knowing him even if I never heard him speak. I came to know him through you and you have touched me. Knowing Steven and interacting with him has made me a better nurse. Thank you for sharing your love of God and of life with us. Steven is and will be missed greatly.

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**Ashlea Simmons** - January 03, 2010 at 01:57 PM

JG

“ Jeanine, I have been thinking of you and your family constantly since hearing the news of Steve's passing. I was in NC over Christmas but Jennifer and Julie kept me updated on Steve's condition. Many of our staff became close to you and Steve while he was a patient in the ICU and feel blessed to have known you and witnessed your strong faith and your obvious love for each other. I am sure you feel the comforting arms of God surrounding you and I know that Steve is at peace. Judith Gilbert, RN HMH ICU

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**Judith Gilbert** - January 03, 2010 at 01:40 PM

KR

“ Dearest Jeanie, I understand your loss because I have lost a husband before. It is so incredibly hard. I know this is not the first loss you have experienced, therefore, I believe this is much more difficult to deal with and carry. You are a strong woman and I know you will give this burden to the Almighty so He can carry it for you. "I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and give you a future." We know the Lord never breaks a promise! With Empathy, Karen Mendez, RN, HMH ICU.

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**Karen Mendez, RN** - January 03, 2010 at 08:22 AM

MH

“ Mrs. Dooley, My deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear husband. Our God IS an awesome God and He will give you comfort and peace in these difficult days ahead. Marilyn Holland, R.N.(retired)M.D.Anderson Cancer Center

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**Marilyn Holland** - January 02, 2010 at 07:52 PM

TH

“ We were all saddened by the news of Steve's passing. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you during this time of sorrow. Brother Hoyt and Louise Hunnicutt, Jon and Pam Hunnicutt, Amy, Niki, and Jared Hunnicutt

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**The Hunnicutts,** - January 02, 2010 at 07:05 PM

JM

“ Jeanine, my heart is so sad for you that Steve had to take this journey. May you and his family find peace and comfort in the days to come. Remember that you have many friends who love you, and who are just a phone call away if you need us.

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**Jo Murray** - January 02, 2010 at 05:10 PM

RH

“ Jeanine, Mrs. Dooley, Steve's extended family. My earthly heart is saddened by Steve's passing but my Heavenly heart is rejoicing for Steve. May you be comforted in the fact that Steve is in a better place and is not suffering any longer. I had lost touch with Steve except for the occasional high school reunion. I moved to Goliad just before 8th grade and played basketball with Steve on the Baptist Royal Ambassador team with the Peacock boys. We had our first jobs together pulling corn tassles and driving a 4020 John Deere tractor. Those were great times and I really enjoyed being with Steve during those "good ole days" in Goliad. My prayers have been with Steve and his struggle and will continue to be with all of you that you will have strength and comfort. Robert Hill

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**Robert Hill** - January 02, 2010 at 08:56 AM

AH

“ Jeanine and family,  
  
I am grieving with you during these days. I did not know Steve but have heard so many wonderful things about him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Amy Hill** - January 02, 2010 at 08:31 AM

KL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. God has used you and Steve to touch so many lives, and that is evident in reading all of these sweet notes. I know God is in control and has many great things planned for you. Steve is rejoicing with your children and his Lord and Savior and waiting for you to join them one day! We love you very much.

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**Kent and Mary Lucas** - January 02, 2010 at 12:16 AM

SC

“ Jeanine, I am so very sorry. You have been in my prayers for many weeks, and you will remain there. I have many happy memories of you both. I thank God for allowing me to know Steve! Please do not ever forget how much you are loved, Jeanine. May God's loving and comforting arms surround you!

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**Sarah (Bell) Chatfield** - January 02, 2010 at 12:16 AM

DD

“ Dear Jeanine,Aunt Nell and Linda, We are so very sorry to hear of Steve's passing.We are glad he is with the Lord now and no longer in pain. We all loved Steve and remember his smile. We loved our visit with you all when we came to Huntsville a few years ago and when Steve made a trip to Wyoming and stayed with us. Steve was always a happy person and we hope your memories will give you comfort at this time. We are sorry we cannot be there with you for Steve's services, but please know we are there in spirit and prayer. We love you all and hope you can smile soon. Love always, Dennis and Theil Dooley and family from Wyoming!

