



## Nathan Lee Baban

April 15, 1966 - August 4, 2025

Nathan Lee Baban, 59, of Rockdale, TX, passed away on August 4, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Services will be 2 pm, Sunday, August 10th, 2025, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Rockdale, with Chaplain William Falsone officiating. The family will receive visitors an hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Born on April 15, 1966, in Pasadena, Texas, Nathan was the beloved son of Riadh Baban and Shirley (Carey) Rogers. He spent his formative years in California, Austin, and Rockdale, Texas. It was at Rockdale High School where he met the love of his life, Michelle in 1982, they married May 17th, 1986, beginning a lifelong partnership filled with love, adventure, and unwavering support.

Nathan began his career as a millwright working in nuclear plants, later transitioning to entrepreneurship. He owned and operated a successful trucking company before founding an oil field services business. Known for his brilliant mind and unmatched mechanical skills, Nathan could fix anything – from vehicles and farm equipment to computers he built himself. He was truly a jack of all trades and the go-to “fixer” for family and friends alike.

Of all his accomplishments, Nathan considered having Michelle by his side in every endeavor to be his greatest and proudest achievement. Together, they shared countless vacations with family and friends – skiing in Colorado,

relaxing in Mexico, exploring in Alaska and Hawaii, and enjoying the thrill of jeeping, four-wheeling, motorcycling, and snow skiing.

Nathan had a deep love for food and delighted in savoring every bite, often offering colorful critiques of others' cooking. He was the life of the party, with a contagious smile, infectious laughter, and passionate spirit that lit up every room. His heart was enormous, and if you were lucky enough to know him, you were lucky enough to be loved by him. He never met a stranger, never judged anyone, and was always ready to lend a helping hand. His generosity, warmth, and zest for life left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered.

He was preceded in death by his father, Riadh Baban, and brothers, Wally and Adil Baban.

Nathan is survived by his loving wife, Michelle Baban; his mother, Shirley Rogers and stepfather, Frank; sister, Zena Caldwell and husband, Cody; aunt, Beverly Hall and her spouse, Bruce; brothers-in-law, Kenny Svrcek and wife Annette and David Svrcek and wife Janet; numerous, nieces and nephews who adored him.

Nathan will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, including his beloved family, friends and the many dogs he cherished as his own children. Pallbearers will be, Josh Schobel, John Lawhon, James Dawson, Steve Pruett, Tommie Ponders and TR Larison. Honorary Pallbearer, Maddox Wright.

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home  
1041 US-79  
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513  
(512) 446-5454

## Chapel Service

AUG 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ My name is Mark Ames.  
Been here in Denver for 21 years.  
Last time I communicated with Nathan he had just lost his brother Adil.  
I never got to meet him or his sister.  
I'm going to post a few pictures, Wally, Nathan and myself in 1979 at his grandmother's house.  
Last time I saw Nathan I believe was 1980. I am going to post a picture of us reuniting 39 years later at Wally's grave.  
Both of us now old men.  
Shirley, you probably remember me back when I met your son's at the arcade called the castle in Lawndale. I was in the Navy and I always looked you guys up when I returned from overseas.  
I never got to meet Wally as an adult as we reconnected on Facebook in 2009. I was fortunate enough to connect with Nathan.  
I am sorry for all of you for your loss. I'm just a voice from the past but I see everything vividly.  
I'm coming up on 67 years old.  
I don't know if you can see my email address but drop a note if you want to.



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Mark C Ames - September 15, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nathan Lee Baban.

August 09, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nathan Lee Baban.



August 09, 2025 at 01:09 PM



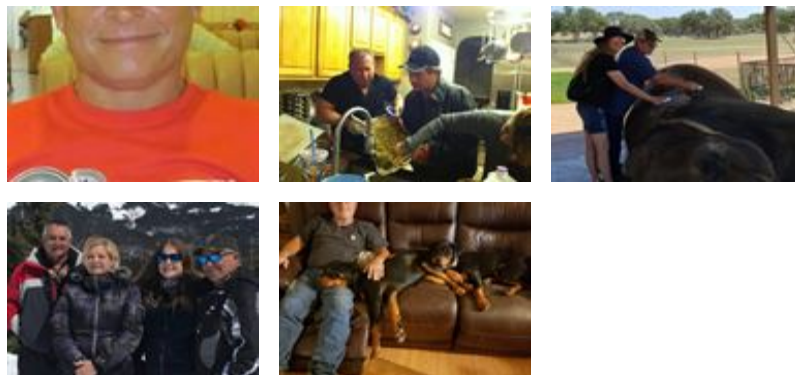
“ To Michelle, Mrs Shirley, and Zena Thinking of you all during this difficult time



Lora Cornelius - August 08, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ 106 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 08, 2025 at 02:49 PM

DE

*My condolences to you and your family Michelle. May your memories hold you forever!*

**Denise** - August 10, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nathan Lee Baban.*



August 08, 2025 at 12:56 PM

KB

“ *My deepest condolences to all of you! I definitely remember Nathan always being very entertaining at any gathering. May he rest in peace.* □

**Kendal Buccieri** - August 07, 2025 at 09:50 PM

BE

“ *Nathan was my first baby Nephew.  
I loved him with all my heart ❤️. He always found me wherever I worked and lived.  
Memories I have a lot I loved all. Three of my nephews.  
They all had a special connection with Aunt BEV. I KNOW YOUR  
AT PEACE . LOVE AUNT BEV. ❤️❤️❤️*

**Bev.** - August 06, 2025 at 09:58 PM

AF

“ *ARETHA FLORES lit a candle in memory of Nathan Baban.*



ARETHA FLORES - August 06, 2025 at 09:07 AM

MZ

“ *Mellissa Zawadzke and David Cooper  
We are so sorry to hear of Nathan's passing!  
Our deepest condolences to Michelle and  
Nathan's family are in our thoughts and  
prayers.*



Mellissa Zawadzke - August 05, 2025 at 09:07 PM

DM

“ *We will never forget all the fun times we have had with Nathan. He was more than a friend, he was family. He will be missed so much. If we had to choose one memory it would be going tubing at Lake Granger. He always made it so fun. RIP our dear friend.*

Donna Marsh - August 05, 2025 at 04:11 PM



*So sad to hear this. I remember Nathan from school - he was a really nice kid, always friendly to everyone. Lifting the family in prayer. 🙏*

Teresa Glynn - August 05, 2025 at 07:01 PM

VC

*I will never forget the great times at FunValley and skiing with Nathan and Michelle's family .  
I can hear his laugh. RIP*

Veronica Cardwell - August 05, 2025 at 10:00 PM