



Dan Eliahu Tamir

October 24, 1955 - June 30, 2023

Dr. Dan Tamir, known as Dani, age 67, of Austin, Texas, passed away on June 30, 2023. He was born to Ezra and Rivka Tamir in 1955 in Israel. He was an 8th generation Israeli-born tzabar. Dan is survived by his mother, Rivka, his brother, Yoram, his former wife of 23 years, Smadar, and his four children, Hagar, Jonathan, Daphne, and Michelle. He was a loving grandfather to Juliette.

While Dan left us far too soon, the impact he had on his students, colleagues, rowing team, friends, family, and local community will be felt for years to come. Dan held many titles and roles in his life, from professor and entrepreneur to scientist and philosopher; however, one of his favorite roles was being a father. He was a dedicated father and loved spending time with his adult children, providing them with advice, support, and wisdom. He was a kind soul who often looked deep into not only himself but life around him. To him, meaning could be found in anything and he would always look for the bigger picture.

Dr. Tamir was an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas from 2005 to 2023. He obtained his PhD in Computer Science from Florida State University in 1989 and MS/BS in Electrical Engineering from Ben-Gurion University, Israel in 1983 and 1986 respectively. He was a dedicated professor for over 18 years

with a passion for teaching and supporting his students. He supervised research and individual study courses with several graduate and undergraduate students - over 30 students have completed their master's thesis/PhD dissertation under his supervision. Prior to his role at Texas State, he worked for Motorola-SPS/Freescale and was a professor in the Computer Science department at Florida Institute of Technology.

Dan was an inventor and inventive - a true Autodidact. He was an officer in the IDF. He had patents and business ventures. He published research papers and textbooks, but his inventiveness spread much further. He was a deep thinker, and would develop many of his own guiding principles. He and his brother developed and refined their own 10 Commandments to Life. He created a highly exclusive "14 Karat Gold Club," reserved for those he believed to be the most talented musicians. He also had many hobbies. He enjoyed rowing and was a member of the Austin Rowing Club for 10 years. He enjoyed playing chess, and excelled at black jack and poker. He was an avid audio-book reader. In short, he was a modern day Renaissance man.

As the son of a holocaust survivor, his childhood was deeply impacted by the trauma of an entire generation. We'll always carry his loss with us, but we can take comfort in the fact that he is free from his pain. He will be missed every day.

Dan's family welcomes donations in his name toward the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) at <https://supporting.afsp.org/campaign/Dan-Tamir>

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“Ginger lit a candle in memory of Dan Eliahu Tamir



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“Dr. Tamir was my Ph. D. advisor for my doctoral degree in Computer Science from the Florida Institute of Technology (1997). I was his first Ph.D. student; truly an honor for me for a number of reasons but in particular because he shared with me his brilliant idea of extending dynamic warping speech recognition algorithms into the fields of object recognition/image processing. His stellar guidance as an advisor perfectly revealed his kind and calm demeanor whilst conveying challenging topics in mathematics, signal processing, and artificial intelligence, which was my concentration. I was yearning to have yet another conversation with him over recent attention being given to “AI” problem solutions by naive and uneducated media participants. It was then that I found out about his demise. Dr. Dan put up with and entertained my often crazy ideas, surprisingly with deep interest and humor. After our relationship as faculty-student at FIT we became friends and I was thrilled when he asked me permission to continue our research and extend the suite of code I authored for the dissertation begun at FIT; this time at Texas State. I am deeply saddened by Dr. Tamir’s passing as I feel he had much still to contribute, and I miss him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Rhoda Baggs - August 03, 2024 at 01:27 PM

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I am so overwhelmed with grief to have found out about Dr. Tamir's passing. I knew him at FSU years ago. He helped me with not only my computer problems, but also in dealing with philosophical questions. I was grateful for his guidance and friendship. I have never forgotten him. I never will. I commiserate with his family, his friends, and those fortunate enough to have known him.

Ginger - May 29, 2025 at 05:13 PM