



Mr. Russell Eugene Forrester

April 5, 1941 - May 7, 2019

Statesboro, GA

Russell Eugene Forrester, age 78, died on Tuesday May 7th 2019 at Ogeechee Area Hospice Inpatient Facility. Mr. Russell was born April 5, 1941, the son of Ellis and Evie Forrester. He graduated from Landrum High School in 1959 where he excelled in football and basketball. He joined the Marines in 1959 and after serving 4 years, achieved the rank of Lance Corporal. While stationed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Prison, he met the love of his life, Helen Cook of Portsmouth. They were married May 23, 1964, a marriage that would last 55 years. Russ and Helen started their family and moved to York, Maine in 1972. They spent most of their time shuffling their 3 sons between sporting events and occasional trips to the local Emergency Room. Whether at baseball, basketball, football, track or soccer events, Russ could always be heard over the crowd expressing his displeasure with the referees.

He loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman which he instilled in his sons. Russ was a great storyteller, which came in handy when explaining why he didn't always come home with a trophy.

He retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a Ship Scheduler, Electrician in 1993. Russ and Helen moved to Statesboro, Georgia in 1994. He spent a lot of time in his favorite tree stand, a boat, the local coffee shop, or in his work shop making belt buckles and key chains out of moose antler.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, sons; Douglas and spouse Kathleen of Gorham, ME; Kenneth and spouse Tina of South Berwick, ME; Timothy and spouse Bethany of Woolwich, ME; 11 Grandchildren and 3 Great-grandchildren, his siblings, Lucy Pace of Inman, S.C.; Laura Fox of Shreveport, LA, Alice Durham of Spartanburg, S.C., Betsy Cribs of Brooklet, GA, James Forrester of Phoenix, AZ, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother Richard of Moore, S.C.

Russ will best be remembered for his story telling and never ending jokes. He loved making people laugh. He was always willing to help someone out and was a person you could count on. A Marine to the end, he embodied their motto "Semper Fidelis" – always faithful.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home in Statesboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Ogeechee Area Hospice, PO Box 531, Statesboro, GA 30459.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home - Statesboro
502 Miller Street Ext., Statesboro, GA, US, 30458

Comments



“ Russ and I worked together at the shipyard. We became good friends and had a lot of fun working together. When I think of fun times at work I think of Russ. I know how much he loved his family he always talked about you guys. Russ was a good man. I'm sorry for your loss. Sincerely George Mantos

George Mantos - June 29, 2019 at 05:04 AM



“ Helen and family members,
We send our condolences with the passing of Russell. You will be in our thoughts during these difficult days.
Furman and Pat Forrester

Furman Forrester - May 11, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ Sissy Fordham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Russell Eugene Forrester



sissy Fordham - May 10, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ Thank you Sissy -
Helen & sons, Doug, Ken & Tim - May 13, 2019 at 08:00 AM



“ We will miss making Russel fresh decaf and watching him put salt in it. We will miss his friendship and humorous stories. Rest easy now my friend.

Barbara Brown - May 10, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Thank you Barbara - Vandy's was one of his favorite hangouts.
Helen - May 13, 2019 at 08:03 AM