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Matthew "Daniel" Lester Rafferty

Nov. 4, 1978 - Nov. 3, 2022

Matthew "Daniel" Lester Rafferty, 43, of Washington, PA, went home to Heaven Thursday, November 3, 2022 to be with his family.

Born in Gaston County, NC on November 4, 1978, he was the son of Nora Elizabeth Parker Rafferty and the late Robert E. Lee Rafferty. Daniel's favorite activity was spending time at the river with friends and family. He never met a stranger and enjoyed making new friends. He was a care-free, charismatic person who loved life.

In addition to his mother, those left to cherish Daniel's memory include his significant other, Kelli Mahan; brothers, Johnnie Parker (Patricia), Ernie Parker, Robert Rafferty, and A.J. Rafferty (Kristy Kester); maternal grandmother, Dorothy Jones; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his father, Daniel was preceded in death by a brother, Lee Edwards Anthony Rafferty.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Friday, November 11, 2022 at Laurel

Haven Baptist Church. The memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in the church with Dcn. Michael McLean officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

So many good memories at good old river rd and over on the hill off 18 that I still refer to as "Rafferty mountain" Always made me laugh and the looks I get when telling some one bout playing pool on a "whack a mole" table lol!! I still catch myself looking for u to pop up somewhere just when everyone needs a laugh and a big Ole "Hell yea" Miss you man! Heaven gained a true one of a kind!!! Until we meet again my sweet friend!! Holder down full throttle n wide open!!! Making all the angels smile n laugh

—Misty christopher

I just seen this, this morn'n & my prayers go out to his family, i'd got to know Daniel were I lived 1st off in chesterfield community, Burke County, NC, but I got to know him better when he was my plumbing helper and tat he was, a dam hard worker & my condolences go out to his family again, cause as I knowed him as PEANUT, its a long story but to keep it short, ta name came from work'n with sheet rock workers at ta Courtyard by Marriott in Hky behind J & S cafeteria they were Mexicans & good bunch of ppl & we were doing ta plumbing, 4 floors & got to know one of them pretty good and he taught us how to speak some Spanish & he had said something to Daniel and he got it mistaken as peanut & it took off as PEANUT til last i'd talked with him in 2020, tats what I'll always remember the most of Daniel, yes he was a ppl person, I've been across ta state of NC & SC plumbing and he'd worked with me off & on for several yrs, he will surely be missed, RIP my brother, from IKE !!!!!!!

—Isaac Carr

I would like to Dedicate this song in memory of Daniel. Listening and watching the video will leave you in tears remembering him. This song was written for him I swear. The River By JJ GREY& mofro

–Joanne carlin

" I HOPE YOU DANCE ". I love you that much, always and forever. My last words to you. I'm so glad you did find love again with a decent, loving, caring, respectful, woman who loved you back for you! HELL YEAH! Rafferty. See you when I get there in heaven. My best friend!

–Joanne Carlin

–Joanne

Hey man I'm sorry to hear about your brother I'm praying for you al.

–David Moses

To Daniel s family my heart goes out to you I'm so sorry I hadn't seen Daniel in couple years but I will never forget him he was a hard worker for me and I'm Sorry bout Lee too I had no idea Robert , AJ , I don't have the words

–Jason Cook



Wishing the family my deepest condolences and praying

–David Shell





Sorry to hear about this. You all have my prayers and condolences.

–Curtis Harmon



–Edna and Chris Sharpe



Brother Daniel! Hell Yeah! I will never forget the night we were fishing with you and we had a game warden stop by and you told him your name. And Melvin immediately hollers why are you telling him your name is Matthew??? We laughed and laughed. I had to explain to him that you have a first name but always have gone with using your second name. We have some awesome memories I will cherish forever. Some of our best memories is you and your family all getting together and playing softball. These “Yankees” appreciate you and your family for becoming our “Southern Family”. Fly high and keep watch over us til we meet again

–The Melvins



Daniel was always a friend, wether we went weeks or years without seeing each other it was always the same just like old times, always smiling always fun. He will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rest



Easy my friend.

—Cristal Crooks Herman



Daniel u was a good friend always there with a helping hand. Fly high brother, your now with kevin.. I'll see u later.

—Angel Chapman

Daniel I’m going to miss you little brother.just know that I think of you every day.RIP my friend

—Stan Robinson

My brother, it's so unbelievable you are gone, you were in the best years of your life, there are so many things I want to say but I can't find the words. So many memories you and I share of a life between your mountain and mine, so many times you were there for me when Noone else was, your are forever missed, my brother I love you, This ain't goodbye, this is I'll see you later, Rest in peace and fly high

—Casey shoemaker