



Frederic Paine Worthen

November 22, 1946 - January 3, 2013

Frederic Paine Worthen, Jr., 66, of Newnan, Georgia, died January 3, 2013, after suffering from acute interstitial pneumonia during the last month. Born November 22, 1946 in Hartford, Connecticut, to Frederic Paine and Helen Farnsworth (Beda) Worthen, Ricky's father, Fred, worked for Standard Oil of New Jersey, which involved a peripatetic lifestyle for the family during their South American years in Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina. In the mid-fifties, the family moved to Andover, Massachusetts, when his father purchased Farnsworth Industries from his father-in-law, Charles Edward Farnsworth, the beginning of Worthen Industries, which has grown to presently include fourteen business units.

Ricky attended The Pike School in Andover until seventh grade as he transferred and graduated from Cardigan Mountain. He then entered Kimball Union Academy where he played varsity football and was a member of the swim and lacrosse teams. The University of South Carolina awarded Ricky a swimming scholarship as well as an offer to play football under Paul Dietzel. Around this time, he met a former Pike classmate, Nancy Schofield McArdle, whom he married June 28th, 1969.

Since Ricky was in the Naval Reserves, he and Nancy moved to Virginia Beach where he completed his service in 1970 and enrolled at the University of Hartford. The college necessitated a move to the family farm in Granby, Connecticut, which Nancy and Ricky enjoyed immensely. To the family's delight, they moved back to Andover in 1972; and Ricky began working for

Worthen Industries. Frederic Paine Worthen III (Eric) was born in 1973, followed by Sarah Mills (Cricket) Worthen in 1976.

In 1978, construction began on Nylco Corporation, a division of Worthen Industries; Fred Worthen asked Ricky to move to Newnan to oversee the construction and subsequently manage the plant. Aided by the late M. F. (Matt) Cole, the Worthens were made to feel at home even before their arrival. Quickly, Nancy and Ricky became the subject of, "Have you met the Yankees who moved it town?"

The challenge of Southern living was readily accepted and the adjustment a joyous one in view of their ready inclusion into the community. The Worthens reared Eric and Cricket in Newnan's small town atmosphere where parents and children enjoyed delightful friends. Ricky's retirement from Worthen Industries came in April of this year.

Ricky had no trouble adjusting to a fulfilling life outside the family business. Always involved in mechanical interests, Ricky took those talents and aided the needs of his friends from repairing Gaston Green's yard equipment to household projects for Parnell Odom and Amelia Adams. However, his greatest joy came in enjoying his grandchildren, Isabell Corrine Harter (Izzy), 6, and John Brewington Harter, Jr. (Brew), 5.

Ricky is survived by his wife Nancy, son Eric of North Andover, Massachusetts, and daughter Cricket, son-in-law John B. Harter, Izzy and Brew Harter of Beaufort, South Carolina, as well as Theresa Pritchett, his housekeeper and very good friend of 30 years, and his beloved Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Auskie.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

Other survivors include his brother Peter and wife Sally of Birmingham, Alabama; sister Lynn Berns and husband Fred of Peabody, Kansas; brother David and wife Gail of Wilton, New Hampshire; sister-in-law Sue Worthen, North Andover, Massachusetts, as well as a number of nieces and nephews. His parents and brother Rob predeceased him.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 6 at 3 p.m. at Central

Baptist Church, 14 West Broad Street, Newnan with Dr. Joel Richardson officiating. A reception will follow at the Newnan Country Club, 1356 Hwy 29 North, Newnan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Newnan-Coweta Angel's House, P.O. Box 657, Newnan, 30364 or Coweta Samaritan Clinic P.O. Box 963, Newnan 30264.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, Newnan, GA (770)253-4580

Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Service

JAN 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Visitation

JAN 6 (ET)

Newnan Country Club
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Nancy, Sorry to hear about Ricky. I was looking forward to seeing him at our Cardigan Mountain School 50th reunion. Hope all is well with the rest of the family. Joe

Joe Hallowell - April 12, 2013 at 11:08 AM

KH

“ Dear Nancy and all the wonderful Worthen clan -- I am just stricken to learn of Ricky's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Warm affection to you --Kathy Romans Hall

Kathy Romans Hall - January 20, 2013 at 07:26 PM

EM

“ Dear Nancy, On behalf of Fran, Richard, and myself I would like to offer you and your family our deepest sympathies. We were all saddened to hear of your loss. With Warm Regards, Liz Hintlian Mangum

Elizabeth Hintlian Mangum - January 13, 2013 at 10:15 PM

SH

“ I'm so sorry Nancy to hear about Rick, my prayers are with you and the your family. If there is anything that I can do to help you in anyway, please let me know. Stan Henry

Stan Henry - January 08, 2013 at 05:50 PM

CR

“ When the morning sun sheds it's golden sun on the Lake House, I will remember you. When a slalom skier sprays a huge plume of water, I will remember you. When I see a ping-pong player serving from six feet beyond the end of the table, I will remember you. When I picture tiny little Nancy carrying you piggyback, I will remember you. And when the evening sun sets over Owl's Head, I will remember you. Love, Christine

