

## Randal B. Provance

September 13, 1957 - December 14, 2015

Mr. Randal B. Provance

Charlotte – Randy Provance 58 passed away unexpectedly on December 14, 2015.

He is survived by his wife Crystal & beloved dog Piccolo. Randy & Crystal have been the owners of The Southern Gourmet since 2006. Mr. Provance was preceded in death by his parents Glen Powell Provance and Katherine Carroll. Surviving family includes Brother Charles Provance Wife Lisa and daughter Corrine Goss & family of Cheyenne Wyoming. Brother Scott Provance of College Station Texas. Brother Kerry Provance Wife Diane and sons Elliot Provance, Tyler Provance, Wife Tammy and family of Charlotte, N.C. and daughter Meredith Hershock, Husband Matt and family of Seward Alaska. Sister Madelyn Menken, husband Eric of Salisbury, N.C. and son Josh Menken & wife Kimberly and family of Chicago Illinois. In addition he will be greatly missed by his work family Heather, Kirstie, Susan, Camille, Lauren, Jovan, Dawn, Jeff & Brittany.

Randy was born in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania and grew up in Farmington Pa. and Hacienda Heights Calif. before moving back to Uniontown Pa. where he graduated from Uniontown High School in 1975 and attended college at Penn State.

Randy met the love of his life Crystal in 1985 & the two of them moved to Charlotte, N.C. in 1987 & married in true Southern Style in 1988. Picking up

his education in Charlotte, graduating from CPCC with an associate's degree in Hotel Restaurant Management where he went on to work in Country Clubs and high volume restaurant concepts before partnering with his wife and creating The Southern Gourmet in 2006. The two of them have happily grown the concept to include Southern Garden Events and catering around the region.

Randy's loving nature played an important part of caring for his Father and Mother before their passing in 1980 and 2003 respectively.

His hobbies and past time passions were supporting sports teams The Rams, Lakers, Kings, Pirates and Panthers. As well as golf outings with friends, date night with his wife and their trips to Jamaica, with "The Jamaica Gang" where the couple honeymooned in 1988.

Friends and Family are invited to celebrate Randy's life on January 30, 2016 at Southern Garden Events. His quick wit & sense of humor will be missed by his many friends, staff, customers & associates. Randy will be dearly missed.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

JAN 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

Southern Gourmet's New Garden Banquet Venue  
9101 - 110 Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270  
<http://704.849.7646>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Randal B. Provance*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Randal B. Provance*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Still missing you.....*



**crystal** - June 25, 2017 at 12:23 PM

KP

“ Hi Randy,

*It's me again (this is when you would say...."hi me again"). Now it's been a year since you left us. The year has gone by so fast. There have been a lot of lonely moments without you being here. Your dear sweet wife has had some tough times to deal with. Thank goodness she has had Piccolo to break the silence at home. I'm sure he's wandered around the house looking for you from time to time. Crystal's good friend Carl was been great support for her. So have all your beloved buddies at the store. They all miss you so much. You left a really big empty place in our lives and no one has filled it and no one can. Masue and I talk to Crystal on the phone often and she shares her life, work and plans with us. What would Randy say or what would Randy do comes up a lot. We usually have an answer for those questions. We knew what you'd say or do but it would just be a whole lot better if you were here to say it or do it yourself. Even Scotty says something about you from time to time. Like the time you and he hiked up to Pepson's and found all those old ancient farm implements back in the woods. He has good memories of you. I'm sure Lynn does too but I can't get them out of him. Scotty and I talk on the phone a lot. This past year Diane and I went to PA to stay at her folks place. It was in October. We visited Bob & Dawna and Uncle Gerry & Aunt Loretta. We saw Little Gerry and Cheryl too (and her husband Kevin). Everyone had a nice word about you. The one thing in common was that they just couldn't believe you were gone. All of us struggle with that. You should know though, that our Aunt Dawna died this past November and Uncle Bob died this month. It was very very sad. I think Bob died of a broken heart. But Uncle Gerry and Aunt Loretta are doing really good so we still have some elder family left with us. As you knew, it's just how life is and I can hear you saying it as if you were standing besides me right now...you would say with a sigh....."yeah"..... I know how much you loved your sports Randy. It was a great distraction from the realities of daily life huh? I never got into baseball or hockey or basketball like you did. Just mainly football and some car sports. I always tell the stories of how Dad got*

