



Tracy R. Vaughan

October 11, 1966 - July 21, 2022

Tracy R Vaughan, 55 of Springdale passed away July 21, 2022 in Springdale. She was born October 11, 1966 in Roswell, New Mexico to Scotty and Mary Ellen Doake Thompson.

Tracy loved being outdoors and animals of every kind. She enjoyed gardening and growing flowers. She had a deep passion for her children. She loved helping people and was very selfless. She was a Professor of Mathematics at Northwest Arkansas Community College where she cared very deeply about her students. She was an avid sports fan; she loved the Arkansas Razorbacks, Dallas Cowboys, St. Louis Cardinals and the Springdale Bulldogs. She was an amazing cook who never measured a thing and always cooked on high. She was crazy about her dog, Blitz, and her horse, Shilo.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Ellen Doake Thompson.

Survivors include her husband Rick Vaughan of the home; two sons, Zackary Vaughan of Highland Park, Illinois, Garrett Vaughan of Fayetteville; one daughter, Rikki Vaughan of Springdale; her father, Scotty Thompson of Soper, Oklahoma; one sister, Trena Thompson of Tulsa Oklahoma; one aunt, Jo Ann Burnett of Boswell, Oklahoma; her best friend, Pamela Satterfield of Rogers, Arkansas.

Memorial services will be Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 11am at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale with Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the sport of your choice at Springdale High School, 101 S. Pleasant St. Springdale, Arkansas 72764

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
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<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Tribute Wall

GM

“ i just stumbled on to tracy’s obituary and like the dozens and dozens of others, it’s almost impossible to describe the emotions that are flowing so fully and deeply. as a retired engineer i signed up for a cal I class ‘just for fun and to keep the brain juices flowing’. luckily i chose tracy’s class. i’ve lost count but i’m pretty sure i signed up for HER CLASS 5 or 6 more times. each time the same cal I class and always because it was her class. we became good friends and i cherished all those conversations in her office. sometimes talking math, sometimes about her kids sporting events and she loved to follow my granddaughters swimming. every semester i would share with other students how lucky i thought they were to have tracy as their professor. she was passionate about having each and every student LEARN calculus not just get by with a grade. i have calculated that over the length of my entire college years i encountered probably 50 professors and professor vaughn was at the absolute top of my list of them all in caring, dedication and thoughtfulness. on a professional level i considered her a professor but more importantly i considered her a true FRIEND. tears are flowing at the loss of a dear friend. RIP professor and friend
george martin

george martin - July 05, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Tracy R. Vaughan

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

LE

“ I have known Tracy for 20 years. They were kinda neighbors and I always stopped to make sure Shilo was still alive. Zack and my daughter graduated together. I just learned of this and I am in shock! Many prayers and blessings to the family! She was very special! I am so sorry!

Leslie - August 14, 2022 at 10:37 PM

SV

“ I continue to be without words of Tracy's passing. My heart is so sad. The world lost a truly phenomenal, genuine, caring, loving, compassionate, funny, sincere, grateful and dedicated woman. Gone way to early; Tracy will be missed greatly and will always be remembered in our hearts. My deepest sympathy going out to Rick, Zack, Garrett, Rikki, Trena and Scotty. My thoughts prayers are with you now and always. RIP Tracy, may you shine brightly in heaven as you did here on earth 🕊️ I will see you on the other side💖



Shannon Vaughan - August 04, 2022 at 09:54 PM

VM

“ As another NWACC colleague through years past and saddened by her passing, I wish to express deep respect and admiration for Tracy's spirit as a magical combination of leadership, talent and kindness. She gave of herself and offered such good guidance, positivity, light hearted realism, warm sensitivity for others, and strong teaching. Tracy's spirit is shining in her students' belief in themselves, their achievements and in all of us. May her family and closest ones know love throughout their lives and find strength ahead.

Victoria Bransford McClendon - August 04, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ I took Prof. Vaughan’s class last semester and she is the only reason I passed. I’m sad beyond words at the loss of such a wonderful person and educator.

Tim Bell - August 04, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ I just learned about Tracy a few minutes ago. I cannot believe it. She was amazing. Tracy was my first officemate when I was at the University of Arkansas. She was always joyful, bubbly, smart, kind. I always felt that I was absolutely blessed to having known her then and will always feel this way. That is such a big a loss to everyone who knew her, I cannot even imagine. Thank you for the listening ear, for help with teaching my first Calculus class, for the fun times.

Olga Poliakova - July 30, 2022 at 10:57 PM



“ Sy and Lanetta (Branton) Westmoreland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



Sy and Lanetta (Branton) Westmoreland - July 28, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ Tracy was special. We started at NWACC the same year and it was a blessing to work with her. She was genuine, witty, and smart, an exemplary teacher that I looked up to. She was the kind a person who brings a smile.

