



## Randy Lamb

March 28, 1950 - January 11, 2017

Bluefield, VA- Randy Lamb, a resident of Bluefield, VA, died on January 11, 2017 at the age of 66. He became sick in December and died from complications of an unexpected surgery.

Randy is survived by his wife, Nancy; his daughter, Leslie Nagle; his son in law, Harold Nagle; grandsons, Noah and Reichen Nagle; and his brother, Jim Lamb.

Randy's love of dance was apparent when he opened his first studio at age 17 in Mullens, WV. He founded the Bluefield Dance Theater in 1974. He worked on the dance education circuit for Dance Troupe as a national convention instructor, dance competition judge and director. He was a performer in Honey in the Rock and danced in the movie Dirty Dancing.

Mr. Lamb was dedicated to arts education for 49 years and was proud to share his love of dance with thousands of students. He touched many lives and trained dancers who have gone on to dance professionally, as well as become dance educators. His true passion was working with children and watching them grow into young adults. The Nutcracker ballet was an annual performance that he always looked forward to presenting to the community. He loved to see the excitement on the faces of many young children. He took great pride in training excellent dancers, but most importantly, he taught them about love, compassion and team work.

Visitation will be from 2:00-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at First Baptist Church, 1325 Augusta St., Bluefield, WV. The celebration of Randy's

life will begin at the church at 4:00 pm. with Rev. Jonathan Rockness officiating. Private burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, WV.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions on behalf of Randy's nephew, Emmett Lamb Harrington, to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, 75 Executive Dr., Suite 327, Aurora, IL 60504, or at "angelman.org".

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Randy Lamb.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1325 Auguste Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
1325 Auguste Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Randy Lamb*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Hi Mrs. Lamb*

*This is Mrs. Robin Bristow-Void and (my birds), Dove & Hawk. We had the privilege of dancing with you at Bluefield Dance Theater. Mr. Lamb was very gracious towards us & we appreciated him for his generosity. Please know that you & yours are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. God Bless...*

**Robin Bristow-Void** - January 24, 2017 at 12:45 AM



“ *I grew up, on Vine Street in Beckley, with Randy and his family. I fondly remember the fun times we neighborhood kids had playing up and down the street. I am so proud of Randy's many accomplishments. My sincere sympathy to the family. I am sure that you have so many beautiful memories to treasure.*

*Beth Anderson DeHaemers*

**Beth A. DeHaemers** - January 18, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *Leslie, I am so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I know you are absolutely heartbroken and want you to know you're in my thoughts and prayers. Sending love & healing to you and your family. - Jackie Lucas*

**Jackie Lucas** - January 17, 2017 at 02:07 PM

PD

“ Nancy, Leslie, Howie and children

*You Husband, Father, and grandfather was by far one of the most outstanding men anyone could have ever meet. He always had a smile on his face and was always there for the kids of the Dance World no matter where or what competition we were at he was always complimentary of everyone. Randy was an exceptional person to work with as I had the please of working with him in Dance Troupe and also seeing him at the Jamestown Dance Theater when he was there for different reasons. Not only did he love the children of dance he loved his family very much and very often spoke of them when we were working together. I have also had the pleasure to work with Nancy, Leslie and Howie in Dance Troupe and man what a team they made. Randy will be missed by all and was loved by everyone that he met, as he never met a stranger. I can remember working in Dance Troupe with Randy and we would go to a new place and right off the bat, he was talking and laughing with the staff on hand and you would have thought that he had know them all his life. May God fold the family and Randy's dance world in his loving arms and comfort you through this most trying time. Godspeed Randy.*

*Pat Davidson*

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**Pat Davidson** - January 16, 2017 at 11:16 AM

MS

“ We have many fond memories of lessons, recitals and competitions with all three girls. Our deepest condolences. Dave and Mary Skidmore

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**M Skidmore** - January 15, 2017 at 10:56 PM

SE

“ We have so many pleasant memories of Randy Lamb and Bluefield Dance Theatre. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb taught their students dance and gave them so much more--including confidence and an appreciation of the arts.

We attended many dance performances but *The Nutcracker* was a favorite. It became a part of our holiday traditions and now, years later, our family can still be found at BHS enjoying this wonderful gift.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the Lamb family.  
The Elswicks: Lee, Sandra and Sarah

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Sandra Elswick - January 15, 2017 at 07:19 PM

LH

“ Lydia Hash lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



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Lydia Hash - January 15, 2017 at 12:40 PM

RR

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Lamb family. We owe a great deal to Mr. Lamb for not only teaching dance, but for giving self confidence, self esteem and guidance to his many students. He will always be remembered as a true mentor and friend. He will be missed but will live in our lives for generations to come.