*you and I interested in football when we were kids in California. The three of us even watched the first super bowl on TV. And you and I shared that the rest of our time together. We spent many hours on the phone "watching" football. I sure miss that. Well, anyway, I just wanted to let you know that your Rams are now back in L.A. where they really belong but they aren't doing so good this year. They are 4 & 9 and they play the Seahawks this Thursday night. The Seahawks are 8 & 4 so I think the Rams might have a tough contest. The Panthers stink this year. They went to the super bowl last year but it's not going to be a repeat season for them this year. The Broncos? They're in the hunt for a playoff spot but barely and they'll probably lose out too. So, just thought I'd give you an update.....just not on the phone. Oh, and I'm not sure how you'd feel about this but the "Cubbies" won the world series this year.....finally. I think you would have been pleased with that. You always liked for good things to happen. Well, I'm going to go to Masue's and spend the day with her because she's going to need some support today. Dates can be pretty hard for her to deal with sometimes, especially when it comes to the family. So, she'll need a shoulder to cry on. I'm going to call Crystal too. I think she'll be busy with a party or some event at work but I'll check in on her tonight after she gets home. So little brother, just know that we aren't forgetting about you...not one bit..... in fact you are thought about all the time by somebody.....everybody who loves you.....I know that would make you smile....just like in the picture....*

*Talk to you real soon Randy.....*

*I love you.....we all love you.....*

*Kerry*

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**Kerry Provance** - December 14, 2016 at 10:20 AM

KP

“Hi Randy, I just want you to know that I am remembering you every day. I see your face every day I get on my computer. You are my desktop, Brother. I love you.

*It's been 6 months now since you went to sleep. I have missed you so much. Sometimes I get teary-eyed thinking of you. I think about so many of the wonderful things we did together. Remember that canoe trip on Lake Norman when we tipped it over and fell into the lake? We laughed so hard and long about that. It was hot out and we needed cooling off anyhow. We had fun with Mom and Masue in the mountains when the 4 of us hauled the canoe up there for a beautiful autumn trip too didn't we?. How about that time you and I went to the drag races for your first time? I'll never forget the look on your face when you saw your first dragster spit fire and smoke while roaring down the track. You pumped your fist after that. It was great wasn't it?. And what about that hike from the western side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range to the eastern side with Dad in August of 1970? You weren't quite 13 yet. We made it to the top of the highest peak in the lower forty eight states. Pretty awesome accomplishment eh? You trudged along like the trooper you had always been on all of our hikes. I'm still looking for that Mt. Whitney register that was up on that mountain top so I can see our 3 signatures. I wonder what happened to your little gold sting-ray bicycle you got for Christmas one year when we lived in California? I used to fix the pedals for you all the time, remember? The crank was a three piece crank and the pins kept coming loose and it became a pain in the butt to pedal. Hey, that's what brothers are for, to be there for each other and help each other out when we need it, right? Well, even though we can't sit across from each other at a table in your café and talk about things like these together anymore, I can still tell you about stuff out loud if I want to, and I do sometimes. I say things to Mom and Dad sometimes too. It just makes me feel a little better about the fact that you guys aren't around anymore to see. Me and Diane are sharing the same situation for now, no parents and minus a brother. It's a hard thing to live with sometimes but it's just a part of the life experience. I hate it.*

*Well, one of these days my end is coming too. I guess then it's the kids turn to grieve.*

*Crystal is doing the best that she can Randy. She's had a couple of tough times to deal with but she's tough herself and she's getting through it a step and a day at a time. She sure misses you too. We talk on the phone from time to time. Yes, it's all about you Randy! Not really, but you come up in the conversations each time.*

