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SQLYearbook

SQLQuery1.sql - (lo...ook (SQLTribe (57))*

```sql
SELECT *

FROM dbo.SQLYearbook

WHERE

    [Year] = 2018

ORDER BY

    [LastName],

    [FirstName];

    /**
    Yearbook (n.) – A publication that serves as a record
    of the year's activities.

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    http://SQLYearbook.com
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SIGNATURES

Have a great Summit! - Jen M.

CLASS OF 2018 RULEZ!

Contents

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We like to say that at **MinionWare**, "we make stuff for DBAs". That's simplest way to say that we make masterful backup, maintenance, and management tools for SQL Server.

MidnightSQL Consulting specializes in *oh-please-help-us* emergencies, high availability, performance tuning, interviews, and database enterprise auditing and management.

WIN-R SSMS.exe (Welcome)

This is the first annual **SQL Yearbook**! I've been thinking of this for literally years, and I'm finally realizing that no one is going to leap on the idea and do all the work for me.

Le *sigh.*

This first year, we had several dozen sign up to be in the Yearbook, plus more willing to talk about the charity work they do, and even more who wanted to contribute to the cause – did I mention this Yearbook benefits *Doctors Without Borders*? – and who wanted to remember those that we've recently lost from the community.

I hope that this new tradition[1] will continue, and will grow. I hope more people participate. I hope next year I have a bigger team to put it together. Because quite frankly, apart from the joy that charitable community efforts generate, I really need a reference for what you fine people look like!

Cheers,

Jennifer McCown, Editor in Chief

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[1] A contradiction in terms, but one that works.

/* SQL Yearbook 2018 benefits Doctors Without Borders (DoctorsWithoutBorders.org), "an independent, global movement providing medical aid where it's needed most". The following people were generous enough to support the Yearbook by supporting Doctors Without Borders. */

Malathi Mahadevan – Data Professionals at Work

My first book, Data Professionals at Work, is a collection of interviews with top notch people in data/SQL Server-based line of work. As an upcoming DBA, one of my struggles was constantly looking for direction on my career and making the right choices.

My hope is that the book will help those like me with providing some of that by reading stories of people who have been on the same path and been successful. I learned a lot talking to them and am hoping those
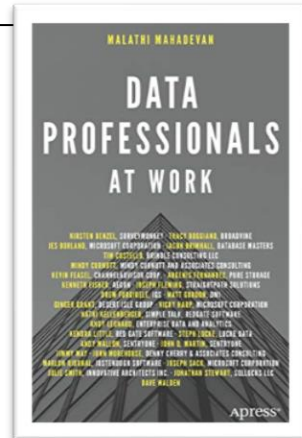
Randolph West – BornSQL.ca

Founded by Data Platform MVP, Randolph West, Born SQL (http://bornsql.ca) provides specialist SQL Server services, upgrades, on-site support and disaster recovery services in western Canada. Allow us to identify what's hurting your database environment, implement changes with little to no downtime and keep your server running smoothly.

Andy Levy – FlxSQL.com

Andy Levy is a geek, husband, father, geocacher & gratuitous consumer of satellite signals (not in that order). He has been in IT professionally for nearly two decades in web development, system integration and presently database administration.

In 2012, I started forming ideas for some projects I could work on that would help me learn new ways to use the tools I've been using at work for years. And if I document it well along the way, I can blog about it (http://FlxSQL.com) and contribute back to the community.

