

Thomas "Tom" Sanford Hall

LIVINGSTON – Thomas "Tom" Sanford Hall, 66, of Grapevine died on May 10, 2007 in Tyler.

He was known as a gifted math teacher, loving father and devoted husband who loved children and animals. He was born on June 14, 1940 in Houston and later lived in LaPorte, where he attended first through 12th grades. His grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends were from the East Texas area (Leggett and Holly Grove), so he spent a lot of time in East Texas. He graduated from LaPorte High School with honors and attended Lamar College in Beaumont for his undergraduate degree. He then attended LSU, where he earned a master's degree in mathematics. He later attended Wyoming State University in Laramie, Wyo., where he completed classes toward his doctorate degree. After college he moved to Port Arthur, where he started his teaching career. In 1971, he moved to the Irvin and Grapevine areas, where he lived until retirement in 2002.

Mr. Hall had a varied math career. He was head of the following math departments: Forest Park High School in Beaumont, 1963-71; Cistercian Preparatory School in Irving, 1971-78; Mountain View College in Dallas, 1978-79; The Hockaday School of Dallas, 1979-87 and The Episcopal School of Dallas, 1987-96.

Mr. Hall taught at Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, Duncanville High School in Duncanville and was a math professor and supervisor of student teachers at The University of Texas at Dallas.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Hall of Grapevine; mother, Anita Hall Seyer of LaPorte; son, Dr. David Hall MD; daughter, Holli Hall of Arlington; stepson, Daryl Bruce of Reno, Nev.; stepdaughter, Terri Tucker of Flower Mound; brother, Bill Hall of Houston and many other relatives in Texas and Florida.

A memorial service was held Monday, May 14, at Lucas Funeral Home, Grapevine. His body was cremated and his remains will be taken to Leggett, where the family will hold a private burial service in Jones Prairie Cemetery/Crossroads Cemetery at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.