



## David Randall Dunkin

March 29, 1960 - December 29, 2015

Funeral services for David Dunkin, 55 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 PM on Monday, January 4, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Brother Terry Kennedy officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery in Giddings. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Monday, January 4, 2015 from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

David Randall Dunkin was born on March 29, 1960 in El Paso, Texas to James Wesley Dunkin and Lela Josephine (Jones) Dunkin. He served in the U.S. Army and received his Masters Degree from the University of Texas in Austin where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. David was a substance abuse counselor with Bluebonnet Trails and volunteered his time and talents with Habitat for Humanity and many other groups that assisted the less fortunate. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, volunteering, learning new things and spending time with his children and grandchildren. David will be remembered for his kind heart and willingness to assist anyone in need.

He passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at his home in Giddings.

David was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Perry Cross and his sister, Darlene Dunkin.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Christi & Jeff Murray of Giddings; his son and daughter-in-law, James "Bubba" & Asia Dunkin of Arkansas; twelve grandchildren, Bryhanna Murray, Shelby Harris, Jordan Murray, Katie Harris, Lindsay Harris, Hunter Murray, Brytni Dunkin, Kaleb Dunkin, Alexis Dunkin, Codie Murray, Whitney Dunkin and James Dunkin II; two brothers, Joe Dunkin of Waco and Michael Ray Martin of Houston; two sisters, Karen Willis & her husband, Mike of Calallen and Amanda Dunkin & her husband, Jason of Louisiana as well as other extended family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers are Joe Dunkin, Shelby Harris, Dillon Bartlett, Hunter Murray, Jack Murray and Jeff Murray.

Honorary pallbearers are Katie Harris, Brytni Dunkin, Codie Murray, Lindsay Harris, Alexis Dunkin, James Dunkin II, Whitney Dunkin, Bryhanna Murray, Kaleb Dunkin, and Jordan Murray.

In lieu of flowers, the family recommends making memorial contributions to a community cause of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 3.** 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
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## Family Present for Visitation

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## Chapel Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Randall Dunkin*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - January 03, 2016 at 12:32 PM

CS

*You should be here, standing with your arms around me, I love and miss you so much, I do need you here.*

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**Carolyn Dunkin Snyder** - December 17, 2022 at 06:30 PM

TA

“ *The Grotto Archives lit a candle in memory of David Dunkin*



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**The Grotto Archives** - April 12 at 05:41 PM

TA

“ when we first met in class, it was as if you knew me. you knew exactly what buttons to push. you won me over though... completely.

when i look back, i think all of the laughter between us, over the stacks of coffee cups and dinner plates between us, over honey buns nonetheless...

exercising our rights by walking out of school during occupy & then being interviewed ... you handled it with the effortless grace of a rock star.

one of my favorite moments, although bittersweet, is you driving us to the lake, giving me my lei & us reading our letters aloud to one another sitting on the cliff in the moonlight together.

i wish we could've taken that trip together through the Blue Ridge Mountains(?)...

but, you were right that night; it's not goodbye. you are always with me in the sweat lodge & on the road. ho'oponopono as above so below AHÓ



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The Grotto Archives - April 12 at 05:40 PM

MM

“ I'm sad that David has passed from this life - he was an amazing man who worked so hard to be a professional social worker and a great dad, grandfather, and friend to so many people. I got to know him when he was in my social work seminar class and he impressed me with his diligence, compassion, intelligence, and dedication to the social work profession and especially to the needs of those struggling with addiction. He made a real difference in my class and in his work. He will be truly missed.

Mary Mulvaney

Mary Mulvaney - January 04, 2016 at 09:54 AM

Bobbie Margrave Sessions

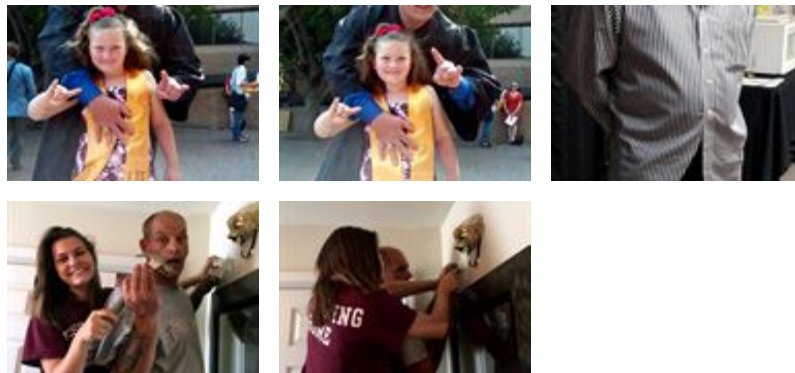
“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of David. We worked together at The Council on Recovery and David was very well liked and respected. He was a great counselor and cared deeply about helping others. Rest in Peace, David. ~ Bobbie



Bobbie Margrave Sessions - January 03, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 03, 2016 at 12:13 PM

LS

“ David was my supervisor at Austin Recovery when I was a student intern but we quickly became friends and colleagues. He had the ability to make me angry one minute and laugh hysterically the other. We shared the same wickedly, cooky, sense of humor. I always knew when he was in the hospital because he'd call and tell me, "Well, my hearts broken again" followed by some crass remark about what his nurses were doing or not doing to him.



He taught me all the things about being an addictions counselor that one does not learn from a book. My heart aches at the loss of my mentor and friend. He promised me we would grow old together helping one addict at a time, and that some day we would work together again (but I think mostly because he needed me to decorate his office with all his Longhorns memorabilia and degrees.) He inspired me to get my masters and it pains me to know he won't be here to rub his PhD in my face.

He had many regrets in his life but he didn't dwell on the past losses. He was driven and proud of his education but he was most proud of being a father and grandfather.

I will miss you forever my dear friend...P.S. I told you eventually you would use up all your 9 lives... \*sigh\*...and suddenly I wish you had been right.

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Lorrie Saldivar - January 02, 2016 at 10:51 PM

TP

“ *TAMMIE Phillips lit a candle in memory of David Randall Dunkin*



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**TAMMIE phillips** - January 02, 2016 at 01:42 PM

GR

*I worked with David at Austin Recovery. We shared an office together. David was always eager to learn and loved helping others. We shared a lot of good times together. He made a difference in so many lives. I pray for all the family members in your time of grief. If I can help in any way please contact me.*

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**Gail Rode** - January 02, 2016 at 07:27 PM

JH

“ *David and I have known each other well since around 2007. We went to school together and worked together at Austin Recovery. I was absolutely thrilled to be back working with him again at Bluebonnet Trails. We share a passion for helping others that is hard to explain.*

*I am devastated by the loss of my friend. I know that all of you are too.*

*I hope you find peace in all of this grief. If I can be of any service to the family at all, please let me know*

*God bless you all*

*Jack Housworth*

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**Jack Housworth** - December 31, 2015 at 07:18 PM

JD

“ *Next to our father, David was the greatest man I ever knew. He was my inspiration. Save a spot for me little brother. We will be together again.*

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**Joe Dunkin** - December 31, 2015 at 05:57 PM