*One thing you don't have to worry about Randy is this crazy, out of control world anymore. Someone went crazy early Sunday morning and shot and killed 49 young people at a night club in Florida. What a terrible tragedy for all those families. Why don't people realize just how precious life is Randy? You were torn from us much too soon and it really hurts Randy. All the people all over this earth who lose a loved one, in whatever way, it just really hurts. Once the life is gone, there's no getting it back.*

*Randy, I love you and miss you. Your whole family and all of your friends do too. I guess all I can do now is continue to have those little "air" conversations with you.*

*Talk to you soon,*

*Kerry*

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**Kerry Provance** - June 14, 2016 at 02:22 PM

KP

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Kerry Provance - March 05, 2016 at 07:13 AM

CR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Crystal - February 21, 2016 at 09:13 AM

CR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Crystal - February 21, 2016 at 09:05 AM

LA

“ Randy you used to make me laugh so hard when we worked together. I would forget how many hours I had worked between the two jobs. Crystal and you were always wonderful friends. You will be missed. Say hi to small,dark and handsome for me. I love you both

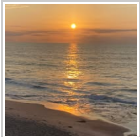
laura - February 14, 2016 at 06:08 PM

LA

“ Laura lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance



laura - February 14, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ Crystal, I have been tremendously blessed to work with you and Randy for many years. I have seen your company blossom into what it is today. It was meant for me to see you yesterday. Randy will be sorely missed in this industry! I will keep you in my prayers. Please let me know what I can do to help with anything!

Patricia Pressley - February 01, 2016 at 03:35 PM

DA

“ Crystal, I just found out about this when I saw Fabi's post about the celebration of Randy's life. I'm so sorry to hear. You two were a great couple. I'll be thinking of you as you in the days to come.

Denise Altman - January 31, 2016 at 08:25 PM

BB

“ *Crystal, We think of you everyday and look forward to seeing you tomorrow, January 30th to celebrate Randy's life. We was always so thoughtful and kind....thinking of others..... doing what he/you loved.....serving others. We miss him and are here for you in whatever capacity you need. Love, Barry & Bridget*

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**Bridget Brush** - January 29, 2016 at 07:55 PM

“ I guess I didn't realize that I had it all planned out. Subconsciously I had the notion that I was going to keep going on double dates with uncle Randy and aunt Crystal, we were going to watch football together, and I was going to visit them both in Charleston once they retired and finally got the rest and relaxation they worked so hard for.

*As far back as I can remember:*

*I think it was the first weekend in August of 1986 at Three Rivers Stadium that I got what I think was my first gift from Uncle Randy: a pair of plastic Sports Illustrated binoculars. Until then I thought that binoculars were only for looking at birds. I remember looking at the players with them and rooting for the team with the birds on their hats... I think that pissed Randy off. (It was Cardinals @ Pirates)*

*I remember him cutting my hair as a child. I remember his wedding. I remember going to restaurants all over town that he managed. I remember listening to music with him. Throwing the football with him. Laughing at him and Crystal's great friend, Karl fight like they were the ol' married couple around the dinner table. I remember nonchalantly sneaking up to him at a bar he was tending and getting his attention in the snidest way possible, just to see his face light up once he realized it was me and not someone he had to keep his composure with...*

*I always admired how bold he was when he needed to be. His manners and charisma were always on point. His wit and humor can't be replicated. Randy was great at entertaining. He loved a good conversation. He appreciated common courtesy. He had his mother's sense of justice and would let you know if he thought something wasn't fair.*

*I guess you could call my subconscious plans, expectations. Even though the unexpected ruined my subconscious plans, I always knew what to expect from Uncle Randy.*

*Love always,*

*Elliot*

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**Elliot Provance** - January 29, 2016 at 06:15 PM

KP

*Beautiful expressions Son. Thank you. That was fun at that game. What an experience for a little tyke! I'm pleased you remember it. I remember the whole trip. Randy loved his nephews and nieces. He always spoke highly of you all. He was concerned when there were difficulties. He was a good Uncle. He was a true Human Being. Everything you said Elliot is true. I'm glad you all had so much time together. Get it when you can because you never know when there will not be any more opportunities. Something unforeseen can change things forever.*

