

Danny Mike Hunt MTCS(SS) G 87-90 DOB: December 16, 1949 Eternal Patrol April 30, 2024

Danny 'Dan' Mike Hunt, 74, moved humbly into eternal peace on April 30, 2024, at Veteran's Victory House in Walterboro, South Carolina.

Dan was born on December 16, 1949, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Dahlia Neelo Noel and Philip Barnes Hunt. Upon turning 18, without his parents' knowledge, Dan enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1968, immediately after his graduation from Parkway High School in St. Louis, Missouri, he left for boot camp.

In 1979, when Christee Drew suggested she set Dan up with one of her friends, he responded, "But I want to date you." After Dan called from his duty station in Kittery, Maine to tell her he could not stand being away from her, Dan and Christee married in November 1980.

Dan and Christee welcomed their daughter, Megan, in 1985, and their son, Jordan, in 1988. While in the Navy, Dan proudly served on the John C. Calhoun, the Henry L. Stimson, the Woodrow Wilson, and his most beloved ship, the George Bancroft, before retiring as a Senior Chief in 1990. For years thereafter, Christee joked that if the Bancroft had shown up in the front yard, Dan would have jumped on it. Despite his love for those specific ships, Dan refused to ever take a cruise vacation, claiming he had spent enough of his life on – and under – the water.

After retiring from the Navy, Dan received his bachelor's degree in business from Limestone College. He was an early adopter of computers, and he proudly purchased the family's first computer in 1995.

Dan had been a Boy Scout, and he led a local Boy Scout troop for several years in the 1990s. On regular camping trips, he passed on the adage of, "Leave everything better than you found it," to his Scouts and to his children.

For 22 years, Dan worked for Amoco/BP before he retired as a Process Technician in 2014. His colleagues appreciated his willingness to cook for a crowd and his unique attention to detail: he tended to prewarm their plates, he hand-tore every tortilla when making chicken and dumplings, and he knew exactly how many vanilla wafers were needed to make his banana pudding.

During Dan's employment with BP, he made use of the company's commitment to funding education initiatives. Dan frequently volunteered for Berkeley County schools, and many of Megan's classmates remember him dressed festively during the holiday season, with some resemblance to Santa Claus. Because of Dan's volunteerism, in 2011, BP donated \$64,000 to schools in Berkeley County.

Dan's volunteerism extended to chaperoning statewide Junior Classical League events and national conventions. Dan was saddened when his health prevented from attending his 20th JCL convention. Having a true servant's heart, he also volunteered with Quiz Bowl, Robotics competitions, and SkillsUSA.

Dan's expectation of military -style respect from his children often clashed with his gentle heart. His children remember his love for Patsy Cline and the Beach Boys, any Stallone movie, "Dirty Dancing", "the Shawshank Redemption", and – somewhat surprisingly – "Sweet Home Alabama" and Coyote Ugly", which reliably brought him to tears.

The mention of his grandchildren – Grant Daniel, Elizabeth Anne, and Arthur Jonathan – evoked pride and amazement from Dan. Being called "Papaw" made him giddy and even in his final weeks, he teased them affectionately from his hospital bed.

Dan loved the outdoors, and he was a member of several hunt clubs over the years. However, he often joked that he had killed more deer with his Chevy than with his rifle.

Dan was a member of St. Timothy's Anglican Church, where he last served as the Junior Warden. He was also an active member in Charleston Sub Vets.

Dan is survived by his mother, Dahlia Hunt of Madison, MS; his wife, whom he adored beyond measure, Christee Drew Hunt of Moncks Corner, SC; his daughter, Megan Hunt Dell (and her husband, Ryan) of Ravenel, SC; his son, Daniel Jordan Hunt (and his wife, Ruth) of Columbia, SC; his three grandchildren, his sister, Phyllis Moret of Falls Church, VA; his nephew and their families, all of Virginia; and his cousins Lisa Cook of Michigan, and Rebecca Harris of Florence, MS. He is preceded in death by his father, Philip Barnes Hunt of Madison, MS.

Dan's funeral service will be 11:00 AM, Monday morning, May 6, 2024, in the Chapel of Dial-Murray Funeral Home, Moncks Corner. Interment will be private. Flowers will be accepted, or the family suggest memorials be made to the St. Timothy's Anglican Church, PO Box 3289, Summerville, SC 29484. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Sunday afternoon, May 5, 2024, at the funeral home.

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