$$\text{… WHERE [Year] = 2018}$$
$$\text{AND [Type] = 'Class of 2018'}$$

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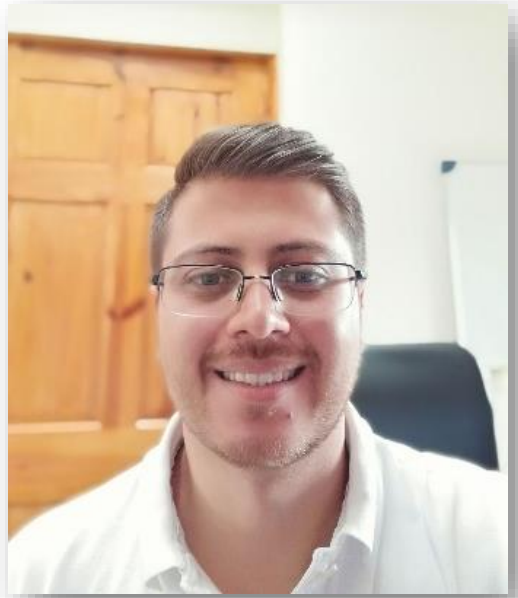
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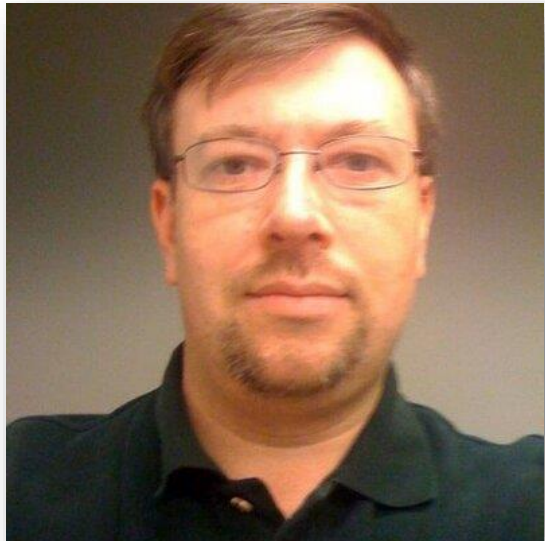
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I served for 10 years on the ANSI X3H2 database standards committee. I've got 10 books on SQL, still in print. I will pretty much show up at any SQL event if somebody will pay my way and pick up my bar bill :-).

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I'm a SQL Server DBA who supports and embraces technology, recognising the need to provide true Business value while maintaining technical stability. I enjoy bringing order out of chaos and embraces the power of education through self-learning and helping others.

What else: "My original plan for a Lightning Talk on "Shrinking Databases" had me running to the stage with a pair of 12" sharp scissors because I was late. My point? Sometimes there are reasons to do things that you shouldn't. Then security happened."

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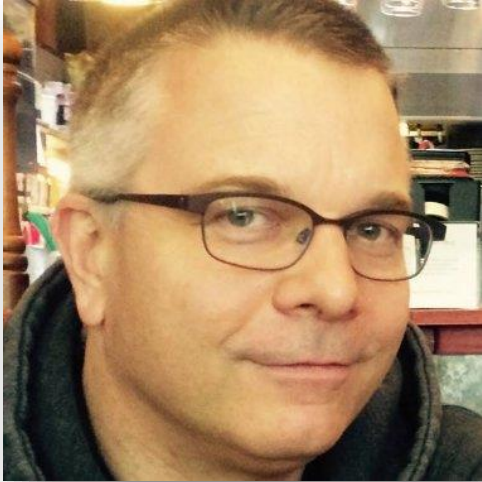
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I'm a consultant, architect, and developer, and I pretty much owe my entire career to the SQL Community and the connections and opportunities it has given me. You people are amazing!

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Carlos Robles is a MSCE in Data Management and Analytics and ITIL v3 certified, who began his career working with Oracle databases. Now with more than 10 years of experience in the database administration field spends most of his time working with SQL Server.

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My interest in becoming a data professional began back in 2008. I used to manage excel spreadsheets with VBA macros and made the exciting jump into database and systems administration in 2011. I'm working towards my MCSE Certifications in SQL Server.