*Dad*

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**Kerry Provance** - January 31, 2016 at 06:13 AM

DP

*“Randy graciously shared not only one of his brothers with me, but his whole family and became to me " closer than a brother" in-law. He didn't even get mad at me when I wrecked his 10-speed. He was more worried about my head!*

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**Diane Provance** - January 29, 2016 at 05:42 PM

KP

*I remember talking about that story with Randy recently Diane. He didn't remember the damage to his bike, in fact, he couldn't even remember what ever happened to that bike. I gave him money for the repairs. He probably bought some Natural Light Beer with it. Didn't matter. But he was concerned about you and as it turned out, he got to have you in his life for as long as it lasted. That made him happy. He loved you so much, just as I do. We're glad you said yes....we truly are.*

*With never-ending love,*

*Kerry*

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**Kerry Provance** - January 31, 2016 at 06:26 AM

JH

“*Crystal, thinking of you and all of your family each day and especially on Saturday, January 30th, as you celebrate Randy's life. It was a pleasure and honor to know him throughout the years. Thanking you and Randy for all you have contributed to our community. Sincerely, Judy Horn*

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**Judy Horn** - January 29, 2016 at 09:56 AM

BW

“*I purchased many, many meals from this dear man while managing a Sylvan Center in Matthews. Quick witted and funny, I shared many a retort with him, bantering at the register while awaiting the latest wonderful gourmet delight coming from their kitchen. I am heartsick for Crystal's sudden, unexpected loss of her dear love. I will be praying for you honey. With much love and so many prayers, Belinda Webb*

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**Belinda Webb** - January 21, 2016 at 12:24 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Williams lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance*



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**Bonnie Williams** - January 18, 2016 at 01:43 PM

BW

*I have enjoyed so much having Randy as a member of Carolina Trade Exchange. I will miss him dearly. It will not be the same coming into the Restaurant and not seeing his face. I could always count on him and Crystal coming to the meetings with their wonderful food and friendship. He was more than just a member to me, he was my friend!*

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**Bonnie Williams** - January 18, 2016 at 01:48 PM

JK

“ *I'll never forget the first time I met Randy. I wasn't sure quite how to take him - because I didn't yet know the full extent of his wit and humor. As time passed - I realized what a very sensitive, caring, educated and funny guy Randy was and I appreciated his unique ability to convey his thoughts in a style truly his own! I will miss his phone messages and texts and his emails (which were NEVER boring or run of the mill !!). Randy and I shared a love of the Pittsburgh Pirates and we shared the excitement of the first playoff game in 20 years. I have lots of memories of Randy and I'll have them forever. The one thing I will say - any time - and I mean ANY time I ever asked Randy to help with anything - he always said "Yes". Mind you - he usually added his own commentary following that "Yes" - but he always helped. That's how I chose to remember my friend Randy - eager to help, always willing to pitch in but always making it interesting and memorable. I'll never forget you Randy - may you rest in peace and may God's Blessings and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with your family.*

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**John Kucera** - January 15, 2016 at 08:17 AM

KP

“ Randy.....I miss you so much.....”

Kerry Provance - January 14, 2016 at 06:57 PM

EM

“ Eric & Madelyn lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance



Eric & Madelyn - January 14, 2016 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ Found this photo on my computer...so glad both my girls knew my Uncle Randy! I miss him so much. Crystal, my thoughts are with you more than you know.

