



Mr. Howard "Skip" Sturdevent Marshall Jr.

September 16, 2018

Howard "Skip" Sturdevent Marshall, Jr. left this earthly realm on Sunday, September 16, 2018 after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer. To cover every aspect of his life in an obituary can't be accomplished without writing a book. Howard was a computer systems/electrical engineer and will go to his grave knowing he was the crux for keeping the Air Force Portal running and gunning. There was no situation that he couldn't fix except the time during a computer virus that made his deodorant expire before 10 am. If there was a cable that you need for an old computer system, Howard will have that cable with an auxiliary jack and a backup in case that fails for you. One time he faked a heart attack at work to finish a project without people breathing down his neck. When the systems were down, planes didn't get off the ground! But no matter how long he worked, it always seemed like he only made \$2.00 an hour. At age 50, he was diagnosed with ADHD with thousands of projects unfinished, but that's been a 5 year plan. He was a ham radio operator for the past 10 years, finally accomplishing this goal he had set at age 13 after a friend threatened to kick his keister if he didn't take the test. He was a brilliant man that could fix anything he touched, but damn that ADHD...finishing was another story. His talents & problem solving capabilities were highly sought after and was indispensable to many corporations - IBM, Lockheed, Honeywell, Charles Schwab, American Express, Motorola (he designed the oscillatory for the grand daddy of current cell phones) and some secret squirrel stuff that will go to his grave. Howard was also an Air Force Veteran with one of his proudest moments where he won Airman of the Month for the 8th Air Force when it was SAC (Strategic Air Command). The love of his life, Joy, may have been like a pest that would never go away, but she persevered and never gave up on him; they shared love and companionship for almost 40 years until her passing in 2015. Although he had warning signs to

greet you at his gate, his beloved guard dogs, Gabe & Daisy, were really only 150 lb lap dogs. Gabe would make Howard work to move around the room when he wouldn't budge during his naps. Gabe is the one dog that truly gave the most oxytocin and he will be sad to be left behind. Gabe has been intuitive to Howard's needs in this last fight with the pancreatic crap. Howard was not afraid to face the inevitability and til the bitter end would rather take a moment to laugh than cry. His life was not only full, but colorful and instructed his funeral director to follow his instructions to the tiniest detail, even with this obituary. Howard was survived by his children - Tania Marshall of St. Louis, MO, Felisa Leppo (Damien) of Indian Harbour Beach, FL & Carl Howard Marshall and his fiancée Aviva Klein of Fort Lee, NJ; grandchildren Lavay Davis, Tatiana Davis, Isra Grace, Aiden Leppo & Rani Leppo as well as many cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Howard Sturdevent & Dorothy Mae (Haight) Marshall and one brother William Andrews Marshall. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Alabama National Cemetery, 3133 Hwy 119, Montevallo, AL with Fr. Bob Henderson officiating. Maxwell AFB Honor Guard will render military honors. In lieu of flowers, Howard asked that memorial donations are directed to the Elmore County Humane Society, 255 Central Plank Rd. Wetumpka, AL 36092. Brookside Funeral Home directing. W2SKP 73 to you all.

Cemetery

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Hwy 119

Montevallo, AL, 35115

Events

SEP **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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SEP **Burial**

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Comments



“ Terry Harvey Nic lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard "Skip" Sturdevent Marshall Jr.



Terry Harvey Nic - September 18, 2018 at 05:41 PM



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Tracy Sanders - September 17, 2018 at 09:33 PM