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Randy Lee Duckworth

Feb. 28, 1954 - Sept. 4, 2026

Randy Lee Duckworth, 72, a Glen Alpine native and son of Paul and Laura Faye Duckworth, joined his friends and family in Heaven on September 4, 2026, where we can only assume Heaven's version of The Cockpit was already waiting for him, cold beer included.

He leaves behind Sue Pittman, his wife and partner of almost 14 years, his brother, Wayne; lots of aunts, uncles and cousins, his daughter-in-law, Angel and her partner, Stephan of Raleigh and her three boys, Sutton, Quinn and Eli, who affectionately nicknamed him Randolph. He also leaves behind a collection of four legged and feathered family members that suited Randy perfectly: his horse Mac, beloved dog Josey, Dillon the cat and more chickens and roosters than anyone could count.

If you knew Randy, chances are you had a Randy story.

He was everybody's "go to" guy. Chainsaws, lawnmowers, four wheelers, if it was broken or just needed serviced, you brought it to Randy. If something at your house needed fixing, you called Randy. And if absolutely nothing was broken but you wanted to drink a beer, tell a story, watch a ballgame or catch a race, well Randy was your man. Chances are you ended up at The Cockpit, Randy's beloved man cave, where the TV was usually turned to whatever sport happened to be on, the beer was cold and there was always room for one more.

As a boy, Randy loved nothing more than hunting. His dad would drive him to a

chosen spot and Randy with a rifle and backpack would hike through The Gorge, camp overnight and make his way safely home. That love never left him. Over the years, hunting trips with friends took him to Burnsville and The Monroe House, where stories were told and retold, the problems of the world were solved in a matter of days, and if luck was on his side, he came home with deer meat to fill the freezer.

Randy waited 50 years to meet the woman who would be become his wife, and apparently decided she was worth the wait. They "got hitched" in 2012 on the beach at Don and Debbie Grigg's home on Lake James. It was exactly the kind of wedding they wanted: friends, music, laughter and a canoe fulla beer. It remains a day many will never forget.

He never met a stranger. A quick trip out could become a social event. You might have seen him recently at his latest favorite restaurant, El Maiz. Randy always stopped and talked because Randy knew people and people knew him.

He was useful when you needed help, entertaining when you needed company and loyal when you needed a friend.

Pancreatic cancer may have taken Randy from us far sooner and faster than anyone was prepared for, but it did not get the final word on his life. His life was so much bigger than the way it ended. It was hunting trips and race cars, broken lawnmowers, chainsaws, lake days, old stories, dogs, horses, roosters, cold beer and ballgames and loving friends who surrounded Sue in those last days, the woman who loved him, built a life beside him and remained beside him all the way home.

To celebrate Randy's life, family and friends will gather at The Cockpit on Sunday, October 11, from 1:00-5:00 pm. We'll do it the way Randy would have wanted, watch whatever sport happens to be on TV, tell the stories that probably get a little better every time they're told, raise a glass, laugh loudly and remember one of the truly Good Ones. Because men like Randy don't really disappear, they live on in the stories we can't tell without laughing, the places that will never quite feel the same without him and in all the people who were lucky enough to call him family or friend. Raise one for Randy, he'd like that

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Tribute Wall



—Brendia Dianne Amos Fields



I hate to hear of Randy's passing. My Daddy and I were just talking about him last night. They were really good friends and did a lot together back when they were working at the Carbon Plant together. The stories I heard around them were some of the best. I never had the pleasure of meeting Sue, but she must be one more of a wonderful woman. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers and may healing hands surround you during this difficult time and then some...

—Susan Greene

Heckuva run ole Son. Thankful to have been a part of your dash. 54 — 26 R.I.P. brother

—Virgil

Will never forget the three musketeers: Randy, Andy and Gerald. Sure had some great times together. He is already missed. Sending you our love and prayers.

—Gerald Allen

Randy was his own man. He was a person that you felt you had known all your life. No pretensions, just Randy. RIP and know that your place on earth will not be replaceable .

—Roland Scott

I am so sorry he will truly be missed he was a good man and a good friend.

—Debbie Denton

Great guy, privileged to have known him.

—Teresa & Don Hogan



You do not realize how many lonely Sunday afternoons you got me through! Just knowing I was always welcomed and always had a big hug for me and lots of good conversations and so many laughs!! You will be so missed my good friend.. always in my heart and my memories.. love you and Sue like family!

—Rhonda Robinson



—Andrew Johnson

Grew up with Randy and Wayne friends for a life time, he will be missed

—Reid and Pat Scott

So sorry to hear this Sue. I know you are heartbroken and wish you peace

—Donna Schrum Camit

I'm sorry. X0 John Marshall and all the Isenhowers

—John M Isenhwoer



—Edna Suttles

Sue, my heart is with you. I am so glad for your happy years, and so sad for your loss. Love never dies.

—Debbe Perry

Sue, Frank and I are heart broken for your loss. Words cannot help nor can they heal your heart but we will pray for your heart to be healed and for you to remember how he loved you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Regina

—Regina Garriga

Sue, we are so sorry to learn of Randy's passing. We send our love and prayers for you during this difficult time. Would love to see you and give you a big hug! We don't have your address, but please know that our love surrounds you during this time. Always here for you! Sharon and Chris Miller

—Chris & Sharon Miller

Never had the pleasure to meet Randy, but know and love Sue. Am so very sorry to hear of Randy's passing. Sue is near and dear to our hearts and I know that she loved Randy. Our prayers and love surround her during this difficult time.

—Sharon Miller

Sue, I am so sorry for your loss and love! Grief is very difficult, it sounds like you have many around you loving you and him! God bless you cuz as you remember and celebrate the good times! Love and hugs, Pattie

—Pattie Brinkley



Last Friday I lost the best friend I ever had. We had a friendship that went back over 60 years. I could write a book about the times Duck and I experienced through all those years. I am devastated by the loss of my friend. Life will never be the same without him.

—Bob Melton

There is another bright star in the heavens.

—Vicki Vanderbloemen

—Regan McComb Eimer