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**Dennis and Theil Dooley** - January 01, 2010 at 09:41 PM

JD

“ Jeanine, Jim and I are so saddened by Steve's passing. But we know that 2Cor. 5:8 says to be absent from the body is to be in the presence of our Lord and Savior. Steve was an inspriation to many. Our friend, Ann, thought he was the best. I pray that God will give you strength for the days ahead. We love you.

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**Jim & Ramonma Denson** - January 01, 2010 at 07:35 PM

RH

“ I just wanted to send my deepest regards to you and your family. I am tremendously sorry for your loss, Mr. Dooley was there for a purpose and touched more people among our icu staff then you will ever know. We will never forget your family and pray that you will call us to let us know how you are doing. Also let us know if there is ever anything that we can do for you. Again I know it doesn't make it any easier but we are very sorry for your loss.

God Bless You,  
Roxella Harris LVN

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**Roxella Harris** - January 01, 2010 at 06:50 PM

SS

“ I was sad to hear that Steve passed away. I went to high school with Steve. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

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**Sophie Solis** - January 01, 2010 at 02:40 PM

JA

“ Jeanine,  
We are out of town, we received the sad news of Steve's passing yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you if there is anything we can do please call. Steve fought the good fight and his life was an inspiration to all that knew him.  
We won't be able to make the visitation but we will be at the service.  
Love, Johnny Lynnette Amick

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**Johnny Lynnette & Kelli Amick** - January 01, 2010 at 01:56 PM

JG

“ My prayers are with each of you during this time of sorrow. May the loving memories of Steve get you through the tears and bring a smile to your face. For me, the Dooley family will always be in my childhood memory when we were part of the Texas Eastern family in Goliad. God's blessing be with you all.

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**Janet Machicek Gohlke** - January 01, 2010 at 12:45 PM

JH

“ Jeanie, we were deeply saddened when we heard the news of Steve's passing. He was a great Christian man and witness for our Lord. He always had a smile on his face. We're praying for you during this difficult time and remember that God will see you through this time. Our prayer are with you and your family.

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**Joe & Sue Hardy** - January 01, 2010 at 12:31 PM

BE

“ Jeanine, we were deeply saddened when we heard the news of Steve's passing. He was a great man and witness for our lord. Steve always seemed to have a smile on his face and was never shy about sharing his faith. We're praying for you during this difficult time and know that God will see you through. May comfort and peace be with you and the rest of the family during this time.

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**Bob & Debbie Evans** - January 01, 2010 at 09:15 AM

DM

“ Jeanine, Melissa and I have been praying constantly for you. Last night we remembered the many New Year's Eve(s) that we spent together playing dominoes. All our thoughts are of good times spent together. Whether it was playing golf with Steve at Elkins Lake or sitting together more to talk than watch at the football games, we had some very good times. I personally will never forget sitting at your kitchen table after Tyler was born and you and Steve ministered to me in a way I will never forget. I remember singing "Because He Lives" at Krytals funeral and being encouraged. I remember Steve and myself talking of going on a Caribbean vacation together (you might not know this one) and finding an island to ourselves. I remember the El Camino that only Steve could have been proud of!!!! Now I can only imagine the joy Steve is experiencing. God blessed us with a friendship with the Dooleys. I know that God will bless you with His presence during this time. We love you.

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David & Melissa - January 01, 2010 at 08:05 AM

DB

“ Jeanine, I am so sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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Donna Barron - December 31, 2009 at 07:42 PM

VP

“ May you find peace and comfort with your family and friends and in your faith and wonderful memories in the days ahead.

Jeanine, if you need me for anything, don't hesitate to call (even if you want more fruitcakes). I am as close as your phone.

Vicki

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Vicki Prentice - December 31, 2009 at 07:35 PM

DW

“ Nell and Linda,  
Our condolences to you at the loss of your son and brother. He  
came from a wonderful loving family. God Bless you all.

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**Del and Mary Ann Williams** - December 31, 2009 at 05:51 PM

CL

“ Mrs. Dooley, I just want to say that our hearts go out to you. We are  
praying for your comfort and healing. Mr. Dooley will be greatly  
missed. He was like a second father to Kent and I. Jenna & Austin  
will also miss their "Pappy". If you need anything please let me  
know. I love you.

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**Chad & Lauren (Kirkwood) Langley** - December 31, 2009 at 05:24 PM

RB

“ Our heartfelt love and prayers to all of Steve's family. He was such  
an encourager and a good friend. He left a lot of "footprints" on all  
our hearts and we will miss him. May God grant you his perfect  
peace. We love you,  
Robin & Bill

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**Robin & Bill Barnhill** - December 31, 2009 at 04:49 PM

DG

“ Steve was a boyhood neighbor of mine. As a kid, I remember the  
time he and his family moved in across the street from our house. I  
was so excited, because all the neighborhood kids up to that time  
were "girls". I have only made one class reunion of late, but it was  
such a joy to rekindle the memories of our childhood and our time  
as classmates. I have been praying for Steve and I will continue to  
pray for all of Steve's family. May God bless.

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**David Gleinser** - December 31, 2009 at 03:26 PM

TA

“ *Ms. Dooley,  
I was sadden by the news of Steve passing this morning. One of the  
waitress at one of his favorite eating places, gave us the sad news.  
We always enjoyed seeing him there and chatting with him at the  
Texan. Our prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

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**Terry Artherholt** - December 31, 2009 at 03:03 PM

TW

“ *I was a few years younger than Steve but recall him, Linda and Mr.  
and Mrs. Dooley quite well as I was born and grew up in Goliad.*

*Please accept my condolences and extend my sympathy to Linda  
and Mrs. Dooley.*

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**Ted Wilkerson** - December 31, 2009 at 02:30 PM

CK

“ *to Jeanine, Nell, and Linda.. God does know whats best ,,but don't  
we often just hate it? Jesus had to die for all and don't we hate the  
thought that HE had to suffer like he did on that awful cross... Our  
love and prayers are with you all. And Praise His Holy Name  
Carolyn and Olen Klump*

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**carolyn klump** - December 31, 2009 at 02:18 PM

JH

“ Dear Jeanine and Family,  
We've all been pulling for and praying for our friend and neighbor, Steve, for several weeks. With his fighting spirit, love of God and thousands of prayers, I was certain he would pull through this challenge, but I am so saddened by his passing. When I recently lost my last surviving brother, Steve was there for me, frequently calling or stopping by to offer support.  
This neighborhood, and I, will miss him - his smile and his optimism.

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**Jody Henry** - December 31, 2009 at 01:57 PM

AB

“ It was sad to hear the news of Steves passing, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. His joyful and up beat personality will be truly missed at our high school class reunions.

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**Aldon Bade** - December 31, 2009 at 12:51 PM

RF

“ Jeanine I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Steve. I don't ever remember seeing him that he didn't have a smile on his face and brought one to mine as well. My prayers are with you and the family.

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**Robyn Flower** - December 31, 2009 at 11:51 AM

RN

“ Dear Jeanine & family, I just read the paper & saw Steve's service notice. I was totally shocked. I just knew with all our prayers, Steve was going to beat this. But like so many others have said, God needed him more. What I'll remember about Steve is his sense of humor, he was so funny & could make you laugh. What a gift he had. You have been through a lot, but as in the past your strong faith will get you through this, along with the many, many friends you have here. Know that you are loved by God, family & friends. God bless Steve & God bless you & his family. Love & prayers, Becky Nicholson

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**Rebecca W. Nicholson** - December 31, 2009 at 11:45 AM

MP

“ Linda and Jeanine,  
When prayers are answered, they are answered according to what God knows is best for us--His will not ours. Now my prayers will be for healing of spirit for the entire family and healing of body for Linda. May 2010 bring all of you peace, love and the joy in knowing Steve is waiting for you.  
Love to all, Marlene

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**Marlene Pylate** - December 31, 2009 at 11:41 AM

GO

“ I was very sorry to hear the sad news. I was a classmate of Steve at Goliad High School. I remember driving around with Steve in his VW listening to 4-track tapes. Since high school, I have only seen him at class reunions, but I considered him my friend.

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**Gaylon J. Oehlke** - December 31, 2009 at 10:59 AM

RE

“ Jeanine, You probably don't remember us, but you made such a positive impact on our daughter, Sara when she was in your 5th grade class at Stewart. You and your family will be in our prayers during this difficult time. Thankfully you know where Steve is now and is no longer suffering. God bless you and give you peace.