Love,  
Meredith



Meredith Hershock - January 12, 2016 at 07:25 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Crystal - January 12, 2016 at 09:48 AM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Crystal - January 12, 2016 at 09:46 AM

KP

*Randy....began his life in the mountains.....ascended the highest mountain in the lower 48 states....shared his love of Mountains with friends.....what a gift he was.....to all our lives.....to the mountains.....and.....to the planet.*

Kerry Provance - January 12, 2016 at 07:45 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Crystal - January 12, 2016 at 09:44 AM

KP

*Duh....CARDINAL!!*

Kerry Provance - January 12, 2016 at 07:37 PM

SB

*In photos, I saw a pic of Randy on the porch at The Pines Country Inn, boy we had some good times there. Almost as much fun as we had in 2000 at the unforgettable Camp Greystone adventure. I don't think the camp will ever be the same. The Burns bros were in full flight, along with many other good timers. Some of his Mexican cooks called him El Grande Queso, and he was indeed a Big Honkin Cheese. Actually he was the one and only Randy Cheese. Why is there too much truth to the adage that, Only the Good Die Young? So to our friend Randy, gone but never forgotten. Sherman Burns*

Sherman Burns - January 17, 2016 at 06:51 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kerry Provance - January 10, 2016 at 08:48 AM

KP

*Well look who's reading the paper would'ya! A typical "Randy" ritual. But, not just reading the paper, take a close look at the section, SPORTS! He went to the sports page first, without fail. At home he got his paper and stood in his garage at his "bar" and read the paper whilst enjoying that first fresh hot cup of coffee every morning. Don't forget the cream! This simple pleasure WAS Randy. It was one of the elements that kept him happy (see photo!). Years ago he would have had a cig while sipping that delicious coffee and digesting yesterdays sporting events. Once he finished with the "really important news", then he'd finished the rest of the papers' ho-hum stories. Our brother liked to keep things in proper perspective....according to RANDY, RANDY style.....spot on baby brother!!*

Kerry Provance - January 12, 2016 at 07:35 PM

KW

“ *My dear Crystal, I was so shocked to see Randy's obituary in the paper over the holidays. I think of you and Randy often and all the fun times when yall were catering for us here at IR. You both were such a fun loving couple and worked so hard but enjoyed the catering/restaurant business so much. Know that my thoughts and prayers were and are with you. I hope our paths cross again real soon. I miss you! Love to you & Piccolo. Please take care of yourself and remember all the good times. I know you will miss Randy. He was a keeper!*

*Love,  
Kathy Warner*

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**Kathy Warner** - January 07, 2016 at 08:20 AM

KP

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kerry Provance** - January 06, 2016 at 10:22 PM

KP

*How cute is our Baby Brother? This picture was probably taken about 1962 in Pennsylvania where we started our lives. Randy was a dog paddler in those days but later in southern California where we moved to, he became a Michael Phelps type swimmer and Greg Louganis style diver. Randy.....now that mom and dad aren't here to give us a good shellacking.....we can confess that all those jumps made off the roof of the house into our pool onto the camping air mattresses was just great fun right? Each time a seam popped it just made the next jump even more daring..... remember? We finally popped all of them until landing on one and staying on top was more of a challenge than the mechanical bull ! It's just amazing that neither one of us ever busted open our skulls on the edge of the pool. We had it all calculated. We were "good" right Randy? The last time Randy and I swam together was in 2013. We had coursed our canoe through the treacherous waters of Lake Norman and when we got back to the boat ramp, without so much as a wobble the whole trip, Randy thought it great fun to "rock the boat". A second later, we were in the drink! Not much of a swim but it was one of sorts. Well little brother, I'll never forget that swim. We must've laughed for the next ten minutes....and then some. Randy was one helluva canoeist.....and jumpist !*

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**Kerry Provance** - January 07, 2016 at 06:44 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the album *Our Baby Brother*



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**Kerry Provance** - January 01, 2016 at 09:49 PM

