



Mr. Dana E. DeShong

January 20, 1948 - August 4, 2021

Dana E. DeShong, 73, of Valrico, Florida, born in Plant City on January 20, 1948, entered into eternal rest on August 4, 2021. He was a retired Sales Support Manager for GTE/Verizon, a member of The Awesome Original Second Time Arounders Marching Band, an active member and former Governor and Race Board Chair for the Sports Car Club of America, former member of the Tampa Bay Bucs Band, and former diving instructor at the University of South Florida. He enjoyed playing the trombone, closed course road racing, sailing, diving, and flying. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Susan L. DeShong; sons, Christopher DeShong of Valrico, and Connor DeShong of Orlando; brother, Dwayne DeShong (Sandra) of Valrico; sisters-in-law, Nancy Morand, and Teresa Selph; mother-in-law, Lynne Jensen (Phil); dog, Sparky; and many nieces, nephews, family and friends. A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 14 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Awesome Original Second Time Arounders Marching Band at secondtimearounders.org. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
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Funeral Service

AUG 14. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Dana E. DeShong



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 13, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers going out to family. We were classmates at Turkey Creek class of 1965. Elaine Cooper Hall

Elaine Cooper Hall - August 16, 2021 at 09:02 PM

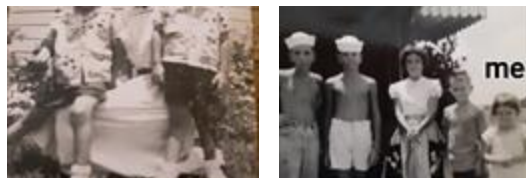


“ I am so sorry your journey here on this earth is over. You were my friend and Turkey Creek class mate . You will be missed. Sheila Smith class of 1965

Sheila Smith - August 16, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ so sorry to hear about dana. i it has been a long time since i have seen him. may he rest i peace.



kathy a ritchie - August 14, 2021 at 09:53 AM

SD

“ You will be with in our hearts forever! The memories will carry us forward. We love you.
Love Susan, Chris and Connor

Susan DeShong - August 14, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CI

“ Wishing you strength for today and comfort in the days ahead, knowing how much Dana meant to so many friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you today, tomorrow and always. Love, The Inbornone Family



CarolAnn Inbornone - August 14, 2021 at 12:29 AM

HM

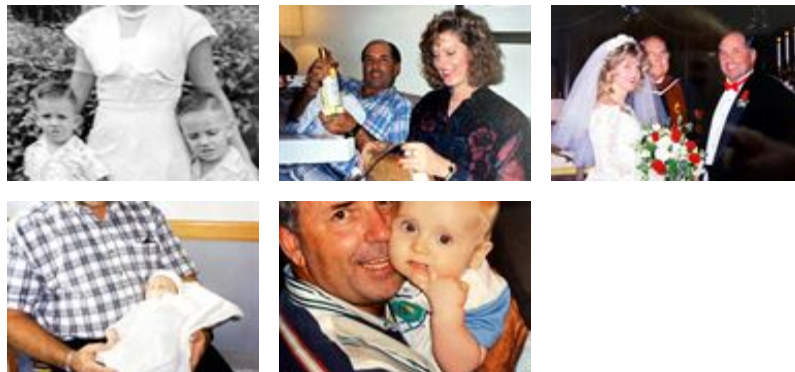
“ Hurricane Medical purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Dana E. DeShong.



Hurricane Medical - August 13, 2021 at 12:31 PM



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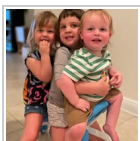
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“ TO THE FAMILY OF DANA, MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY. THAT INCLUDES PAST BUC BAND FAMILY. THERE ARE SO MANY CURRENT AND NOW PAST BUC BAND MEMBERS. DANA WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM PLAYING HIS TROMBONE WITH PAST BUC BAND MEMBERS. THEY WILL ALL GREET HIM WITH OPEN ARMS. HIS MOM WILL BE SO BLESSED TO HAVE HIM WITH HER. I WILL LIGHT A CANDLE IN HIS MEMORY. MY RONALD[DOC] WILL ALSO WELCOME HIM TOO. BEVERLY MARINO



BEVERLY L MARINO - August 12, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ When I first moved to Tampa in 1997, Dana worked for me. The more I got to know Dana, the more I liked and respected him. Dana had a great sense of humor and was very witty. RIP, my friend and prayers go out to his family.

Carl Holler - August 12, 2021 at 11:58 AM

LH

“ Rick and I are so sorry and shocked to hear this. Dana was a longtime friend we met through GTE. We will remember the fun times we had at gatherings and of course Christmas parties. He had a great personality and always willing to help. Sending our thoughts and prayers to you all and may he Rest In Peace.
Rick and Linda Hamilton

Linda Hamilton - August 12, 2021 at 11:35 AM

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“ I have only good thoughts of Dana. I've known him for 10years through SCCA. I work in Registration so I frequently checked him and Chris in for the vents at Sebring. He was always pleasant and helpful. Always willing to share race stories with me. i will miss his smiling face. Nancy L. Davis



Nancy Davis - August 11, 2021 at 04:54 PM

MN

“ I will cherish the memories of working with Dana at GTE/Verizon. Enjoyed our many conversations on current events. See you in glory. Love and Friendship Maggie Nolan



Maggie Nolan - August 11, 2021 at 03:22 PM

PJ

“ *Phil & Lynne Jensen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dana E. DeShong*



Phil & Lynne Jensen - August 11, 2021 at 09:05 AM

TE

“ *My brother-in-law Dana truly loved life. He had passions for doing so many different things. I honestly in the 30 plus years when he joined our family, don't remember not seeing him smile! He was a wonderful father, husband, & brother-in-law. He will be greatly missed. Until we meet again Dana, you will always hold a special place in my heart.*



Teresa - August 10, 2021 at 02:46 AM

GS

“ *When you hear of someone giving 110% .That was Dana, He was unrelenting with help and enthusiasm in the Sports car club, He will be remembered as a pillar of the community and brought a whole new generation behind him. God Speed Dana!*



Gary Steffen - August 09, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Dana E. DeShong.*



August 09, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *I will cherish the sweet memories forever, Dana. May you party hard up there, just like you did down here.*



Geordi Vermeulen - August 09, 2021 at 02:39 PM



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