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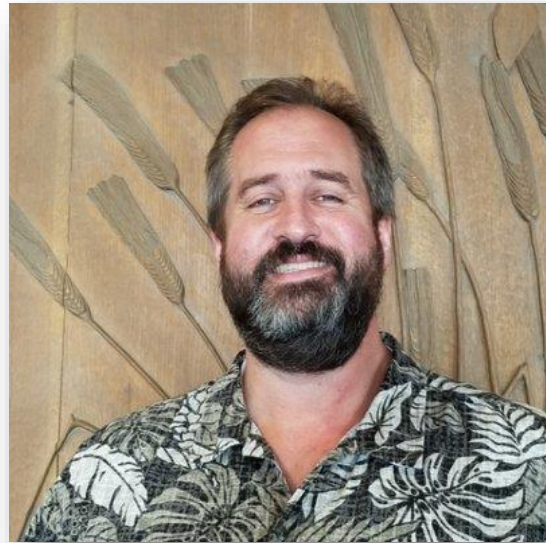
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What else: "I died in an episode of Fargo."

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Hi! I love teaching and sharing knowledge. Also sci-fi, chocolate, cat gifs and smilies :) I'm an author, blogger, speaker, and chronic volunteer, and when I'm not doing all those fun things I work as a Business Intelligence consultant.

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… WHERE [Year] = 2018
AND [Type] = 'Charity';

/* SQL community members are no stranger to volunteer work! Here are a few we'd like to spotlight. */

CASA, Tracy Boggiano

"Nearly 700,000 children experience abuse or neglect each year. Instead of playing with neighbors and making happy family memories, they're attending court hearings, adjusting to new foster homes and transitioning to new schools. That's a heavy burden for a child to carry. With a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) or guardian ad litem (GAL) volunteer dedicated to their case, America's most vulnerable children will have someone speaking up for their best interests. With your support, more children will have the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home." - http://www.casaforchildren.org

Here's Tracy, on her work with CASA:

"I will always say being a CASA volunteer is my favorite job because it is the one that makes a difference in the world. As a volunteer I look out for society's most vulnerable, our children, who through no fault of their own are in foster care. I hope to be a person they can trust during the process and to make a difference in their life."

For more about Tracy's experiences with CASA, see her blog post at https://bit.ly/2oUXyhd

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Girls and Data, Mindy Curnutt

In 2018 Mindy Curnutt helped to bring awareness about career opportunities in Data Science and Analytics to young women across America through the nonprofit organization *Girls and Data*. Many #sqlfamily were generous donors and/or volunteers that helped to make full-day workshops in Dallas, Charlotte, Cleveland and Raleigh take place.

Over 150 young women aged 10-14 were able to attend workshops where they learned to slice and dice data and to experience the "answered question that leads to yet another question," that is Data Analysis.

Over 100 individiuals and companies that donoted funds to make these workshops happen.

Huge thanks to in-person classroom helpers
(SQL Family volunteers) Tim Cost, Tracy Boggiano, Amy Herold, and Terri Donahue.

"LaunchCode is building a skilled workforce by creating pathways for driven people seeking careers in technology. We are helping jobseekers enter the tech field by providing accessible education, training and paid apprenticeship job placement." – https://LaunchCode.org/About

Here's Kathi, on her work with LaunchCode:

"For the past four years, I've been a volunteer at an organization that is near and dear to my heart, LaunchCode. They are changing the face of technology in St. Louis and other cities around the US by providing free training, paid apprenticeships, and job placement. The face of technology doesn't have to always be white and male. It can be any shade and any gender.

"Some of the people served by LaunchCode have not had many breaks in life. I've heard wonderful stories from LaunchCode alumni and have seen many of my students go on to get great jobs as developers and database administrators.

"I've had an amazing career, but I believe that I was put on this earth to be a teacher. I feel very proud that I have helped people around the world through my books and presentations, but I am most proud of the work I have done at LaunchCode."

"In 2016, I organized an (unofficial) PASS Summit LGBT Meetup. It was a bit of a last-minute party, and more than once I found myself saying, "Worst case scenario, I'll end up having a chill cocktail party with some friends." Turns out, I under estimated myself: I sold out of (free) tickets, the room was at full capacity, we raised over $3000 for The Trevor Project, and everyone had a great time.

