



David Patterson Singleton

September 3, 1946 - May 17, 2013

Mr. David Singleton, age 66 of Bremen passed away Friday, May, 17, 2013 in Tanner Medical Center, Villa Rica.

In accordance with his wishes the body was cremated

J. Collins Funeral Home & Cremation Service in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *I would like to offer my condolences to the family of David and also share a comforting scriptural promise that very soon death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore...Revelation 21:3,4*

P. Watts - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ Biography of David Patterson Singleton

David was born Sept. 3, 1946 to Alberta and Lamar Singleton in Atlanta, GA. He was raised in Clarkston under the shadow of Stone Mountain. He was class President at Clarkston High School and after graduation attended Dekalb Community College and worked for Eastern Airlines. He married Connie Denson in 1967. Then, in May of 1969, David was drafted and entered the army at age 23. He served 1 tour in Vietnam with the 199 th infantry and returned to Ft. Bragg where he received an Honorable discharge. They returned to Atlanta and he returned to Eastern Airlines. In 1972 their first child, Brian was born (US Army 1990-1993). They had their second child Rodney in 1975 (US Marine Corps 1994- 1998) and their last, Cathy, in 1981. David continued to work for Eastern until 1989 when they went on strike and the company shortly closed. At about this time, he began noticing that he was losing strength in his legs. By 1991 he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease and given a year to live. By 1991, he was mostly confined to a wheel chair and was no longer able to work. Despite the diagnosis, he continued to fight. Through the years, the diagnosis changed many times after he outlived the prognosis. In 2001, he and Connie divorced and he moved back to the family home in Clarkston. He lived there for about 8 years and then purchased a house in Bremen. In 2010, David was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and began chemo therapy. After 2 ½ years of fighting, it was decided to try radiation therapy. In May of 2013, after a month or so of radiation, he became very weak and was admitted to Tanner Villa Rica Hospital with Pneumonia. His condition diminished and after 2 weeks, he passed away due to complications related to the pneumonia.

Dad was a man who valued honesty and integrity and exhibited a strength of character not found in many. Regardless of the trials he faced in his daily life, which were many, he continued to live life to the fullest extent of his ability. He loved spending time with family and friends, of which there are many. As the old saying goes “those who knew him loved him”. He was always there with a helping hand

or bit of advice. Dad enjoyed the outdoors and spent a lot of time in the woods. He was content to just spend his days reading a book by the creek in the shade. Although he was confined to a wheel chair for many years, his chair was not confined to anything. His Granddaughters Breighanne, Hannah, and Daisy loved him especially and spent lots of time in his company. At one point Dad was told he would not live to see his daughter Cathy graduate from high school. Not only did he live to see her graduate from High School, he also saw her graduate with a BS in Biology and a Doctorate in Pharmacy. He had one final goal to fight for and then he would be content; that was the birth of his Grandson Emery David Tyson. Cathy gave birth to Emery in February of this year. Dad spent his remaining days enjoying as much time with his 4 grandchildren as he could. All who knew the man were blessed by the experience. We loved him and were well loved by him.

Leigh-Anne - May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“*Ralph and I will always remember David as a strong man who loved his kids and life. He was so courageous and honored his country by serving in a war when it was not a popular thing. Cathy, Brian, and Rodney as much as you will miss him--be assured that you will see him again in the afterlife. AS a Christian, have peace in your hearts that David is now free to run and have no pain in his body. May God give you the strength of your Dad to remember him with love, admiration, and peace knowing he is at peace in a far better place. Cherish your memories and know that you are all loved by many. He was so proud of each one of you and your children!! Love to all!*

Jackie Maxwell - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the sweet Singletons, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for each one of you. Ya'll have such wonderful memories of David that you will always cherish. I have a few also. He was always special to me. May 17 is also the day Paw Paw passed away 7 years ago. Love to All!!! Aunt Wanda*

Wanda Powell - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM