



William Richard Danes

January 9, 1943 - May 17, 2012

William Richard "Dick" Danes, 69, of Bryan passed away Thursday, May 17, 2012. His death was unexpected; however, he was doing what he loved, training with his brother Firefighters in the line of duty at a Ladder Training Evolution.

A time for the family to receive friends will be Sunday, May 20, 2012 at Hillier Funeral Home from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. An additional time for visitation will be Monday, May 21, 2012 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Hillier Funeral Home with a Graveside service to follow at 2:00 pm at College Station Memorial Cemetery at the Aggie Field of Honor with Fr. Sean Cox, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church officiating.

Dick was born January 9, 1943 in Hackensack, New Jersey to William and Elizabeth (Nichols) Danes. He and his parents moved to San Antonio, Texas in 1953 where he graduated from Edison High School in 1960. He attended Texas A & M University where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering in 1964. He was an Air Force Reservist after graduation. He worked as an engineer for 43 years.

After he retired he remained active in the community in many ways. Dick was a radio operator for the BARC (Brazos County Amateur Radio Emergency Services) and ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) and active in the Citizen's Police, Sheriff and Fire Academies. He was also active as an "Old Ag", as a member of the Old Ag Lunch Bunch. He was a Volunteer Firefighter at the Brazos County Precinct 3 Fire Station.

Dick loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved to watch them play baseball, football, soccer, softball, rodeo and he loved to watch the girls dance. Dick enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Dick leaves behind his wife Mary "Betsy" of 45 years, son, William "Bill" Danes and daughter-in-law, Tracy, daughter Amanda "Mandy" Collins and son-in-law, Ronnie. He also leaves behind his grandson, Cody, and three granddaughters, Samantha, Tessa and Hannah. He leaves behind his very close friend, Buddy, his dog.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the TEEEX field medics, College Station Fire Department, College Station Medical Center Staff and mostly the Bryan Fire Department and Brazos Co. Volunteer Fire Department. Their outpouring of concern, sincerity and appreciation of service has been a blessing. Precinct 3 has a memorial page and information available at <http://www.pct3vfd.com/dickdanes.html>.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a contribution to the Brazos County Firefighters Association, c/o BC Precinct 3 Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 5453, Bryan, TX 77805. Please make a note in the memo that the contribution is for the Danes Memorial.