



William Duke Garren

October 23, 1943 - January 14, 2021

William Duke Garren, of Newnan, Georgia, son of LeeRoy and Betty Duke Garren, passed away on January, 14 after a long and courageous battle with multiple types of cancer.

Having discovered the joy of flying at an early age, he attained his pilot license before he had a driver's license. The love of flying would take him from Texas as a pilot for A. J. Foyt to delivering supplies to Alaska for the construction of the Alaska pipeline before finishing the career with Zantop/Universal Airlines in Michigan. After earning his undergraduate degree from Wright State University in 1973, he entered the world of computer programming and found a career that would take him to retirement in January, 2014. Duke met Gloria Garren, the woman who would spend the next 42 years with him, in Houston, Texas in 1978. They happily spent many years raising two girls, Erica and Kace, and experiencing life with lots of laughter.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Gloria Laird Garren; Steve Garren and his wife, Gwen Garren; Sherri Peters; Erica Garren; Kace Mundo and her husband Modesto Mundo. He also leaves grandchildren Alexandra Hemphill, Taylor Garren, Paul Ruland, Savannah Torres, Adelyn Mundo and Liliana Mundo; brother John Garren and wife Crystal Garren.

Due to the Covid pandemic, he along with his beloved Labrador Retriever,

Sooner, will be interred in Pampa, Texas at a later date.

Donations in his memory to the American Cancer Society or to the Unleashed Program at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City, Georgia, are greatly appreciated. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear. Duke was my ex brother in law. When I was little we always had a lot of fun with him. Prayers for the family.

Brian Bailey - January 20, 2021 at 09:20 PM

GJ

To Gloria and the rest of your family, I'm sorry for your loss . I took care of Ms. Betty at the nursing home. Then worked at Duke and Gloria's home. They treated me like family lovely couple. 🙏

Geraldine Jones - October 07, 2021 at 01:33 AM

MV

“ Dear Gloria, Erica and Kace,
I'm so sorry for your loss, I know you will miss Duke.
He was a gentleman and fun to spend time with.
Praying for peace and comfort at this sad time.
Love, Marianne

Marianne Valenta - January 18, 2021 at 04:43 PM

KW

“ Gloria, we are so sorry. Please know you are in our prayers and thoughts.

You and Duke were such wonderful neighbors to my parents. They treasured your friendship. I smile thinking of the special relationship Dad and Duke had....lots of laughs and never a dull moment.
Sending love, hugs and prayers❤️ Karen Dowell Wyler

Karen Joy Wyler - January 17, 2021 at 07:10 PM