



## Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson

November 21, 1940 - August 9, 2016

Roger Curtis Dapson, 75, of Lithia, Florida, born on November 21, 1940 in Illian, New York, entered into eternal rest on August 9, 2016. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and a retired systems engineer with GTE Data Services. He was a graduate of the University of West Florida earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Masters in Economics, and Masters in Business Administration. He was a member of the North Jackson Avenue Church of Christ in Bartow, and the 912 Group and Tea Party Patriots of Lithia. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Pam Dapson; children, Janine Esler (Steve) of Atlanta, Georgia, Allen Dapson of Orlando, Anna Dapson of Lithia, and Ernie Cherry of Orlando; grandchildren, Stephen Esler, Jr., Tucker Corbitt, Regan Esler, Tristan Dapson, Josh Cherry, Jennifer Cherry, and Jessica Cherry; 6 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Janet Hall and Virginia Dill. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 13 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 13, 2016 at 08:17 AM

MD

*Wow Pam, what a beautiful touching tribute to your husband. Looks like so many wonderful memories and such a beautiful family you have. Love and prayers to you all.*

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**Mary Doyle** - August 14, 2016 at 12:28 PM

PA

*wonderful video.. So much family time and memories.*

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**Patti Anderson** - August 21, 2016 at 02:52 PM

RM

“ I met Roger in 1976 when we were both working on the GTE Payroll System. He was not only the most talented IT professional I ever worked with. there were literally no limits to what he could do, including brain surgery (if he wanted to). The only subject I avoided discussing with Roger was politics, It wasn't his political positions that drove me crazy, it was his obsession with doing things the "right" way. I used to say, "Roger, you're right, but lets leave some of that stuff for the rest of the world to solve".

I remember Roger bringing Pam to the office one day when she was pregnant with their second child. I still remember her response when I asked her how she was doing, "I'm not sure how this is going to work, one is about a half more than I can handle.

Roger, rest in peace (and I still don't know what a feijoa is)

Ron Motto

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Ron Motto - August 22, 2016 at 05:23 PM

  
Janine Esler

Ron, thanks for sharing the memories. I am that 1st daughter that made mom question having my sister. 😊

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Janine Esler - August 28, 2016 at 02:44 AM

PD

Luckily the girls were like night and day. I found a picture if You, Roger and Jim Brown the other day...lots of years behind us!!

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Pam Dapson - August 28, 2016 at 07:02 PM

RL

“ Sorry to hear about Roger. I had not been in contact with him for many years. I first met Roger at Miami Dade Jr. College. We were in our first “Data Processing” class together and we hit it off. I think he was working for IBM at the time as a type writer repairman but not sure, There was a small group of us that were a mature group and we stuck together all the way through Jr. College, UWF, Masters courses, and GTEDS. GTE was a large company and we lost track of each other through the years. I would see him in the elevator or at a meeting only a couple of times each year.

Our group was always in the same IT classes together. We were all A students and loved programming and systems design. We were at the campus all the time. The best time to get your programs done was late at night when all the students were gone and the night shift computer operator let you submit your programs. A group of us were always there at night and Roger was one of us. We would get our programs back, check it for errors, debug the program and put in back in again, and again, and again. Since, we were waiting a lot of the time, we had plenty of time on those evenings to get to know each other, and we all became good college friends.

Roger was a smoker in those days and so we would always be outside so he could grab a smoke. Roger was taller than most of us, and when he smoked, he would always take a soda can and buckle it the he front of his pants and be swayed back so he didn't get ashes on his shirt. We used to kid him all the time on his posture and side burns.

Roger was really bright. He had a way of getting his point across in a soft spoken manner. I remember one time, I think, it was in an MBA class, he asked the professor a question, (which was Roger's way of just making his point). I was teaching part time at UWF and I knew the professor. After the class, the professor called me over and said “That dude was just jacking me around, wasn't he?”. I said, “Roger was just making a valid point.” Roger aced that class.

*When we were at UWF, they opened the first married dorm and Rita and I, Roger and Pam, and Majid Mir and his wife Linda moved in. We all studied hard during the week but had some great times in that dorm.*

*Rick and Rita Lucas  
Vero Beach, Florida*

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**Rick Lucas** - August 17, 2016 at 08:21 PM

PD

*Rick,  
I can't believe that I forgot about the coke can ashtray!!! Thank you for all your memories, they take me way back.  
Please give my best to Rita.  
Pam*

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**Pam Dapson** - August 19, 2016 at 12:11 PM

DR

“ *Hello Pam,*

*My condolences to you and your family, in just the brief time that I spent with Roger I thought that he was a stand-up guy. All the best.*

*Dan Ramsey*

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**Dan Ramsey** - August 15, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.*



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August 13, 2016 at 11:44 AM



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 13, 2016 at 10:30 AM

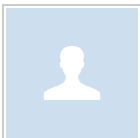


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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 13, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.