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**Ron and Lou Ellen Elliott** - December 31, 2009 at 10:37 AM

DI

“ Jeanine:

*I am so sorry for your loss. Steve and I were neighbors growing up and spent lots of fun times together. He was a fine and compassionate man, who will be missed...*

*Dwain Ideus  
Austin, TX*

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**Dwain Ideus** - December 31, 2009 at 09:40 AM

DT

“ You have my deepest sympathy, I have known Steve for a long time. He has always been a good person.

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**Dalton Thigpen** - December 31, 2009 at 09:32 AM

RV

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Rob enjoyed playing golf with Steve and their friendship. I enjoyed working with you through ther years and your kindness shown to me at the birth of my first grandchild. We love you and know that God will hold you through this heart breaking time.

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**Rob & Becky Vaughan** - December 31, 2009 at 09:22 AM

JM

“ To the Dooley Family -- I went to school in Goliad with Steve. Steve was truly one of a kind and I always looked forward to talking with him at our class reunions. He will be so missed by everyone who knew him. Please accept my most sincere sympathy at his passing.

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**Jayne Young Manuel** - December 31, 2009 at 09:17 AM

CH

“ Jeanine, I am so sorry for your loss of Steve. I didn't know him, but I remember your testimony that you gave to MOPS & I know how dearly you will miss him.

Please call or e-mail me at ANY TIME (time is such an abstract concept for me anyway). I know a bit of what you're going through & would be honored & blessed to return to you some of what you've given so freely to others!

For all of Steve's family, I am also sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers. I don't know what to say to console you, but I pray that you can be happy for Steve. He is in Heaven now & there is no place better! His pain & suffering is over. I cry because yours is still here.

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**Cindi Hoffzimmer** - December 30, 2009 at 11:54 PM

GP

“ Jeanine, Our hearts are full of sadness to learn of Steve's death. He was a very special person to everyone who had the privilege to meet him. I know that he is with our heavenly father now and is in no more pain. Our prayers are with you as you face this difficult time.

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**Gene & Glenda Poldrack** - December 30, 2009 at 11:54 PM

DT

“ Jeanine and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Steve put up a good fight, however, God wanted him to be with him as one of his special angels. Now, he is with your three children rocking each of them, and with his father. Steve was a great Christian man and I really enjoyed knowing him. He is probably leading the cheerleading squad in Heaven for the Dallas Cowboys and playing his guitar. Of course, you know what a special and strong Christian person I think you are. Please know that I want you to call me at any time and at any hour of the day or night whenever you need to talk or just have a shoulder to cry or lean on. I know what you are going through and will be here for you. Love you so much. Dorothea

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**Dorothea Tarver** - December 30, 2009 at 08:03 PM

RT

“ Jeanine My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time in your life. Please don't hesitate to call Mom or me if you need anything.

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**Ruth Tarver** - December 30, 2009 at 07:10 PM

SB

“ Jeanne, My prayers and thoughts are with you now and in the days, months and years to come. I understand where you are at this time. Your church family and family of friends will all be here for you. You are a very special and strong person and our savior will wrap his loving arms around you and Steve. Remember he is in a very safe and special place. Love and Peace be with you and your family

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**Sandi Bean** - December 30, 2009 at 05:09 PM

JS

“ Our deepest condolence to Jeanine. What a dynamic witness for His Lord and Savior! Steve was one of a kind; never met a stranger. We pray that the Lord give you comfort and peace, knowing that He now embraces Steve.....who most assuredly heard "well done, good and faithful servant".

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**John & Gail [Kirkwood] Shaw** - December 30, 2009 at 12:43 PM

RF

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to Jeanine & her family. Steve was a good man, who put up a long, hard fight, however a greater plan had been made for him. We have been neighbors for many years and two things you knew about Steve were that he was a man of faith & that he loved the DALLAS COWBOYS. One thing I could always count on, if I was in the yard & Steve drove by or was outside he was going to talk to me about the DALLAS COWBOYS, man we had lots of those talks over the years, I'm really going to miss those talks.

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**Ricky & Laura Floyd** - December 30, 2009 at 11:31 AM