"Later this week is **National Coming Out Day** (NCOD). Homophobia thrives in an atmosphere of silence and ignorance. Once people know that they have LGBTQ loved ones, they are far less likely to maintain homophobic, hateful, or oppressive views. I came out 15 years ago, and vowed to always be supportive of others in the LGBTQ community throughout their journey.

"After not making Summit last year, I'm back this year, and hosting another LGBTQ Meetup…

"While it's free to attend, I am again asking for people to help me support The Trevor Project. The Trevor Project provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) young people. **For US youth between the ages of 10 and 24, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death nationwide**.

"Please donate… [https://give.thetrevorproject.org/PASSpride2018], and help The Trevor Project continue their work helping these at-risk young people. Donate through my fundraising page [https://give.thetrevorproject.org/PASSpride2018], *your donation could count for double!* Brent Ozar Unlimited [https://www.brentozar.com/archive/2018/10/lgbtq-meetup-at-the-pass-summit/] is going to match the first $5000 that we raise. You heard that right: If we hit my $5000 fundraising goal, Brent will match it with another $5000."

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… `WHERE` [Year] = 2018
`AND` [Type] = `'Event'`;

While there are more events in the world than SQL Saturdays, we'll start with these. Bragging rights time! Circle the events you attended this year, or add those we missed!

Event Date	Event Name	Location	Area	URL
13 Jan 2018	SQLSaturday 698	Nashville	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/698/
13 Jan 2018	SQLSaturday 702	Malaysia	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/702/
03 Feb 2018	SQLSaturday 695	Guatemala	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/695/
10 Feb 2018	SQLSaturday 696	Redmond	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/696/
17 Feb 2018	SQLSaturday 706	Wellington	Asia Pacific	SQLSaturday.com/706/
17 Feb 2018	SQLSaturday 707	Pordenone	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/707/
21 Feb 2018	SQL Bits	London	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLBits.com/
24 Feb 2018	SQLSaturday 699	Tampa	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/699/
03 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 725	Victoria	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/725/
10 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 697	Spokane	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/697/
10 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 704	Iceland	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/704/
17 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 701	Cincinnati	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/701/
17 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 709	Belgium	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/709/
17 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 719	Chicago	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/719/
17 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 726	Phoenix	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/726/
24 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 700	Colorado Springs	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/700/
24 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 705	Richmond	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/705/
24 Mar 2018	SQLSaturday 723	Rochester	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/723/
07 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 724	Madison	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/724/
14 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 718	Joinville	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/718/
14 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 721	Raleigh	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/721/
14 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 732	Budapest	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/732/

14 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 740	Orange County	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/740/
21 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 703	Costa Rica	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/703/
21 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 714	Philadelphia	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/714/
26 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 738	Israel	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/738/
28 Apr 2018	SQLSaturday 717	Wheeling	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/717/
05 May 2018	SQLSaturday 710	Edmonton	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/710/
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05 May 2018	SQLSaturday 759	Jacksonville	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/759/
12 May 2018	SQLSaturday 735	Finland	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/735/
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19 May 2018	SQLSaturday 716	New York City	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/716/
19 May 2018	SQLSaturday 728	Catania	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/728/
19 May 2018	SQLSaturday 733	Atlanta	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/733/