KP

*Randy and I began our football viewing "Careers" with our Dad in about 1967. We lived in an L.A. suburb so the Rams were our team. Dad took us to a few games at the "L.A. Memorial Coliseum" and we were treated to such greats as Deacon "The Sack" Jones and Roman "The Bomb" Gabriel. (The Bomb-long pass down field) We never forgot those times with our Dad and Randy & I loved talking about them during "The Season". Randy never waivered as a loyal Rams fan, even after they moved to St Louis. When Kurt Warner and the team went to the Super Bowl on January 30th of 2000, they won and my little brother was the happiest man on this planet. He said, "it's about time". I was not with him on January 20th, 1980 when the Rams made their first Super Bowl appearance. But, I was right behind him to share the joy and tears after so many years of trying and hoping. His dream came true finally. One thing Randy always liked to do to me was oppose me in the Super Bowl, just for fun. In the end we were hugging or drowning the loss in suds. On January 30th, 2000, we both were shouting, screaming and jumping for joy. Randy....if the Rams get there again before I'm finished and they're playing my AFC favorite, I'm going with the Rams my beloved little brother. I owe that love and devotion to you first and foremost!*

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**Kerry Provance** - January 05, 2016 at 07:18 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the album My Life



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**Crystal** - December 30, 2015 at 05:16 PM

DP

“ Randy was a very special guy. We have a lot of good memories from our years at SOGO. Ones we will look back upon for years to come with fondness. Crystal, we are keeping you in prayer. We know you and Picolo miss him terribly.

*-Debbie and Richard*

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**Debbie and Richard Pugh** - December 30, 2015 at 04:48 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Crystal** - December 30, 2015 at 04:25 PM

BR

“ *All of us here at Carolina BG and Display Options are truly sorry for your loss. We will all miss seeing Randy and having him pick on us! We will be thinking of you and praying for you through this very difficult time.*

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**Betty Runyon** - December 30, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Crystal. We are here if you need us! We will miss seeing Randy walk by our house every day, stopping by to say hi or just to chat for a while.*

*Tom & Sheri*

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**Charlotte Memorial Gardens** - December 30, 2015 at 11:25 AM

HV

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Heather Velasco** - December 28, 2015 at 09:11 PM

CT

“ Cheryl Provance Toman lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance



Cheryl Provance Toman - December 28, 2015 at 01:13 AM

KP

Thank you Cheryl.

Kerry Provance - January 12, 2016 at 07:15 PM

KH

“ Words cannot express our sadness for the loss of Randy. We are honored to have known him. Our time with the two of you in Jamacia will hold special memories always. Randy helped us find humor and laughter in our lives again in the difficult time after loosing our son. May you smile again soon remembering your good times together. Please know our thoughts & prayers our with you and the entire Provance family. With love and respect. Terri & Kent

Kent & Terri Halberstadt - December 27, 2015 at 07:29 PM

RT

“ Robin Toth lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance



Robin Toth - December 27, 2015 at 09:51 AM

KP

Thank you Robin. K & D Provance

Kerry Provance - January 12, 2016 at 07:15 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the album *Our Baby Brother*



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**Kerry Provance** - December 25, 2015 at 10:29 AM

 Ed  
Brumfield

“ *My sincere condolences to you, Crystal. It has always been a pleasure to see Randy in my frequent visits over the past 9 years. He was such a great guy and I know he will be missed by many. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Ed Brumfield*



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**Ed Brumfield** - December 24, 2015 at 08:23 AM

DM

“ *Donna Jernigan Meinhold lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance*



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**Donna Jernigan Meinhold** - December 24, 2015 at 08:18 AM

SJ

“ *Susan Jones lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance*



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**Susan Jones** - December 24, 2015 at 08:14 AM

PK

“ *Crystal, I just saw the news of Randy's passing. I am shocked and so sorry. I loved Randy. I will try to get in touch with you and want to help in any way i can. I am so sorry.*

*Phyllis Knight*

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**phyllis knight** - December 24, 2015 at 08:08 AM

CP

“ *Crystal Provance lit a candle in memory of Randal B. Provance*



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**Crystal Provance** - December 24, 2015 at 07:59 AM

CP

*You are the light of my life*

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**Crystal Provance** - December 24, 2015 at 07:59 AM

CP

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Crystal Provance** - December 24, 2015 at 07:56 AM

CP

“ *This was your favorite time of year and I will miss sharing it with you now and forever.*

*I Love You, Crystal and Piccolo.*

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**Crystal Provance** - December 24, 2015 at 07:54 AM