The Ritter Family ~ Becky, Jill and Joni

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Rebekah Ritter - January 15, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“As a little girl, just six years old, I’d rush to the front of the convention halls all across Texas to get a spot in the front row of THE Randy Lamb’s classes. I’d sit at the edge of the stage and watch him walk up the stairs with his bag, slip on his ballet shoes, and wave to us little ones eagerly waiting for him to look over at us. He was one of my favorite instructors on the convention circuit – so silly and joyful, always smiling. I loved dancing. I loved taking classes from instructors all across the US. And I loved Mr. Lamb.

My family moved from Texas to North Carolina when I was nine years old. I was fortunate enough to start training with some incredible dance icons whom Mr. Lamb had actually worked very closely with on the convention circuit. Many of you have probably heard of them – Barry Kyle, Elliott Bradley, and the incredible Ray Hollingsworth. Years later, while I was in high school, Mr. Lamb bought my dance studio and became MY dance teacher. How amazingly awesome is that?!

The memories I have of Randy as my teacher bring so many smiles to my face. There was this one dance where our costume was an American flag unitard. I was a bit of chunky girl, and I’ll never forget him laughing and telling me nobody will be looking at my red, white, and blue behind as long as my technique was on point....5,6,7,8. HaHa. That same dance had every prop you could imagine – flags, streamers, tambourines, hats, and more. It was total chaos in the wings, but the number was brilliant...and so was he. I’d come home from dance at night, and hop onto AOL. SOHAPPY180 would send me an IM – “Good job tonight, Showbiz. Get some sleep.” He’d tease me sometimes on Friday nights – “It’s 2am, Showbiz, what are you doing up so late? We have rehearsal in the morning?” I’d say – “LOL, SOHAPPY180, what are YOU doing up so late? You have rehearsal too.” Mr. Lamb also trusted me and believed in me enough to let me teach some of my own classes. He mentored me. We’d chat about where I struggled, and he’d give me tips on how to better connect with the little ones...and the not so little ones. And when I became an adult, he was always there behind the scenes

*with an encouraging message and a virtual smile.*

*I had never really thought about how interesting my path to a relationship with Mr. Lamb had been until this week. I was a giddy admirer, a six year old, Texas student of another teacher. And a decade later we became teacher and student, mentor and mentee, and friends.*

*Admiration, joy, confidence, and love...all feelings you imprinted onto my heart. You were a pillar in my foundation and a ray of sunshine in my life. I am forever grateful for you, Mr. Lamb. Tip, Tap, Toe away. I'll shuffle-hop-step with you again one day. Love, Shannon*

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**Shannon Courcy Adee** - January 14, 2017 at 09:43 PM

CS

“ *Randy Lamb was a wonderful ambassador for dance and for community. I especially recall from many years ago his enthusiastic willingness to help us with United Way fundraising activities by bringing groups of dancers to our events. The lively dancers added to the festivities and drew a large crowd. I remember his ever-present smile and cheerful greetings each time I spoke to him. He is one of those special people who cannot be replaced, My heartfelt condolences to the Lamb family.*

*Charlotte Sacre*

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**Charlotte Sacre** - January 14, 2017 at 03:55 PM



Randolph  
Canterbur

“ *While I cannot be there, my thoughts will be with you. I remember well from our high school class. I'm so sorry about our loss.*

*Randolph (Randy) Canterbury*

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**Randolph Canterbury** - January 14, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ This is Cadence with Mr. Lamb in her performance of one of her years in *The Nutcracker*. Cadence adored Mr. Lamb and he made sure she knew she was adored as well. Our community, the dance world, and so many others lost this amazing person and unbelievably talented artist this week 💔 Mr. Randy Lamb taught me tap, dance and ballet 30 years ago at Bluefield Dance Theatre - and then taught Cadence, once she was 3 years old, all these years later. What a special honor to perform under him and to have my baby girl do the same ❤️ The confidence & passion for dance and the arts I saw instilled in Cadence, and in the lives of many of his dancers, was unsurpassed. And what a legacy he left for multiple generations. Our family is heartbroken for this loss. Yet so grateful for such beautiful memories and the amazing experiences he created for us in this small community. No doubt heaven's dance game has stepped up a notch. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lamb and Leslie, his family and all who knew and loved him. Thank you for everything Mr. Lamb, you will be greatly missed.  
Stephanie and Cadence Lane