Todd Chaney - July 28, 2022 at 10:02 AM

AM

“ I am shocked by the passing of my teacher. I took her Algebra class last semester and she made such a huge impression on me. She was very helpful, patient, caring and kind to all her students including myself, she was the reason why I had moved my schedule around this upcoming semester to be able to take her College algebra class because I loved her way of teaching. I only met her for one semester, but I will truly miss her and will be thinking about her during my College algebra class. May she Rest In Peace and my prayers to all the family during this time.

Ana Martinez - July 27, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



July 27, 2022 at 08:46 PM

CV

“ I pray for all that is feeling the loss of Tracy, she was a blessing. Her nephew sends his condolences and love to the rest of the family. Randy and I pray for God's grace and mercy during this time of loss.

Conny Byler and Randy Vaughan - July 27, 2022 at 06:18 PM

KB

I am so sorry for your loss, I send my condolences and prayers for you and your family.

Katie Beck - July 28, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.*



July 27, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *I am shocked to hear of Tracy's passing. Prayers of comfort and peace for your family on her passing. I met her as a non-traditional student at NWACC (same age and two children), and from that we bonded. She was invaluable in assisting and motivating me in math when I felt incapable. Her gifts of laughter, encouragement, and grace were a blessing to so many people. May sweet memories of her bring you joy.*

Ariel Husband - July 27, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.*



July 27, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MJ

“ I keep thinking about the warmth in Tracy's voice, especially in phone conversations. A good memory is when I walked into Tracy's office to tell her that I was pregnant, and her first words (with delight in her voice) were "I am, too!" Rikki, that was you. I am honored to have been her friend. May her family and friends find comfort and peace and be able to enjoy the memories as time goes by.

Melissa Jordan - July 27, 2022 at 02:50 PM

HM

“ Tracy was an amazing colleague to work with. She had a peaceful and patient way to handle students, faculty, and staff. If she was needed, she was there for you. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Heidi Migliori - July 27, 2022 at 01:17 PM

PE

“ peggy edwards purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



peggy edwards - July 27, 2022 at 12:30 PM

PE

“ My deepest condolences for your loss. Even though I didn't know her, I always heard so many wonderful things about your mother & wife. Her memory will continue through you all.
Peggy Edwards

Peggy Edwards - July 27, 2022 at 12:19 PM

LH

“ I knew Tracy from her first class teaching at NWACC. As a colleague I found her to be very knowledgeable and able to convey her knowledge to her students so they could be successful. She also helped her co workers when they needed help with an upbeat attitude. I will miss working with her and miss her as a person. We were friends for her entire teaching career at NWACC and talked several times each semester although we did not work at the same location this last 10 years. Her children will be a credit to her.

Lorene Hollingsworth - July 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM

SC

“ Springdale FB Staff and Booster Club purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



Springdale FB Staff and Booster Club - July 27, 2022 at 11:51 AM

SI

“ I had taken one of your classes and was looking forward to taking another this fall. You were such a wonderful teacher and person. I hope you rest well.

Silver - July 27, 2022 at 11:44 AM

RJ

“ We never would have felt ready to say good-bye to someone as special as Tracy, but this timing feels especially tough. Wishing her family comfort and strength for the days and weeks ahead. We'll be praying for all of you.

NWACC Foundation

Randi Jensen - July 27, 2022 at 08:41 AM

TM

“ I will greatly miss my colleague at all the faculty business meetings we suffered through together. She was my friend and a great teacher. She was ripped from this world much too soon but we will always have her in our memories.

Tim McGinn - July 26, 2022 at 10:04 PM

 Dianna Yoakum

“ My friend!! I cannot believe you are gone. I was so blessed to call you my friend. I always looked forward to the meetings that brought you to campus. You are going to be missed so dearly. So much love to you all! Always, Dianna (Portillo) Yoakum.

Dianna Yoakum - July 26, 2022 at 09:02 PM

WA

“ A great teacher and an even better person. The world will miss Tracy but heaven got a real one.

Walker - July 26, 2022 at 08:53 PM

JB

“ I coached and taught Tracy. She was an amazing young lady. I was always amazed at how limber she was . Enjoyed her and her teammates on the basketball court. They gave me good memories. Bless her family.

Janet Branton - July 26, 2022 at 08:29 PM

JJ

“ Tracy was a wonderful lady and colleague. She had such respect and heart for her NWACC students and friends. Sending good vibes to her family.