19 May 2018	SQLSaturday 734	Dallas	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/734/
19 May 2018	SQLSaturday 739	Kyiv	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/739/
26 May 2018	SQLSaturday 712	South Island NZ	Asia Pacific	SQLSaturday.com/712/
26 May 2018	SQLSaturday 751	Santiago	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/751/
26 May 2018	SQLSaturday 756	Bafoussam	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/756/
02 Jun 2018	SQLSaturday 711	Plovdiv	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/711/
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04 Aug 2018	SQLSaturday 750	Sri Lanka	Asia Pacific	SQLSaturday.com/750/
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01 Sep 2018	SQLSaturday 746	Oslo	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/746/
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08 Sep 2018	SQLSaturday 793	Cape Town	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/793/
15 Sep 2018	SQLSaturday 774	Denver	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/774/
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22 Sep 2018	SQLSaturday 797	Boston	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/797/
22 Sep 2018	SQLSaturday 800	Atlanta BI Edition	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/800/
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24 Sep 2018	Microsoft Ignite	Orlando	Canada/US	Azure.Microsoft.com/en-us/Ignite/
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13 Oct 2018	SQLSaturday 763	Sofia	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/763/

13 Oct 2018	SQLSaturday 781	Columbus, GA	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/781/
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13 Oct 2018	SQLSaturday 790	Holland	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/790/
15 Oct 2018	IT/Dev Connections	Dallas	Canada/US	ITDevConnections.com/
20 Oct 2018	SQLSaturday 798	Madrid	Europe/Middle East/Africa	SQLSaturday.com/798/
20 Oct 2018	SQLSaturday 799	Salvador	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/799/
20 Oct 2018	SQLSaturday 806	Charlotte	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/806/
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03 Nov 2018	SQLSaturday 808	Oregon	Canada/US	SQLSaturday.com/808/
06 Nov 2018	PASS Summit	Seattle	Canada/US	PASS.org/Summit/2018
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24 Nov 2018	SQLSaturday 811	Rio de Janeiro	Latin America	SQLSaturday.com/811/
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AND [Type] = 'We Miss You';
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In a group so large and diverse as ours, it is inevitable

that we will, at some point, end up losing some of the

people we love. While we have called out as many absent

friends as possible, we know we may have missed

someone, or someones, very important. We dedicate this

section to those lost folk, whether mentioned here or no,

who we will miss.

Naomi Williams

Immediately before publishing the Yearbook, the SQL community lost another treasured member: Naomi Williams.

Thanks to Wolf (@sqlwarewolf) for this tribute.

Naomi Fae Williams

November 23rd, 1981 – October 29th/30th, 2018

Naomi was an amazing woman throughout her entire life. She was strong and obstinate, yet sensitive and open minded. The woman was crazy in the best way and so intelligent. Generous. Kind. Caring. Understanding. Silly. Young. Loving. There is no end to the number of words that could describe her.

She was a wife, a mother, sister, daughter, aunt, niece, granddaughter, and friend to many. She lived a most eventful life filled with all sorts of things that most people only dream of or would never even consider doing. She's been skydiving, white water rafting, out of the country several times to several places, ziplining. She's been to nearly every state in the country, and had a book collection that is just as massive.

Naomi was a lover and a fighter. She was brave and bold, yet also sweet and compassionate. Her family was her life- her world. They were her everything to her. The lady worked a lot, but if any one person within her family ever needed her she was there no matter what.

She never disappointed, and she always tried her very hardest. For each and every single task, no matter how minor, she gave 110%. That's just how she was. She always sought to go above and beyond what was ever asked of her.

Aaron Lowe

Aaron Lowe @Vendoran · Jun 13
OH: We're not going Agile, we're going FRAgile

Aaron Lowe @Vendoran · 24 Sep 2017
Arguments and words rarely change someone's mind. What changes minds is the building of relationships

Aaron Lowe
July 23, 2018
@Vendoran

Aaron Lowe @Vendoran · Jan 22
Curious if others have the same issue and how they deal with it - when developing creative ideas I find myself needing to talk with someone about the ideas and the interaction really helps the development. However my job is such that there is rarely anyone available.

Aaron Lowe @Vendoran · 19 Nov 2016
when you are rolling in your ride, music up feeling good and trying to act cool - then realize you are driving a mini van #thestruggleisreal

Aaron Lowe @Vendoran · May 3
I know it's been said before, but it needs to be said again. Could we please stop referring to people as resources?

