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## DR. THOMAS WAYNE STANFORD JR.

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**STANFORD, JR., DR. THOMAS WAYNE** Dr. Thomas Wayne Stanford, Jr. was born July 28, 1941 in Houston, TX and passed away August 18, 2007 in Dallas, TX. Tom graduated from the University of North Texas with a B.S. of Biology in June 1964, University of Texas Dental Branch with a D.D.S of Dentistry in June 1968 and George Washington University with a M.S. in Special Studies in June 1974. Tom enlisted in the United States Army Dental Corps in June 1968. He married Gemma Meadows shortly thereafter in December 1968 in Fort Sam Houston, TX. Tom was Director of Dental Education at Ft. Benning Dental Activity in Ft. Benning, GA 1982-84, Brooke Army Medical Center in Ft. Sam Houston, TX 1984-88, Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany 1988-91 and at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC 1991-93. He retired as a Colonel after 25 years of active duty with the Army Dental Corps in December 1993. After his military career, Tom began a career with Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX serving as Director of Undergraduate Periodontics. He became Assistant Chair of the Department of Periodontics in August 2006 as well as Associate Professor with tenure. Tom was highly thought of by his students and colleagues at Baylor College of Dentistry. He was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1999 and was nominated for the award in 1995, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He received an award for Outstanding Teaching in Periodontics in 2005 by the American Academy of Periodontology. Tom was a member of many professional and scholarly societies including, European Association of Military Periodontists 1969-71, 78-81, 88-91, American Academy of Periodontology since 1972, American College of Dentists since 1984, American Dental Education Association since 1994, American Association of Dental Research since 1994, International Association of Dental Research 1994-2006, Texas Society of Periodontists since 1994, Southwest Society of Periodontists since 1994, Texas Dental Association since 1994, Dallas County Dental Society since 1994, Sigma Xi 1997-2003 and Omicron Kappa Upsilon since 1998. Tom possessed a quiet strength rooted in humility. Always patient, understanding, gentle and kind even to those of us who may have been the least deserving. Tom was truly an excellent man. Preceded in death by his father, Thomas Wayne Stanford, Sr. and his father-in-law, Daniel Thomas Meadows. Tom is survived by his loving wife of almost 39 years, Gemma Meadows Stanford; son, Thomas Wayne Stanford III and wife Mary; daughter, Anee Love Stanford; mother, Katherine Mercer Stanford; sister, Dotye Stanford; grandchildren, Lucy Stanford, Thomas Wayne Stanford IV, Beatrice Stanford and James Brendan Stanford; mother-in-law, Joan Fischer Meadows. Rosary/Visitation 6-8 PM, Tuesday August 21st at Sparkman/Hillcrest. Funeral Mass 11 AM, Wednesday, August 22nd at St. Rita Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Rd., Dallas, TX 75244. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Foundation for the Annunciation Monastery of Clear Creek, 5804 W. Monastery Road, Hulbert, OK 74441. **Dignity Memorial Sparkman Hillcrest 7405 W. Northwest Hwy. Dallas (214) 363-5401**

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