



## Daniel "Dan" Ray Krieg

May 19, 1943 - June 18, 2015

Dr. Daniel (Dan) Ray Krieg, age 72, died on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas. Dan was a beloved husband, father, farmer, teacher, mentor and friend.

Dan was born on May 19, 1943 in Taylor, Texas. His parents, Elmer and Gertrude Krieg, raised him and his brother, Will, on their farm near Thrall, Texas. Growing up on the family farm taught Dan the value of hard work early in life. He graduated from Thrall High School in 1961, and attended Texas Lutheran University on a football scholarship for one year. He then transferred to Texas A&M University where he earned a B.S. degree in Agronomy and a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology.

During his senior year at Texas A&M, Dan met Lee Ruth who was attending Rice University in Houston. They married in 1965 and moved to College Station while Dan earned his Ph.D. In 1970, they had Andrea, their first daughter. Their second daughter, Dana, was born in 1972.

After receiving his Ph.D. in 1970, Dan moved to Lubbock to pursue a career in teaching in the Agronomy department at Texas Tech University. Dan was a passionate teacher and mentor to his students during his 35 years at Texas Tech. Generous with his time and energy, he taught several undergraduate and graduate classes every year where he was able to impact students' lives and futures. He firmly believed in the value of education and knew firsthand how it could transform a life. His passion for teaching was evident in the knowledge and enthusiasm that he transferred to his students. His legacy

lives on through their work in dozens of countries around the world.

As a result of his dedication, Dan was named the Leidigh professor of crop physiology in 1996, received the Texas Tech President's Excellence in Teaching Award, and was inducted into Texas Tech University's Department of Plant and Soil Science Faculty Hall of Fame in 2013.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dan led a successful research program in cotton and sorghum. His devotion to improving cotton production on the High Plains helped farmers improve their crop management. In recognition of his contributions to science, Dan was named a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and received the Texas agriculture consultants Outstanding Public Service Award as well as the Beltwide Cotton Conference's Cotton Physiology Outstanding Research Award in 1995. Dan has been a cotton farmer in Lubbock for over 30 years. As a farmer, he brought a uniquely practical perspective to his teaching and research. Dan was often a source of advice for other farmers and a speaker for cotton production workshops.

Dan also served the broader agricultural community through his service and dedication to local agricultural associations. He served on the board of Liberty Co-op Gin and as the President of Lubbock County Farm Bureau. His love of farming and cotton, much like the great love he had for his family, students and friends, were evident in everything he did.

Dan is survived by his wife of 49 years, Lee Ruth, his daughter, Andrea and his daughter, Dana and her husband, Stephane Besson and his three children, Gabrielle Besson, Tristan Besson and Avery Besson. He is also survived by his brother, Will, his wife Karen and their three daughters, Monica Hays, Kimberly Knauth and Leah Krieg.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture at 1121 Canyon Lake Drive, Lubbock, Texas 79408. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Dr. Dan Krieg Scholarship at Texas Tech University (<https://apps.texastech.edu/onlinegiving>, search for Dan and Lee Ruth Krieg Scholarship Endowment), the Bayer

Museum of Agriculture (<http://agriculturehistory.org/donate/>) or Lutheran Social Services (<https://secure.upbring.org/>).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bayer Museum of Agriculture  
1121 Canyon Lake Dr  
Lubbock, TX 79403

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Krieg's passing. His knowledge and expertise in agriculture has been a great inspiration to me. I got to know him when I came back to the farm roughly 24 years ago. He would often come to Collingsworth County to extension field days, etc. and I usually had questions for him. He was never condescending and always treated me with respect. When I would see him at the Beltwide he would remember me and take the time to converse. He was passionate about agriculture and inspired such in me as well. The world was made a better place because of Dr. Krieg's efforts and I will miss him.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Camp

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**Jeff Camp** - June 27, 2015 at 03:26 PM

MW

“ Dear Krieg family,

I was saddened to hear the passing of Dr. Krieg. I never had the privilege of having him as a professor while I was a student at Texas Tech University, but I certainly enjoyed getting to know him over the past few years through TFB. His attitude on life and wisdom was always refreshing and will be missed. May God bless you all in the days to come and you will be in our prayers and thoughts.

Michael White  
District 3 Tfb director

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**michael white** - June 26, 2015 at 10:38 PM

SK

“ Dear Mrs. Krieg,  
*Pankaja and I are really sorry to hear (just this evening) the news about the passing away of Dr Krieg. Our deepest and sincere sympathy to you and the family.*

*Dr Krieg was not only my Dissertation Advisor but also a father figure to me, just like to all his graduate students. I am basically where I am because of his kindness, his passion for teaching and nurturing and because he believed in me and gave me the opportunity to work with him. He taught me about work ethics and that there is no substitute for hard work and perseverance. He gave us various opportunities to practice our skills - teaching and mentoring other students while still being a student, which allowed us to hone our skills and experience what it would be like in that role. We are really blessed to have had the honor of knowing him and having so many great memories during my tenure at Texas Tech University, Lubbock as a Doctoral student.*

*Dr Krieg will always remain within our hearts. May God give you strength under these difficult circumstances. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

*Respectfully,  
Pankaja & Saranga*

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**Saranga kidambi** - June 26, 2015 at 07:40 PM

KE

“ From growing up in Liberty Gin, to helping with my assistantship at Tech with the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, to serving as the board president here at Lubbock County Farm Bureau, Dan has always seemed to impact my life. I am lucky to have known him. He was such an advocate for West Texas agriculture and a hard worker and I am not the only one who admired him for those qualities. He will be missed by many.