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August 12, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.*



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August 12, 2016 at 05:31 PM



“ *"Rog" has been my life-long special friend. The childhood memories are treasured of course. In the days when our parents just turned us out to play and expected us back for supper. My Mom, "Sharpie", loved Rog and the feeling was mutual. We hunted in our neighborhood for rabbits, and there was the time we shot a goose... that we were forced to clean and cook. We enjoyed times at "Camp" on Lake Champlain.*

*One memorable event was on a New York winter morning when we were about 15 years old. Rog had come out to wait for he school bus with no jacket, etc. His Mom told him to come back and don something warmer. So he returned with some gloves only. 8^)*  
*With love Rog,*  
*Stu*

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**Stu Sharpe** - August 12, 2016 at 04:40 PM



*Stu, I heard the rabbit and goose stories many times (along with others) but never the glove episode. It sounds exactly like Roger!! Thank you for helping him keep political conversations lively!!*

*Love, Pam*

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**Pam Dapson** - August 12, 2016 at 10:48 PM

GA

“ Gail purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.



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**Gail** - August 12, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 12, 2016 at 03:19 PM

WJ

“ With love, Tom and Jeanne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.



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**With love, Tom and Jeanne** - August 12, 2016 at 09:59 AM

GK

“ Gary & Dottie Watkins. Lexington, KY. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.



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**Gary & Dottie Watkins. Lexington, KY.** - August 11, 2016 at 07:19 PM

RC

“ I worked with Roger for several years in the IIM Group. He was always eager to provide the best, in support of his fellow employees. He had brilliant technical knowledge and was far ahead of his time in the IT community. He was respected a great deal by his peers.

*I hope the family finds some solace in the memories ou've made together.*

*Sincerely,  
Ron Callahan*

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**Ron Callahan** - August 11, 2016 at 06:57 PM

PD

*Ron,  
We could never forget you and your family. Thank you for the years you worked with Roger.  
Pam*

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**Pam Dapson** - August 12, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.*



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August 11, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *I worked with Roger a number of years at GTEDS until leaving in 1999. I always enjoyed working with Roger - a really down to earth person and a pleasure to work with. My prayers for you and your family.*

*Jan Schultz*

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**Jan Schultz** - August 11, 2016 at 01:01 PM



*Thank you Jan. You were more helpful to our family than you will ever know.*  
*Pam*

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**Pam Dapson** - August 12, 2016 at 01:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.*



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August 11, 2016 at 10:11 AM

SP

“ I have several fond memories of working with Roger, too many to list here. What comes to mind most is his ability to take an ideal to reality. Roger had a great mind and we seemed always on the same page with what needed to be done. We did things in days what would take others much longer. My best job in GTE was when I worked with Roger and IIM. Rest now my friend.

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**steve pate** - August 11, 2016 at 09:03 AM

PD

Steve,  
Your name was heard around the house off and on for years. He enjoyed working with you!  
Pam

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**Pam Dapson** - August 11, 2016 at 09:26 AM

YF

“ Your Trulite Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.



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**Your Trulite Family** - August 11, 2016 at 07:36 AM

JC

“ Judy Colding lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson



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**Judy Colding** - August 10, 2016 at 10:26 PM

TF

“ *The Hall Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.*



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**The Hall Family** - August 10, 2016 at 08:43 PM

CW

“ *Charlie Wilson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Roger Curtis Dapson.*



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**Charlie Wilson** - August 10, 2016 at 08:19 PM

JP

“ *Pam and Family,  
I had the Honor of working with Roger for a number of years, and he taught me so much, I am forever grateful. I always considered him a true friend. Pam, you might remember the Boston trip where my wife, Mary Jo, had the emergency appendectomy after we met for dinner that first night. And Roger and you kept in touch with me throughout the whole ordeal.*

*I am so sorry for your loss. I know its been a long while since I last saw or spoke to Roger... Verizon moved me to NJ for 3 years, even further away than Fort Wayne. He was a wonderful mentor and great friend. God Bless you and your family.*

*John Przybycin  
Fort Wayne, IN*

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**John Przybycin** - August 10, 2016 at 08:13 PM

PD

*John,*

*How could I ever forget the trip to Boston or the Best Award trips?  
Roger always thought very highly of you and I was always very happy  
that you were friends. Thank you for thinking of us.*

*Pam and family.*

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**Pam Dapson** - August 10, 2016 at 08:40 PM