

William Randy Rainwater died of complications of Parkinson's Disease on 8 Feb 2019 in Mesquite, Texas at the age of 68.

Randy was born on 2 Nov 1950 in Texas City, Texas, to Clois Miles Rainwater and Nancy Jane McIlhane. He received his public school education in Texas, New Mexico, and Illinois, graduating from high school in 1968. He attended his first year of college at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and completed his BBA in Finance at the University of Texas, Arlington in 1974. He took post-graduate classes at Dallas Theological Seminary and El Centro College. He served in the Naval Reserves from 1971 to 1977.

Randy worked in banking and real estate before settling on computer programming as his field of employment. He worked for several different companies, including Mini Computer Systems, Stonehouse Telecom, NCR, and Ericsson, retiring from TXU at the age of 66.

While singing in the choir of Northwest Bible Church, Randy quite accidentally discovered an interest in ballet. After years of classes, Randy participated in a number of amateur and semi-professional performances, including many productions of *"The Nutcracker."* He served on the Dallas Dance Council and described his ballet involvement as "the most rewarding experience of his life."

At the age of 50, Randy began to experience the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease, receiving a diagnosis when he was 55. Because of his determination to assist in the research for a cure of this devastating illness, Randy chose to donate his body to science.

Randy is survived by his sister Linda Davis and brother Steve Rainwater, who cared for him during the later stages of his illness; two sisters, Vickie Floyd and Kelly Kovar; and six nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the Christian Care Center of Mesquite, which provided residential care for Randy in the last years of his life. Memorial donations may be made in Randy's name to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, <https://www.michaeljfox.org>.

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