



Aaron Dale Allston

December 8, 1960 - February 27, 2014

Aaron Dale Allston, 53, born December 8, 1960 to Tom Dale Allston and Rose Binford Boehm in Corsicana, Texas, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2014 in Springfield, Missouri.

Aaron Dale Allston, editor, publisher and author, age 53, passed away in Springfield, Missouri on Thursday, February 27, 2014. He was born December 8, 1960 to Tom Dale Allston and Rose Binford Boehm in Corsicana, Texas. He attended public schools in Big Lake, San Angelo, Wake Village and Denton, Texas graduating from Denton High School in 1979. He actively participated in the Science Fiction Club at DHS.

He attended the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in journalism. He began his professional writing career at the Austin American Statesman newspaper and Steve Jackson games and has published extensively since 1988, entering the freelance writing field in 1997. He is the author of 13 Star Wars novels as well as many other science fiction, game based fiction and mystery novels, short stories and technical guides for writers. He was a widely sought out speaker and lecturer for state and national conference and traveled extensively throughout the country teaching and mentoring aspiring writers.

He was an honorary member of the Vader's Fist 501st Legion; an organization devoted to Star Wars costuming and who support and aid many charities, including children's charities in fund raising.

His greatest joys came from his cats, his close personal friends, actor friends and fellow authors, science fiction and horror movie special effects, and particularly mentoring young aspiring actors.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tom Dale Allston, paternal grandparents, Oliver and Ruth Allston, maternal grandparents, John Binford and Bonnie Langley, and uncles, John Binford, Jr. and Paul Binford. He is survived by his mother, Rose Boehm, brother, Stacy Allston and aunt, Charlotte Owens.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Denton Funeral Home Chapel, 120 South Carroll Blvd., Denton, Texas, 76201 with Rev. Jerald Garner officiating. Interment will follow at a later date with other members of his maternal family in Corsicana, Texas.

As a tribute to his kindness to others, charitable donations made in his name or in the name of Star Garrison, 501st Legion at www.Stargarrison.com or the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County at www.cacdc.org would be appreciated.

Arrangements are under the direction of Denton Funeral Home. On line condolences may be left for the family at www.dentonfuneralhome.net.

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Phil
Grubenhoff

“ I had the honor of meeting Mr. Allston at a convention in Dallas. He happily signed a stack of his books and answered some questions for me. He seemed to really enjoy being with his fans. At his memorial, I had the high honor to stand with my brothers and sisters of the 501st Legion at the request of his mother. I'll always remember this. My condolences to his family and friends.



Phil Grubenhoff - March 16, 2014 at 11:40 AM

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“ Death is not natural. We want to live and we want to enjoy life with those we love. The Bible teaches and Jesus promised that "those in the memorial tombs will...come out."(John 5:28,29) In harmony with God's original purpose, those resurrected as humans will have the opportunity to live on a paradise earth. (Psalm 37:29) For more comfort for the future visit jw.org.

Bible Student - March 03, 2014 at 08:26 PM

“ My deepest sympathies go out to all of Aaron's family, housemates, friends, and fans...and that is quite a crowd. I had not seen Aaron in years and was hoping to see him this year by persuading (dragging) him out to Comic-Con. This year, I was going to take him out to dinner - no excuses!



While he signed a copy of his first book for me in his usual self-deprecating fashion, I sat down last night and reviewed the first writing and signature of his I have...in our high school annual from 1977. It was classic Aaron: funny, witty, warm, and hopeful about the future.

I always had tremendous admiration for Aaron for his complete dedication to making it as a writer. Many of our high school crowd had a talent for writing, but almost all opted for 'safer' careers. The published a short story here, an article there, but always as a sideline. And unlike many writers, Aaron had no spouse in the background to pay the bills and provide a safety cushion. From the time he left college, Aaron worked without a net. He was intensely focused on his craft, but was always so generous with time and praise to new writers who were trying to break into the business.

As heartbroken as I am by his death, I am slightly cheered that Aaron died while on a trip to be honored at a con for his writing. He had worked so hard and for so long to be respected as a writer, and he was finally getting the respect he deserved. Aaron died living his dream, and I honor him for it. But, damn, I wish I had been able to see him one last time.

Sandra Trisdale - March 02, 2014 at 08:34 PM



“ In 2009. I took time out to travel to Chicago for one of his book signings with a couple of friends. After the book signing, we had dinner with him before the drive home. That was my fondest memory of my time with Aaron. That August, our group of fans held a fundraiser at a convention to assist him with his financial needs.



Steve Spikermans - March 02, 2014 at 05:55 PM