



## Lyndole "Squat" Cannon

February 21, 1931 - January 1, 2015

Lyndole Raymond "Squat" Cannon passed peacefully from his earthly life at the age of 83 after living with Alzheimer's disease for many years.

Squat was born in Bowie County, Texas, leaving New Boston High School to enlist in the U.S. Air Force in 1949. As luck would have it, he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas where he served as drummer in the Air Force Band. The consummate prankster earned the favor of his commanding officers by introducing them to the joys of cinnamon toast and chocolate milk...and probably little else.

Upon returning to New Boston, he served in the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Air National Guard and also served in the New Boston Volunteer Fire Department. After marrying his sweetheart and the birth of his sons, he was invited by Chief J.C. Swadley to apply for a position with the Grand Prairie Fire Department. He drove his beloved 1929 Ford Model A to Grand Prairie and served proudly in the GPFD from December of 1958 until his retirement as a Lieutenant in 1986. Few men have ever loved their job more.

The fire department schedule afforded him the opportunity to exercise his entrepreneurial spirit as well. Many Grand Prairie families would be raised in his rental properties, and he found great satisfaction in helping other entrepreneurs to thrive by investing in their ventures or offering them

reasonably-priced offices and storefronts along Main Street.

Always civic minded, he was known for his willingness to help his friends, family, and his community. He loved offering his beloved antique vehicles for parades, including an antique fire truck that had served the City of Grand Prairie for many, many years.

He is a long time member of the Congregational Methodist Church of Grand Prairie and a Life Member of the Grand Prairie Historical Organization.

Squat is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jo Ellen Cannon, his namesake Lyndole Raymond (Ray) Cannon, Jr. and wife Debra of Terrell, Texas; daughter Doris Cannon (Darcy) Harris and husband Phil of Grand Prairie; sister Doris Pierce of New Boston, Texas; six grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and four brothers, as well as two sons, William Lynn and Perry Michael Cannon.

Visitation will be on Monday, January 5th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E, Main in Grand Prairie. A funeral service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Grand Prairie on Tuesday, January 6th at 10:00am, followed by interment at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens.

Squat's life exemplified the mission of "Hearts and Hoses", a non-profit organization volunteering time and effort to "support the Grand Prairie Fire Department, firefighters, and community members adversely affected by fire loss; and endeavors to recognize brave men and women for their outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of Grand Prairie." Therefore, if you wish to make a tax-deductible memorial donation in lieu of flowers, the family would

like to suggest the Hearts and Hoses Organization or Children First Counseling Center, another local organization near and dear to his heart

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home  
500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 263-5570

## Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
122 N. Church Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 264-6148  
<http://www.fumcgp.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ 1 file added to the album Squat Cannon Video



Darcy Harris - January 10, 2015 at 12:58 AM

RC

“ Randy & Tara Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon



Randy & Tara Cantrell - January 07, 2015 at 03:08 PM

MG

“ Doris: I am so sorry for the loss of your Father. May God wrap his loving arms around you and your family for strength and healing. I will continue to keep you and your Family in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless! Martha Gullett



Martha Gullett - January 05, 2015 at 09:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



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January 05, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



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January 05, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



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January 05, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



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January 05, 2015 at 02:29 AM

ME

“ Mike & Kathy Ellis lit a candle in memory of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon



Mike & Kathy Ellis - January 04, 2015 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ Jan and Herbert Purtle purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



Jan and Herbert Purtle - January 04, 2015 at 04:41 PM

LB

“ Lou Benson purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



Lou Benson - January 04, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



January 03, 2015 at 10:25 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**mike burnard** - January 03, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lyndole "Squat" Cannon.



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January 03, 2015 at 11:05 AM

KJ

“ *Jo, Ray, Debra, Doris, Phil and grandkids*  
*So sorry to hear the passing of Squat. He was always a pretty cool*  
*guy. Always*  
*had a smile and something to say. I know what you are going*  
*through. Just*  
*remember the good times you had growing up and always talk*  
*about them. It*  
*really helps get through the tough days ahead.*  
*Karen Quinn James*

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**Karen Quinn James** - January 02, 2015 at 04:36 PM

MB

*A Great friend and mentor. Always eager to help. Non judgmental and full of support. Full of life and quick to laugh at himself. I will miss you my friend.*

*Mike Burnard*

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**mike burnard** - January 03, 2015 at 01:25 PM

 Anna  
Reed

*My favorite memory of Uncle Squat was his handkerchief rats. I made one for "show and tell" in the third grade. He was always so funny, and so much fun to be around. He will always hold a special place in my heart!*

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**Anna Reed** - January 03, 2015 at 06:45 PM

DP

*So sorry to hear of Squat's passing. He was a good husband and dad for many years. One of my fondest memories was driving his ladder extension truck with Ray when we took it from one storage facility to another. Peace be with the Cannon family at this time. -David Pittman*

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**David Pittman** - January 05, 2015 at 10:34 AM

BN

*Squat my heart pours out to your soul and your family. You have been one of the greatest people in my life since 1990. You took me in and have giving me shelter to this day. 1502 Beltline will never be the same again. God Bless you Sir... You now fly with the Angels -Brian Newton*

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**brian newton** - January 05, 2015 at 03:00 PM