Robert L Davis

We knew Rob – or as we usually called him at our house, "Soldier" - for years. I knew him some in person, of course, but most of our friendship was online. He was nearly everywhere: all over Twitter – especially the #sqlhelp hashtag – on forums, on groups, on mailing lists. He helped people with individual projects, work problems, whatever. The man liked to talk – online – and he liked to help. A lot.

He was an excellent internet friend. It broke our hearts when he died last April, and the very large crew of people we know and love online echoed that heartbreak right back, with disbelief, and memories, and memorials. Rob was good people, you see?

Rob, you left us way, way too soon, but thanks for leaving us with so much *stuff* to remember you by.

Robert L Davis
April 3, 2018
@SQLSoldier

Robert L Davis

@SQLSoldier Follows you

Senior SQL Server Software Engineer at Global Relay............ Certified Master: SQL Server... MVP... Poker player... Ordained Pastafarian... Native American
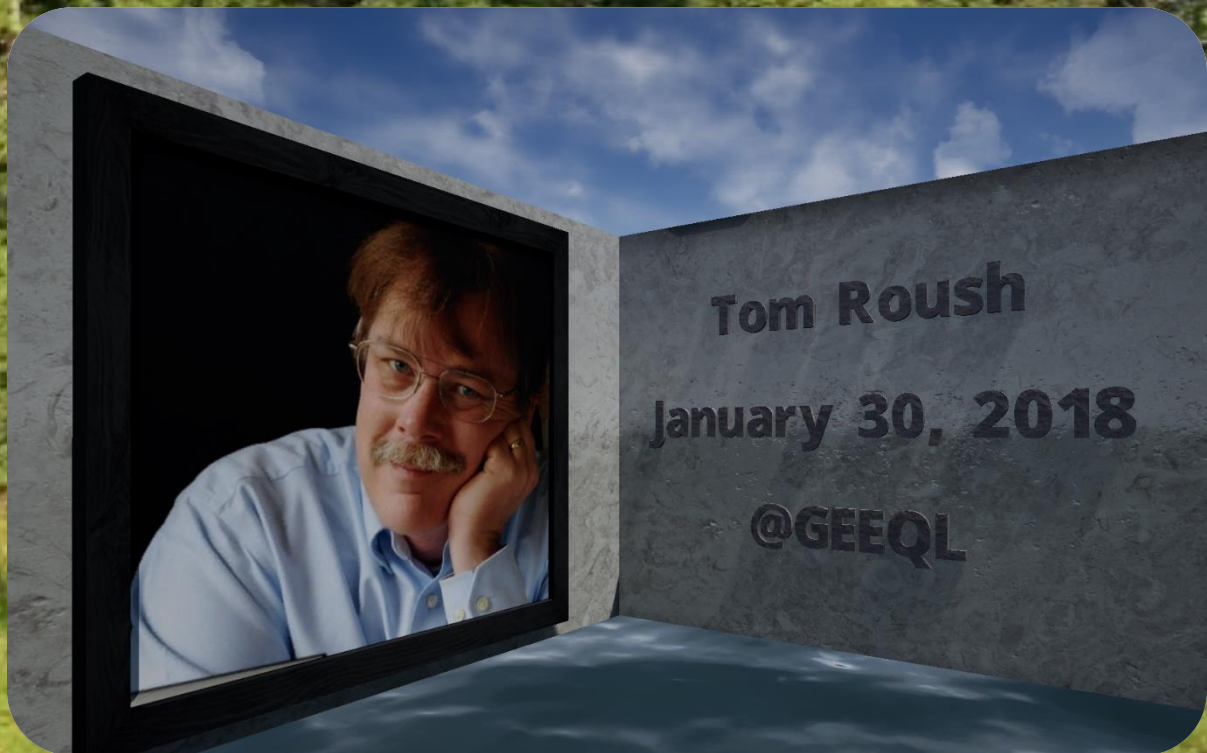
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Tom Roush

Background photo taken by Tom during a sailplane ride, for his blog "A story of Rust, Moths, Treasures, and and old Saab". *-https://bit.ly/2OnV2KN*

Tom Roush @GEEQL · 19 Jan 2017

It's neat how writing stories allows me to escape a bit... It's like exploring the attic of my mind... #Amwriting

Tom Roush @GEEQL · Jan 30

This is @atechieattempts Tom's daughter. @GEEQL has a new job as SQL DBA for heaven. We love you all, as did he. Please hold us in your prayers. And tell us Tom stories.