Christine Worthen Rowell - January 08, 2013 at 03:43 PM

RH

“ Nancy Our hearts are with you at this time. We are so sorry to hear about Ricky. We had just talked about looking you up and seeing if you all stilled lived here. We have always missed you and Ricky very much. Please fill free to contact us. 706-594-7282 Again we are devistated to hear about Ricky. Love you very much Dot & Richard Hlcombe

Richard & Dot Holcombe - January 08, 2013 at 12:02 PM

CD

“ We at Davison's Plumbing send forth our sincere and heartfelt condolences. We are truly saddened by the passing of Mr. Worthen. We also want Mrs. Worthen and the family to know that we just learned of Mr. Worthen's passing today, which is why we were not in attendance at the memorial service. Sincerely, Clarence Davison

Clarence Davison - January 08, 2013 at 08:52 AM

SW

“ Nancy, Happy sent me Ricky's obituary. I am so very saddened by your loss. Please know our family sends our condolences to you and our family. We sincerely care. Sande and Ron Wilkinson

Sande Wilkinson - January 07, 2013 at 07:50 PM

FF

“ We are so sorry to hear this terrible news. Our prayers are with the family. Sincerely, Frank & Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - January 07, 2013 at 09:34 AM

GD

“ Nancy, Eric and Crickett, My heartfelt condolences as your family deals with this loss. Rick will be greatly missed in our community where he has been such a vital part for so many years. Eric, Rob asked me to particularly tell you that you and the family are in his thoughts and prayers. Sending comforting thoughts to you, Miss Glenda

Glenda Davis - January 06, 2013 at 07:42 PM

JH

“ Thinking of you guys and some really wonderful times with Big Ricky. He had such a big heart and was a treat to know. I'll never forget his smile while at the lake in Canada. Prayers to Nancy, Eric, Crick & family. Xoxo

Jessica (Shuler) Hoffmann - January 06, 2013 at 03:35 PM

DG

“ Nancy, Richard and I are saddened by Ricky's passing....Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family, always.

Deborah Donovan Glover - January 06, 2013 at 12:06 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. May you find comfort and peace in the wonderful memories of the years you shared together. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. -Bree

Bree Hicken - January 05, 2013 at 11:40 PM

DS

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you in this distressing time. May the Lord strengthen you and the entire Worthen family to endure your loss while you rejoice in the gift of Rick's life. I knew Rick mostly from the quarterly meetings in New Hampshire and I can tell you, they will never be the same. David & Linda Smith

David Smith - January 05, 2013 at 07:06 PM

TG

“ To the Worthen Family: My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this most difficult time. May God continue to give you strength during this time of grief. Mr. Rick will be truly missed and will forever be loved.

Telly Gould - January 05, 2013 at 05:25 PM

JC

“ cricket, ms. nancy, and eric, my heart goes out to you. i have the most positive memories of mr. rick. the warmest of which were the get togethers in high school. i am praying for you all. jack chiostergi

jack chiostergi - January 05, 2013 at 05:03 PM

NC

“ We wish we could be with you on Sunday, but know we are there in spirit.

Nancy and Steve Calderwood - January 05, 2013 at 09:28 AM

LS

“ Nancy and family, My condolences Nancy to you and the Worthen family on your loss. Rick will be missed by the many people who knew him. Larry Swed

Larry Swed - January 05, 2013 at 09:14 AM

PW

“ One is never prepared for these life passages and we are so saddened by the sudden loss of Rick. We wish we could be with you on Sunday to celebrate Rick's wonderful life, but we will be with you in thoughts and spirit aa you give tribute to this wonderful man that we have all lost way too soon. Page & Catherine

Page Worthen & Catherine Worthen - January 04, 2013 at 10:54 PM

DL

“ Still speechless, Nancy, my heart goes out to you...and all of us. We've lost yet another good man way too soon. With love and sympathy, Dori

Dori Lynch - January 04, 2013 at 07:17 PM

PC

“ Nancy and Family, I am so sorry to learn of Ricky's passing. Our childhood days together were such a gift, which I look back on with fond memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Peter Clark

Peter Clark - January 04, 2013 at 02:52 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy, Eric, Cricket and the entire Worthen family during this sorrowing time. Rick will certainly be missed - especially that infectious smile. Thinking of you Bob & Dee Castonguay

Dee Castonguay - January 04, 2013 at 02:35 PM

EM

“ Thinking of you and sending our deepest sympathy to the entire family from Worthen Industries Accounting Dept.(Eileen, Karen W, Judy, Karina, Susie, Pat,Chris & Karen H)

Eileen Morin - January 04, 2013 at 02:29 PM

RK

“ NANCY, ERIC AND CRICKET SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT RICK, MY HEART BREAKS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. LOVE RUTH

Ruth Kowalchuk - January 04, 2013 at 02:04 PM

MG

“ Nancy, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Cricket and Eric in your time of sorrow. Our blessings to each of you. love, Bobby and Deborah Gleaton

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gleaton - January 04, 2013 at 01:52 PM

DH

“ Im sorry to hear about Rick. I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of years ago.he is a super nice guy and was fun to be around. The man had a lot of storys to tell and it was enjoyable to listen to him talk.

Dale Huff - January 04, 2013 at 12:29 PM

VC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy, Eric, Cricket and the Worthen family during this difficult time. - Val, Pat & Melannie Connelly

Valerie Connelly - January 04, 2013 at 12:22 PM