

Obituary of Dr. Daniel Thomas Fetzer, Ph.D.

Dr. Daniel Thomas Fetzer, Ph.D., age 62, of Oak Ridge, TN, passed away on March 26, 2017 after an extended illness.

A native of Elizabethton, TN, he was the son of John W. Fetzer, Sr. and Helen Fetzer. He was a graduate of Elizabethton High School and East Tennessee State University. He received his doctorate in Computer Science from University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

His distinguished career of 36 years of computer science work included ORAU, Y-12, SAIC, and ORNL. His work as a keyboard musician included bands Good Earth, Funk and Co., Pedestrians, Indigo Spring, and Free Spirit. He played trombone in jazz bands at ETSU and became an accomplished pianist.

He was preceded in death by his father John W. Fetzer, Sr. and his brother Dr. John W. Fetzer, Jr., MD.

He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Beth; child, Ellie M. Fetzer; mother, Helen Fetzer, Elizabethton, TN; sister, Marie (Bob) Bryant, Ocoee, TN; brother, Robert H. Fetzer, Roanoke, VA; sister-in-law, Rose Ann Fetzer, Jefferson City, TN; aunt, Nadine Underwood, Clinton, TN; parents-in-law, Scott and Mary Futral, Athens, TN; brother-in-law, Scott (Linda) Futral, Livermore, CA. Many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends also survive him.

The family will receive friends at 1 pm on Saturday, April 1 at First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge, TN. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm followed by a reception. There will be a private graveside service at a later date.

The family is deeply grateful to caregivers Dean and Marie Howard, and the staffs of: Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University, Hanna and Associates, UT Home Palliative Hospice, Gentiva Home Health, and Best Homecare.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to: Angels Among Us at angelsamongus.org (checks payable to: Duke University – 17BT; mail to Tisch Brain Tumor Center-Angels, DUMC Box 3624, Durham, NC 27710) or to Caring House, Inc., 2625 Pickett Rd., Durham, NC 27705.