



Daniel Christopher McGuffey Sr.

August 17, 1966 - April 10, 2020

Daniel Christopher McGuffey, Sr., LTC USA (Ret.), aged 53, passed away at his home on April 10, 2020 from cancer. His passing was peaceful, and he was surrounded by his devoted and loving wife Candace, adult children Daniel Jr. (27) and Savannah (22), and close family.

Dan and Candy celebrated their wedding anniversary of 30 years in December 2019. Daniel, Jr. graduated UTK with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2019, and Savannah is an art major in her third year at UTK. Dan was employed with the Department of Energy at Oak Ridge in the HR department.

Dan McGuffey was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, army veteran, patriot, musician who loved to play his tuba, an avid golfer, an outdoorsman who loved hiking and camping with his wife and adult children, a fly fisherman, a dedicated family man. His extended family, and work colleagues who met him and knew him alike, held him in high esteem.

Dan was born August 17, 1966 at Cookeville, Tennessee, and grew up in Nashville. He attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and was accepted in the ROTC program, and upon graduation was commissioned an infantry officer in 1988. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from UTK, a Master of Science from Webster University and an MBA.

He retired from the Joint Forces Command in 2009 at Fort Story, Virginia after 20 years active duty service. During his career he spent 6 years in the infantry and served as 2LT/1LT in the Gulf War as a commander of a platoon Bradley

Infantry vehicles with the First Armored Division, and he was awarded a Bronze Star for valor; promoted Captain and he thereafter served with the 5th Special Forces at Ft. Campbell, and in Africa; then ordered to Korea; thereafter he commanded a support unit at Fort Bragg; promoted Major he then branched to the Adjutant General Corps and commanded a Military Entrance Processing Station; then ordered to Ft. Hood and two further separate deployments with 3rd Corps to Iraq; promoted LTC and ordered to Norfolk, Virginia Beach to the Joint Forces Command. With Joint Forces Command he was deployed two different times to Iraq. In his military career he deployed to combat zones five times. Following retirement, he worked as a civilian contractor in planning with the Department of Defense.

Dan was awarded medals including the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Medal (2nd award), Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Valorous Unit Award, National Defense Service with Bronze Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars), Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with campaign star, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd award).

His earned badges include Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Wings, and Air Assault Badge. Dan was the Honor Grad from the Jumpmaster School.

Dan is survived by his wife, Candace Allen McGuffey, son Daniel C. McGuffey, Jr., daughter Savannah D. McGuffey, father Patrick Erle McGuffey, mother Diane Garrett McGuffey, brother Michael P. McGuffey, sister Karen Elizabeth McGuffey Elliot. Due to the past Covid-19 restrictions during the time of Daniels passing, the family will now hold a visitation on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. with a Celebration of Life Service to follow at 3:00 P.M. in Kyker's Chapel, with Rev. Tony Rutherford officiating. Full military honors will be conducted at the Sweetwater Memorial Park. In lieu of flower arrangements the family suggests

a contribution to the American Cancer Institute for research studies investigating chondrosarcoma cancer, its origin and cure.

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Christopher McGuffey Sr.*



Kyker Funeral Home - June 16, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - June 18, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - June 16, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. We are praying for your family in your time of mourning. My family will be contributing to the American Cancer Institute for a cure for chondrosarcoma cancer. In Danial's memory.

Christopher Farmer - April 23, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ Candy, what a sweet love story you have! You two were meant to be the moment you met. I'm so sorry for your loss.
Robin Reeves Willmore

Robin - April 15, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ Candy, we love you. We are praying for you and all your family. Our hearts go out to you. If you need anything... Doesn't matter what time of the day or night... Just let us know.
Much love and air hugs,
Danette and KP

Kathy Plemons - April 14, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ To family and friends of Daniel Christopher McGuffey, Sr.–
On behalf of the University of Tennessee, please accept our condolences on the loss of Mr. McGuffey, LTC-USA (Ret.). A husband, father, and veteran--he was our graduate and a member of the Volunteer family.
We are sorry for your loss,
Jane Gulley
Stewardship-UT Foundation
jgulley2@tennessee.edu

Jane Gulley--UT Foundation - April 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family, may God grant you peace in this time of sorrow! Dan will be missed by many, but his memory will live on within us.*

A friend from work.

John Hickey - April 13, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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Candy and family, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Danny. Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time. Janis and Mike Fulghum.

Janis Fulghum - April 13, 2020 at 09:50 PM