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**Stephanie Lane** - January 14, 2017 at 12:32 PM

BB

“ Bonnie Prater And Kyndra Brown lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



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**Bonnie Prater and Kyndra Brown** - January 14, 2017 at 12:31 PM

RK

“ Mr. Lamb (not, to me, "Randy," because even as a 42-year-old woman, with children and a career of my own, some people just deserve that much respect) was a positive force in so many lives, and such a revered figure in the Bluefield, West Virginia community, as well as the national dance scene. He taught me, as well as countless others, the love of dance, and even though my body hasn't kept up with it (ha ha) my heart and soul sure have. I never miss the opportunity to take in a great dance performance, and it never really feels like the Christmas season in my household until we have had the opportunity to see *The Nutcracker*. I have spent many hours these past days reflecting on all the positive ways being under Randy Lamb's careful instruction have impacted my life. As a surgeon, such vital "snippets" come to mind - technique counts ... if you're feeling unstable, always return to the basics ... if you love what you do, work hard to do it well ... do what you love with love for others in your heart. These are just a few.

*I just wanted to say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb for all of these things, and so, so much more that is just so strongly woven into my fabric that I can't even articulate it. I also wanted to say thank you to Leslie, for ever so coolly growing up in a dance studio on Jefferson Avenue and then, inevitably, spreading your wings and soaring so high. I know that your parents' pride in you is immeasurable.*

*I will pray for peace, comfort, and healing in this time of grief for you all. The love of the BDT family will shine on. All of the dancers and teachers that have been sent out into the world from there are the proverbial ripples on the surface of the water. Mr. Lamb's light will forever shine on.*

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**Raegan Kotsko** - January 14, 2017 at 10:23 AM

Rachel King-Rozzel

“ Rachel King-Rozzel lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



Rachel King-Rozzel - January 14, 2017 at 09:41 AM

Rachel King-

Thanks for the memories from 31 years ago when my daughter was a student at Bluefield Dance Theater.

Rachel King-Rozzel - January 14, 2017 at 09:43 AM

SW

“ Randy and I go back about 47 years, lots of great memories, for sure. Although we didn't get to see each other frequently, we kept up on social media. He was a FORCE, who never met a stranger, a great storyteller with an infectious laugh! He will be missed greatly. My heart goes out to Nancy, Leslie and Jim, along with his numerous students and friends. May be RIP.



Susan Dew Weisner

Susan Dew Weisner - January 14, 2017 at 08:46 AM

GY

“ R.I.P. Mr. Lamb. So glad I got to talk to you a couple months ago about the "good ole days". Continued prayers for your family and your dance family that loves you so very much.

Gypsy - January 14, 2017 at 05:57 AM

JP

“ *Jim, I'm very sorry to hear about your brother's death.*

*Judy Combs Puckett*

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**Judith Puckett** - January 14, 2017 at 12:03 AM

AP

“ *Nancy/ Leslie, I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Lamb. My Mom passed away last month, also at 66, so I know what you are going through. I have so many wonderful memories of him as my dance teacher for 13 years and also my first boss. He was a great person and I pray that you find peace and comfort in your memories of him. Much love, Alana Brewster Parrish*

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**Alana Brewster Parrish** - January 13, 2017 at 08:03 PM

NL

“ *I'm just so sorry to hear about Randy and have been so sad to hear of his passing. I have know him all his life and he was a special guy. My thoughts are with you and the family.*



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**Nancy Lytton** - January 13, 2017 at 02:16 PM

 Debbie Davidson

“ *2 files added to the album Randy's students - The Early Days*



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**Debbie Davidson** - January 13, 2017 at 12:05 PM

 Debbie Davidson

“ There are times and people throughout our lives that we never forget...we are influenced in ways that we don't even notice at the moment it is happening...I have so many wonderful memories of my time at BDT and with Randy & Nancy.

*I remember when Leslie was born. I remember going to their house on Clovis for various things. I remember the first studio on Commerce Street and having to practice fire drill down that scary fire escape. I remember "I'm A Cloud" and "Dancing with My Tambourine" all the way to "42nd Street", "Canon In D", Chariots Of Fire, Come On Eileen, New York, New York. All of our road trips...all up and down the east! Being chosen to teach at the studio was such a thrill...and then getting to teach in both Bluefield and Wytheville (and stopping at E N Umbergers on the way home) for so many years.*

*Randy made sure our performing team was a part of everything! I remember when Leslie was so young, and she would come into our Senior Class and do the things we were doing!*