*Kelly Harkey Oswalt*

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**Kelly** - June 26, 2015 at 03:36 PM

CL

“ Andrea -- I am so sorry to hear about your Dad passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.



*I can honestly say the time I spent working in the main Plant and Soil Science Office at Texas Tech was the best job I ever had! I think that had a lot to do with all the people who worked there at the time. Your Dad always had time for anyone who stopped by, and there was such an atmosphere of generosity among all the professors for giving their time to teach you about anything you wanted to learn.*

*Keep your fond memories close... We all have lots of them to share. I remember one year when I was working there and your Dad got his new columbine. He certainly had to endure a lot of teasing when the grad students found out it had air conditioning and a great stereo!*

*Again, I am so sorry for your loss and wish Bret & I were able to come to Lubbock for the memorial. Your Dad leaves quite legacy.*

*Cindy & Bret Lamblin*

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**Cindy Lamblin** - June 25, 2015 at 04:54 PM

FS

“ We would like to share three photos taken 40 years ago when Dr. Krieg acted as Dolores's giveaway during our wedding in 1975.

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**Frankie Sung** - June 25, 2015 at 07:22 AM

FS

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Frankie Sung** - June 25, 2015 at 07:12 AM

FS

“ *Dear Lee Ruth,*

*Dolores and I are very sorry to hear about Dr. Krieg's pass away. We can still recall those valuable years together with him in Texas Tech University, even though it was 40 years ago. We want to let you know that we greatly miss Dr. Krieg, and our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Much love,*

*Frankie and Dolores*

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**Frankie Sung** - June 24, 2015 at 09:23 PM

FG

“ *Fekade Girma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ray Krieg.*



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**Fekade Girma** - June 24, 2015 at 10:34 AM

“ Dear Mrs. Krieg,

*I was deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Dr Krieg. I would like to convey my deepest sympathy to you, Andrea, Dana, and the rest of the family.*

*Dr Krieg was a mentor, a friend, and a father to me and all his graduate students. He will be remembered for his passion, research, and love in his effort in understanding the mechanisms of drought resistance in cotton and sorghum. His research contributions and recognition nationally and internationally in this field is immense. His program at Texas Tech graduated the best scientists in Plant Water Stress Physiology, who are currently key leaders in national and international institutions. One unique aspect that makes Dr Krieg stand out among his colleagues is that he was a scientist and farmer at the same time. His death is a big loss for the plant physiology scientists and farming communities.*

*At the personal level Dr Krieg was a kind human being, but was demanding on work discipline and quality. At one time when I was his graduate student, I was in need of \$1000 and asked Dr Krieg, he wrote a check right away without saying a word. I will never forget that. At a time when I had an immigration problem, his lab was a refuge for me. Personally and academically Dr Krieg played a significant positive role in my life. He bought gifts and gave graduation parties for each of his graduate students. During the time I was in his lab Dr Krieg never took vacation, missed a day, or took a lunch break.*

*My memories of Dr Krieg are too many. His smile and laugh I will never forget. We will miss him. God gives us examples on this earth of how we should live our lives and Dr Krieg was one of the best examples I know. He was a great man. He has touched the lives of so many people around the world.*

*Dr Krieg will always remain within our hearts. May God give you strength. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. If there is anything that I can do to help you in anyway, please do not hesitate to call me at any time.*

*With my deepest sympathy,  
Fekade Girma*

**Fekade Girma** - June 24, 2015 at 09:23 AM

SP

“ *Dear Mrs. Krieg:*

*It has been so difficult for me in the past few days. I could stop crying after my friend told me the news. Dr. Krieg is the greatest man in my life. He did so much for me as my PhD supervisor at Texas Tech University. Without his supervision, I won't have a successful career development. I miss him so much. My biggest regret is that Dr. Krieg did not visit China. I tried to arrange such trip several times for him but he did not make it because of other commitments.*

*I feel sorry that I will not be able to attend the memorial service on Saturday because I do not have US visa and it takes long time to apply. I was able to contact other international students of Dr. Krieg (Fekade, Sakis and Jih-Ming). I was also able to contact Scott. I am sure all students of Dr. Krieg will miss him. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

*Sincerely*

*Shaobing, Wuhan, China, [speng@mail.hzau.edu.cn](mailto:speng@mail.hzau.edu.cn)*

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**Shaobing Peng** - June 24, 2015 at 04:49 AM

BA

“ *Sharon and I are so sorry to learn of Dan's passing. We enjoyed visiting at the Farm Bureau Convention in Corpus last December. I enjoyed my association with Dan working in cotton research. He will be missed.*

*Bob Avant*

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**Bob Avant** - June 23, 2015 at 08:08 PM

RH

“ I have known and respected Dan for many years. He will be missed by all. He has done so much for me personally, and what a great leader in the Ag. industry. Thanks for the memories.

*Ron Harkey*

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**Ron Harkey** - June 23, 2015 at 02:43 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ray Krieg.



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June 22, 2015 at 05:15 PM

BB

“ Bob,Dian, Trent & Susan Boaldin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel "Dan" Ray Krieg.



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**Bob,Dian, Trent & Susan Boaldin** - June 22, 2015 at 09:19 AM

SG

“ Dear Mrs. Krieg,  
just learned about Dr. Krieg's passed away and I was shocked! He was like a father for me and I send to you and the family my warmest condolences from Thessaloniki, GREECE! The least I can do at this moment! All his students remember him and consider him as our inspiration and as a "model" person and scientist! Pls accept my sincere condolenses. I will try to conatct you in a few days!  
Sincerely  
Sakis Gertsis

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Sakis Gertsis - June 22, 2015 at 01:27 AM