



## Caliste Beard

March 26, 1961 - April 27, 2017

Caliste ♡Bubba♡ Beard, III, was born March 26, 1961, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and died in his home, in the early morning hours of April 27, 2017, in Coweta, Oklahoma. He left this world peacefully and painlessly, circled by dear friends, holding his hands, as he took his last breath. He was 56 years young. He was the son of Marie Janet Hanks and Caliste Beard, Jr. He resided in and around Lafayette, Louisiana for his young life and through college and lived in Oklahoma, all of his professional life.

Bubba was a South Louisiana native and 27 year Oklahoma adoptee. He graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana's Electrical Computer Engineering program, in the spring of 1989, and was an active member and lifelong brother of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Theta Xi. Upon graduation, Bubba began his career with American Airlines. After a brief training in Dallas, he was relocated to the Tulsa area where he spent the rest of his life as an integral member of the team that supports the American Airlines and Sabre Reservations Systems, since June 5, 1989. The company changed and merged several times, from American Airlines Sabre, to EDS, to HP Enterprise Services and as of April 2017, to DXC, but Bubba remained a constant. He loved his work; he lived for it. He also loved his motorcycles and riding buddies. He loved to cook Cajun food for all his friends and they loved his cooking. He loved everyone and everyone loved him. He was one of the ♡good guys♡ and will be dearly missed by all of us.

He is survived by his mother Marie Janet Hanks; his son, Shawn Gabriel

Dugas; his grandson, Ian Gabriel Dugas; his sisters, L. Antoinette Beard, Claudia Nicole Beard and Simone Gabrielle Beard; several nieces, nephews, aunts, and an uncle, cousins and his baby, Aphrodite, the mighty cat.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Elizabeth ♡Queen E♡ Young; his father, Caliste Beard, Jr.; his sister, Stella Angelique Beard; his brother Jean-Andre♡ Beard; his maternal grandparents Winnie Mae Dupont Hanks and Claude Hanks ; and his paternal grandparents Lydia Moore Beard and Caliste Beard, Sr.

He was also survived by his best friend and forever running buddy, James ♡Jimmy♡ B. Fontenot; his close friends, Casaundra Parham, Charles ♡Jersey♡ Fellanto, Tommy ♡TommyGirl♡ Whitehurst, Tony Freebird; and his co-workers whom he adored, including Anne Meyer-Anderson and Mary Lewis.

The family would like to extend its appreciation to the staffs of Rose Rock Healthcare and A Better Life Home Care and to all of his dear friends that visited with him and helped care for him until the end.

Memorial Services will be held in Tulsa, at Serenity Tulsa and in Lafayette, at Walter♡s Funeral Home. Dates to be announced.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Caliste, gone too soon. May your family feel the comfort of the loving arm of God around them at this time.*



*I was privileged to work with Caliste in several different ways. I was an application programmer at first and only knew him as one of the gurus that worked in the famous Realtime Coverage group. They held the power to leave you code in and allow you to work with it or get it out of the system. I then moved to systems engineering and was able to get better acquainted with him through many long hours of testing and implementing system updates. My final area to work with him was when I was allowed to join the Realtime Coverage group as a peer.*

*We will all miss you Caliste, however, let this only be see you later. We will see you in a little while friend, you just beat us there.*

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