Mike Wilmot

Photos respectfully borrowed from Mike's Facebook stream:

https://www.facebook.com/mike.wilmot.35

Mike Wilmot

October 12, 2017

Larry Toothman

Larry Toothman @IowaTechBear · 10 Jan 2015
Made a fresh batch of my habanero chipotle #hotsauce. Gave half of the batch to a friend. Heat and flavor!

Larry Toothman @IowaTechBear · 14 Nov 2014
I had my annual performance review at work Tues. My mgr noted the positive effect that participating in #pass has had on me! #SQLFamily

Larry Toothman
April 8, 2015
@IowaTechBear

Larry Toothman @IowaTechBear · 8 Jan 2015
Christmas gift finally arrived. Been doing dishes by hand since flood of '08. Is it possible to love an appliance?
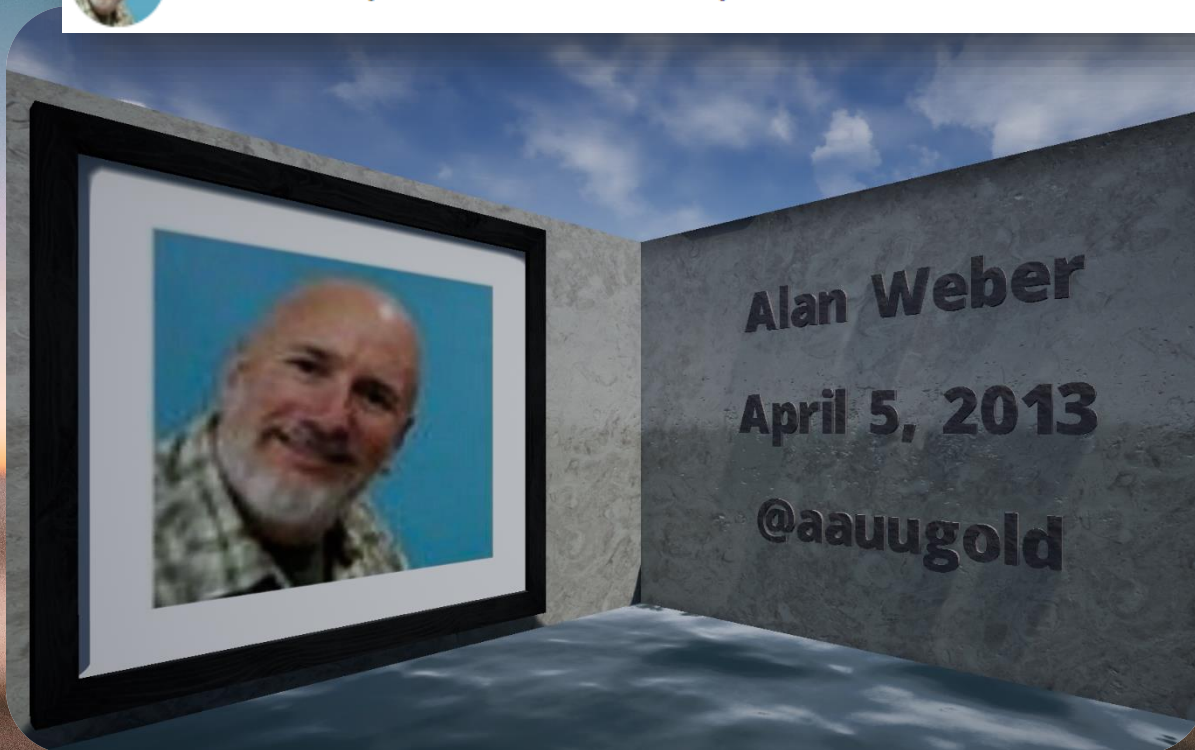
Alan Weber

Alan Weber @aaugold · 22 Feb 2013
take pride in your humility

Alan Weber @aaugold · 20 Oct 2011
SQL 2012 - Mayan edition. The last version you will ever need.

