

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY MARCHING BANDS



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Dear Fellow Band Directors,

Last Thursday was truly a dark day for all of us with the passing of Mr. Stuart Bird. Many band directors and students have been touched by this great man. His sincerity for his profession and compassion for students was an everyday event for Mr. Bird. His friendship was extended to everyone he met, and he was indeed a friend you could always count on. His knowledge, ability and desire for you and your group to achieve a higher goal was always his norm. Mr. Bird had a way to excite your students and directors into achieving these higher standards.

I was blessed with having Stuart as High School principal while I was at Carthage High School, as well having Sharon as my assistant. The Lord blessed us with these two individuals and made our lives fuller. There was truly only one Stuart Bird, and we were given a gift with days we had him.

If you were one of the individuals blessed with knowing Mr. Bird, a scholarship fund has been established. Please mail any donations to the address below:

Stuart Bird Scholarship Fund  
Austin Bank  
507 W. Duval Street  
Troup, Texas 75789

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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