



Donald Randall "Randy" Tanner

October 7, 1948 - August 20, 2021

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Randy died peacefully in his sleep at age 72 on August 20, 2021. Randy was born October 7, 1948 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a proud graduate of Oklahoma State University, receiving his BS in Accounting in 1970. He began his career in accounting, and was quickly transferred to the computer department where he found his true calling. He retired as a computer network engineer. He knew computers, hardware and software, inside out and backwards. He went from a programmer, to a systems analyst, to a network engineer and computer consulting.

He is survived by Mary, his wife of 50 years; Duncan (his 6th Scottish Terrier); brother Richard Tanner of Claremore, OK; and many loving family and friends. Randy developed a passion for magic when he was 12 after seeing a Svengali pitchman at the Tulsa State Fair. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians since 1975; obtaining the Order of Merlin. Family, including his Scotties, loved his card tricks. He specialized in sleight of hand with cards and coins. Randy created several tricks that are being performed today. A deck of cards and 4 half dollars were a part of his daily wardrobe.

Other hobbies included: anything computer; Scottish Terriers; Marvel comics; Star Wars; past president of the Tulsa Wine Club; he grew orchids; and was a published author. Randy was a member of the National Writers Association. His writing covered a wide genre, including articles for magic magazines and

science fiction short stories.

During the last several years, Randy bravely suffered from multiple medical issues; including Ehrlichia Chaffeensis, a serious tick-borne illness. Randy always said: "I have all these medical issues and it is going to be a stupid tick bite that kills me."

At his request, there will be no service.