Alan Weber
April 5, 2013
@aaugold

Alan Weber @aaugold · 10 Feb 2011
The art of management: Imagine something and then complain that reality is different.

Alan Weber
@aaugold   Follows you
When I was young, I had to rub sticks together to compute.

Bob Rumburg

Bob Rumburg

November 16, 2011

Ken Henderson

"I remember sitting in Ken's office at MS a few times talking about his vision for what he wanted his books to be. His goal was to teach at several levels. What he wanted was for the beginners and the experienced alike to get something out of his books. And he succeeded very well. I can still go back and read some of the Guru's books and understand things I didn't get before. I remember saying that to Ken once and he just smiled. Then he said, *finally somebody gets it. I want people to be able to grow into my material.*"

– Sean McCown, "Ken's Legacy"

Ken Henderson
2008
Rest In Peace

Ken Henderson
January 27, 2008

"I write technical books because I enjoy passing on what I've learned as a developer. That's different from enjoying teaching people. I do enjoy teaching people, but that's not why I write books. Some of the things I've learned about SQL Server took me years to master. I enjoy passing that on to people so that they don't have to travel the same arduous roads that I did. I enjoy helping people. That's different from teaching for the sake of teaching. I could never train people for a living. I am a programmer by trade, and everything else is an offshoot of that.

"If I didn't think I had something unique to bring to the discussion, I don't think I'd write books. I don't ever want to do what has already been done. I want to bring a fresh perspective to technical books, and I want to explore things in ways most other authors wouldn't. If my work was exactly like everyone else's, there'd be no reason for it to exist, and I wouldn't bother. Given that I've never written fulltime but have always held down a regular day job while writing my books, the work itself is simply too hard to do just to be a clone of someone else. When people pick up one of my books, I hope they know right away that it's one of mine, that it speaks with a distinctive voice, and I hope they think they might learn something from it simply because they trust me as an author." **– 2006 Interview with Ken Henderson, https://bit.ly/2OqmA21**

Jim Gray

"Although four years have passed since his disappearance at sea, the legacy of Jim Gray, a Technical Fellow for Microsoft Research and a Turing Award winner, lives on in the annual Jim Gray eScience Award. Every year at its annual eScience workshop, Microsoft Research bestows this honor on a researcher who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of data-intensive computing. The award recognizes innovators whose work truly makes science easier for scientists."

– "Jim Gray Award", https://bit.ly/2D1VvQF

END TRY; -- Final Acknowledgements

Thank you to **Twitter.com** for being the SQL nerds' platform of choice.

Thanks to the **SQL nerds**, for being out there in the world.

Thanks to the **#sqlhelp hashtag**, which will soldier on, even without our favorite Soldier.

Thanks to **Unsplash.com** for the beautiful artwork.

Thanks to **those who signed up** to be in the class of 2018.

And thanks to **those who donated** to Doctors Without Borders, just to help and to be a notable part of this project.

Thanks to **all of you** who said, "Wow, what a great idea!"

Smaller thanks to **all of you** who will think it's a good idea, but then complain about formatting. :)

Thanks to **Microsoft**, who somehow managed to create a technology with the *nicest* set of users I've seen in the technology world. Also, for letting me work there in the mid 2000s.

Very special thanks to **Sean McCown**, who got me into this SQL Server mess in the first place, and who still keeps me on my techie toes.

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