



Danny Hugh Fortson

May 19, 1947 - November 4, 2011

Danny Hugh Fortson 1947-2011 Danny was born in Pensacola, Florida on May 19, 1947 and after a very long, difficult and courageous battle with Lymphoma, he walked into the welcoming arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 4, 2011, surrounded by family. After graduating from PHS in 1965 he joined the USMC serving proudly and received an honorable discharge in August 1971. During his military career he served two tours of duty in Viet Nam and received numerous medals and awards. Following his military career he worked with the Florida Highway Patrol for seven years and then began his long and rewarding career with Gulf Power Company from which he recently retired. Danny's passions in life were his relationship with God, his family, golf, Alabama football, and the time he spent at his home in Beulah and outside on his "Big Green Tractor". He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, father-in-law, numerous aunts and uncles and dear friend Buck Carter. He is survived by "the light in his eye and the beat in his heart" the love of his life Kristina, children Jenny McKendrick (John), Jackie (LuLu) Fortson, Doug Fortson, Tony Roth and Hallie Scholls. His brother Michael Fortson (Maxine), sister KK Richardson (Paul) and grandchildren Brianna, Brandon, Katelin, Kasey, Kayla, Tasha, Aryon, Issac, Jenna, Aerin, Alexis and Aiden. His mother-in-law Nancy Scholls, brothers and sisters-in-law Eddie Scholls, Melissa Johnson (Tom), Patty Drohan (Andy), niece Wendy Capps and nephews Brian Fortson and Jeremy King. Danny made lifelong friends whom he cherished, and he prided himself in always doing the right thing. He was a man of honor and integrity who loved deeply. He had such love and admiration for his pastor Carl Gallups and his church family at Hickory Hammock Baptist. The family would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Thomas Sunnenberg and his staff for the excellent care they provided over the years and the staff at Joyce Goldberg Covenant Hospice. Services will be held at Faith Chapel Funeral Home North on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 11:00 AM, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Barrancas National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice or to Hickory Hammock Baptist Church Building Fund in Danny's memory. Deuteronomy 31:6-"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Faith Chapel Funeral Home North, 1000 Highway 29 South Cantonment

is in charge of arrangements. Please express your condolences at www.fcfhs.com

Comments



“ today our Lord has gained a new angel, the most wonderful man I have ever known, the greatest daddy,grandfather,friend,brother, and uncle anyone could have ever imagined, he was so kind and so brave and had the best soldier on his side, his wife, for you will be so missed, never forgotten, and a guardian angel to all of your friends, and family, i was so blessed to have you as my father, my heart weeps for you you but also feels almost like it is flying because i know you are in a peaceful, wonderful, and beautiful place, your new adventure, so full of love, comfort, and no pain, and you were able to leave peacefully with all of your loved ones by your side, you were in love with the strongest most caring person any of us could ever hope for, and daddy, i will see you again one day, for now, i will live life to the fullest and love to the extreme and make sure kris will always be ok, i give you my word.

Jackie Fortson - November 10, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ Don't be mad if I cry
It just hurts so bad sometimes
'Cause everyday it's sinking in
And I have to say goodbye all over again

You know I bet it feels good to have the weight of this world
Off your shoulders now
I'm dreaming of the day
When I'm finally there with you

Save a place for me
Save a place for me
I'll be there soon
I'll be there soon
Save a place for me
Save some grace for me
I'll be there soon
I'll be there soon

I have asked the question why
But I guess the answer's for another time
So instead I'll pray
With every tear
And be thankful for the time I had you here

And I wanna live my life
Just like you did
Make the most of my time
Just like you did
And I wanna make my home up in the sky
Just like you did
Oh, but until I get there
Until I get there

Jackie Fortson - November 10, 2011 at 10:54 AM



“ Kris, I so much wanted to attend the services for Danny but am leaving town in just a few minutes. Danny was a great friend and he helped me so much with the responsibilities I had when working with him at Pace Blvd. He constantly talked about you and how he "found the woman right for him". Please know our prayers are with you and family during this time. Looking forward to seeing Danny again in heaven!

Judy McHenry - November 09, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ May God bless you all in this difficult time. Danny was a warm and kind man who was always smiling and fun to be around. Knowing him was one of my highlights of working at Gulf Power. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marie Hobbs - November 08, 2011 at 11:13 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Danny was a wonderful man, and will be missed. Tom Rutland

Tom Rutland - November 08, 2011 at 04:59 PM



“ Danny, I thank you for the many years of friendship you have shown to my boys and I. I know that there was a joyful celebration when you got to heaven, all those that had gone before you came to greet you and when Jesus came to welcome you home the angels made a joyful noise. Though you may be gone from our sight, you will live on forever in our hearts and memories.

Deborah Kelson Tucker Pardue - November 08, 2011 at 01:16 PM



“ My heart goes out to you, Jenny and your family. Our prayers are that you find peace in the knowledge that your Dad is no longer suffering and is in the arms of his heavenly father.

Shirley K. Godwin - November 08, 2011 at 01:15 PM



“ Sincere condolences to all the family and loved ones of Danny. We were fellow '65 PHS graduates and knew each other throughout high school.

Cecile (Lester) Stephens - November 08, 2011 at 12:20 PM



“ Danny was a super person. He always had a good word for everyone.

Jim George - November 08, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ Kris your entire family will be in our prayers! We are joyful knowing Danny is walking in the arms of our Lord and Savior! He holds a special place in many HHBC hearts. He was such a driven warrior and friendships will be always cherished...We love you!

Billy and Stephanie Slaton & Family - November 08, 2011 at 08:12 AM



“ Danny,
Your commitment and passion for knowing and serving our Lord Jesus was an inspiration to me and many others.
You will be missed in this life, but we will see you soon as we gather around God's Throne!

Kris, we love you dearly and are praying for God's strength & comfort to you in these difficult hours.

Joe

Joe Chambers - November 07, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ I found this by God's guidance. I did not know Danny passed away until today. I was young when I started with the Florida Highway Patrol early in 1973, when I was 19-20 years old. I used to ride with Danny every chance I got. Danny taught me many things about being a State Trooper, about God-Family (when Jackie & Jenny were toddlers bouncing in their cribs when they lived in West Cocoa), about love of Country and the USMC, about honesty, integrity and always speaking and dealing with the direct truth. Danny passed on my only son Michael's birthday, Nov-4th, and I will be reminded on that day of every year of his passing. What a fine man he was. God did not take Danny, God received him. Rest brother and know you will never be forgotten. - Mike Best-Psalm 91

Mike Best - October 08, 2011 at 11:06 AM