Jacqueline Jones - July 26, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ Tracy was a great person and teacher. Students always commented on how much they liked her. Such a sad loss. RIP.

Khalil Sharif - July 26, 2022 at 07:48 PM

CH

“ Tracy has been a wonderful, thoughtful, super smart, kind, and deeply dedicated colleague for more than 25 years. Just last fall, when I began teaching my history classes at the Washington Co Center in Springdale, she showed me the ropes in the new building. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. She has left a legacy of making a big difference in many people's lives, especially in the lives of her students. I send my deepest sympathies and condolences to her loved ones. :(

Chris Huggard - July 26, 2022 at 06:39 PM

GB

“ I knew of Tracy's mathematical prowess almost immediately after meeting her 15 years ago and quickly learned of her dedication to her students and to teaching. She will be greatly missed. My condolences to family and friends.

Gary D Bender - July 26, 2022 at 06:08 PM

CB

I am so sorry to hear this news! Tracy was a wonderful person with a love for math and ensuring her student's success. She will be greatly missed!

carla Boyd - July 26, 2022 at 06:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



July 26, 2022 at 06:04 PM

BH

“ I too was a colleague of Tracy's at NWACC. She was always positive, always friendly and conveyed her love of teaching and her family. I wish you all peace and comfort in knowing how many lives she touched and the influence she had on so many students and faculty alike.

Burnetta Hinterthuer

Burnetta Hinterthuer - July 26, 2022 at 04:52 PM

JC

*Our deepest sympathy to her family.
May you find peace and comfort in knowing she was loved and
respected by so many and will be greatly missed.
John and Lois Coulter*

John and Lois Coulter - July 26, 2022 at 06:19 PM

JB

*Rick and family, we are so saddened to hear of Tracy's passing. She
was always so friendly. Prayers for everyone.*

Janet Braudrick - July 26, 2022 at 07:59 PM

ST

“ *Sincerely, Amanda, Abi, Brittany, & Traci
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
Tracy R. Vaughan.*



Sincerely, Amanda, Abi, Brittany, & Traci - July 26, 2022 at
04:40 PM

ET

“ *I first met Tracy in 2007, when I joined the Science and
Mathematics Division at NWACC. Tracy was one of our stars - and
her dedication to her students was exemplary. She set the bar high
and was an inspiration. She will be so missed by all of us! My heart
aches for her family as you process this sudden and unexpected
loss. I hope you feel the love from all of us - we wish we could share
some of the burden for you!*

Ellen Turner - July 26, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I am shocked and saddened. Tracy was a part of the NWACC Washington County family and I always knew I could count on her for help even when she wasn't in full agreement with facility changes. She was a dedicated teacher and a kind person who treated everyone with respect. This works is a lesser place with her loss. My sincere condolences to her family who she obviously loved with all her heart.



Barbara Goodman - July 26, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ NWACC CAO Office: Ricky, Diana and Carla purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



NWACC CAO Office: Ricky, Diana and Carla - July 26, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ I've worked with Tracy at NWACC for the last few years. I will never forget the impact she had on those around her. She was always supportive and kind. Thank you for the difference you made.



Jessi - July 26, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ Goodness, I am still processing this news — such a deep loss. I got to know Tracy as a colleague at Northwest Arkansas Community College 16 years ago, but am so privileged that in the years since, she became a good friend, as well. Tracy was a passionate and skilled educator who truly cared deeply for our students. Our closeness grew after I had my daughter, and she became a trusted veteran-mother whose guidance and experience I came to rely on and seek out. I hope her children Rikki, Garret, and Zack know how very much she loved them, but also **LIKED** them as people! It was apparent in how she spoke about them that they were her absolute joy. What a gift to my life it was to know and care about Tracy. She will be deeply missed forever. I send my heartfelt condolences and prayers for solace and comfort for all her family. May she Rest In Peace.

Amy Robertson-Gann - July 26, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.



July 26, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ I worked with Tracy at NWACC. She was a lovely lady and a great teacher. My condolences to her family and friends.

Kate Burkes - July 26, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Tracy was such a beautiful and kindhearted person. I can't count all the times I spent with her while our sons played sports together. She will be truly missed. Our deepest sympathy is with her family.* ”

Shannon Reed Mueller - July 25, 2022 at 11:34 PM



“ *Tracy was loved by so many at NWACC, I fell in love with her when I first met her in 1996. We all enjoyed her pregnancies with her and loved watching her children grow up, She loved her family and was a great wife and Mother. She will be missed by all of us. She was always a joy. I am so happy that I knew her.* ”

Sandra Tedder - July 25, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tracy R. Vaughan.* ”



July 25, 2022 at 11:28 PM