*Randy worked closely with me during the WV Junior Miss Pageant, as well as Miss Mercer County and then Miss WV pageants. He was always a cheerleader for all of us...and wanted us to the best we could ever be.*

*My time at BDT made a lasting mark on my life, and there are so many "Randy-ism's" that I remember and use today to guide me in my daily decisions.*

*We've lost a great man (yes a great instructor too) but more so, a genuine man that loved all and was loved by all. <3*

*Debbie Davidson*

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**Debbie Davidson** - January 13, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Randy Lamb.*



January 13, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ *Randy, we loved you so. Your First class of Mullens. Beth Bower Dunlap*

**Beth Bower Dunlap** - January 13, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Tommi Lou Frank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank; and Beth Bower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bower, in the Woman's Civic Club show, "Roaming in Wyoming" to be held at Mullens High School June 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. The girls are students of Randy Lamb who will

**Beth Bower Dunlap** - January 13, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ *I'm so sorry about Mr. Lamb. I danced in his company at the Memorial Building in Princeton when he took over for Mary Marcuzzi in the early 70's. He was a very kind, patient and wonderful man. He helped me to appreciate the world of dance and I continued dance class with him till I graduated high school and went to college. He was such a God example and mentor for young people and I know he will be missed and never forgotten. Prayers for his wonderful family.*

*Bonita Hurst Sink*

**Bonita Sink** - January 13, 2017 at 09:20 AM

LS

“ 13 files added to the album Randy's students - The Early Days



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Linda McLaughlin Scarborough - January 13, 2017 at 09:12 AM

LS

“ I am proud to be one of Randy's first students upon his arrival in Bluefield. After more than 45 years, I can still remember some of those dance routines that he taught me and I still have my recital costumes and my ballet and toe shoes.



*I will never forget going through that narrow door and climbing those steep stairs every week to get to his studio. Randy and Nancy brought such an opportunity to every girl (and some boys) when they arrived in Bluefield to open their studio downtown.*

*Even though I made the difficult decision to discontinue my dance instruction when I turned 13, I continued to have ties to Randy and Bluefield Dance Theatre. He had moved to a much larger studio and added salon options. At 28, I was still returning to Bluefield Dance Theatre to visit the tanning beds in anticipation of my wedding. I always looked forward to seeing Thelma Johnston running the front office there during that time.*

*In 2007, Randy communicated with my Mom that I should join Facebook. It was because of him that I began exploring the world of social media and took that first step to join such an incredible network of friends and family. A true testimony of how his influence expanded far beyond the dance studio throughout my life and the lives of so many others.*

*I am truly saddened by this tremendous loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to beautiful Nancy and lovely Leslie and Randy's pride and joy, his two grandsons. Randy will live on forever in the hearts of those that knew and loved him.*

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**Linda McLaughlin Scarborough** - January 13, 2017 at 09:07 AM

MM

“ I graduated with Randy at WWHS and went through school with his wife Nancy also. It saddens me to hear such tragic news. Please know that I will keep your family in my prayers. May you find peace and comfort from our Lord during this difficult time.

Mary Graham Meadows - January 12, 2017 at 09:31 PM

SF

“ I'm still in shock and disbelief, you were apart of my family and many others. You provided me and my family with so many unforgettable memories I will cherish the rest of my life. You were like a 2nd father to the girls and you will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Nancy and Leslie with love the Fox Family.



Sonya Fox - January 12, 2017 at 06:44 PM

LE

Comforting words are hard to find to relieve your grief at this time. Love and Prayers will continue for the family. May God's loving arms carry you and sustain you in His love and care. Randy was an exceptional person that will be terribly missed. His love of children was wonderful and he influenced so many lives for good. Prayers for healing for his loving family. Leo and Margaret Wyatt

LeoandMargaretWyatt - January 12, 2017 at 09:30 PM

SF

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Sonya Fox - January 12, 2017 at 06:31 PM

NO

“ Nick, Anthony, Gage And Olivia lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



Nick, Anthony, Gage and Olivia - January 12, 2017 at 06:11 PM

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“ Nick Anthony Gage And Olivia lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



Nick Anthony Gage and Olivia - January 12, 2017 at 06:10 PM

MH

“ My heart is absolutely shattered at the loss of such an amazing man. The encouragement and support he showed to my son in dance will never be forgotten. He told a story better than anyone could and had a laugh that was contagious ~ I know he's dancing with the angels in heaven. Prayers for the greatest of Gods peace and comfort for Nancy and his family. Melissa Honaker & Jake Honaker

Melissa Honaker - January 12, 2017 at 04:55 PM

D1

“ Delores Vaughan and The WWHS Class of 1969 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Randy Lamb.



Delores Vaughan and The WWHS Class of 1969 - January 12, 2017 at 03:58 PM

DV

“ I went to School with Randy and Nancy in Beckley. Randy always loved to dance and could dance circles around anyone in our Dance Hall at Beckley Jr. High. All the girls wanted to dance with him. He also drove a Pink Mustang that we all loved also. He was always smiling and seemed to radiate joy. He had music and the love of dancing in his whole body. We all were so proud of him when he was in Dirty Dancing all those years ago. Even now when we watch it on TV we look for him. Randy will always be remembered. He's the kind of person you just don't forget. I am certain he is dancing in heaven now with the Angels, maybe even learning a few new steps himself. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Nancy and the whole family.

*Delores Goode-Vaughan*

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**Delores Vaughan** - January 12, 2017 at 03:10 PM

SA

“ I don't even know where to begin! Randy was an integral part of my middle school and high school life. Other than taking many dance classes from him and all the awesome opportunities that brought me, he gave me my first job!!! He showed me how to be a responsible teenager! Because of him, I got to experience how it felt to do something you love and share it with others. I am so grateful I got to talk to him when I came home for my 30th High School reunion this summer. I got to give him a big hug, and receive an even bigger one from him :) His heart was bigger than words can express and so many are broken by this loss.

*You will be missed Mr Lamb, but your memory will NOT fade away. Prayers for you, Nancy and Leslie, and all other family members. Please remember that Randy's memory and impact on so many will be his legacy.*

*Love from one of your biggest fans - and your first Clara!!!*

*Stephanie Haydon Ahlers*

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**Stephanie Ahlers** - January 12, 2017 at 02:49 PM

BE

“ *Becky England lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb*



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**Becky England** - January 12, 2017 at 01:13 PM

TW

“ *Thank you for your kind gentle ways. You have touched many with your kind words.*

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**Thelma Workman** - January 12, 2017 at 12:28 PM

EJ

“ Elaine And Mike Jessee lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



Elaine and Mike Jessee - January 12, 2017 at 12:19 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the Lamb family. Randy maintained a dance studio in a leased portion of the Cedar Bluff Town Hall for many years. I always enjoyed talking with him and observing the impact he made on his many students' lives. We will miss his annual performance at the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival.

James K. McGlothlin  
Cedar Bluff Town Manager

James K. McGlothlin - January 12, 2017 at 08:49 AM

KF

“ Kazan Fields lit a candle in memory of Randy Lamb



Kazan Fields - January 11, 2017 at 08:08 PM

GO

“ So many years ago, Randy and I began our love of dance in Beckley with a dear lady named Suzy Harrah. When I opened my own dance studio later on, Randy was so kind to answer questions and guide me in the right direction. His love of teaching the arts will certainly live on with all those that knew him. May God bless his family and prayers that they feel God's loving arms around them.

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**Greta Oxley** - January 11, 2017 at 08:05 PM

AS

*My sister and I took dancing from Suzy Harlan when we were very young. Joan Wooddell danced with Randy Lamb from then till they were both in Honey in the Rock and Hatfields and McCoy's. he always had the best attitude and liked everybody.*

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**anne Skewes** - January 12, 2017 at 12:53 PM

AS

*Funny Randy Lamb story: my daughter Laura and I went to Las Vegas with the dance school, Randy and Nancy Lamb. When we walked into our hotel, the Paris Las Vegas, he immediately went to the slot machines and won 400.00 before we even checked in!*

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**anne Skewes** - January 12, 2017 at 12:56 PM

MD

*To add to my sister Anne's reminiscences, I was working as an assistant in the Head Start Program one summer during my college years, and asked our sister Joan if she would dance for the preschoolers. She and Randy came to the school, did a beautiful ballet presentation and the children were mesmerized. Thank you for sharing your gifts, Randy ; you will be missed. My condolences to his family, including my classmate Jim.*

*Marilyn Wooddell Dorinson*

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**Marilyn Dorinson** - January 14, 2017 at 07:30 AM

DB

*Prayers for strength, comfort, and peace. Both our daughters, Laura and Alison took dance from Mr. Lamb. My daughter Laura still stands in dance pose when she is standing. No words we can say will make him return, but we do have the hope in Jesus Christ that we will see him again.*

*Dorwin, Carolyn, Laura Byrd Poszich and Alison Byrd Reed.*

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**Dorwin and Carolyn Byrd** - January 14, 2017 at 09:23 AM