



Mr. David Ray Cowart

August 15, 1942 - August 26, 2017

David Ray Cowart, 75, of Lafayette, GA went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 26, 2017. He was a proud Eagle Scout and retired from AT&T after 35 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, R.L. and Mary Cowart; one brother, Tom Cowart.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Bell Cowart; children, Lisa (Chuck) Cowart, Dana (Craig) Dring, Dart (Amanda) Leigh, Chip (Cathy) Leigh; one sister, Marian (Bill) Cowart Smith; three grandchildren, Gaby and Dani; one great-grandson, Jameson; several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 29th from 4-8 P.M. and Wednesday up to the hour of service at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at 1:00 P.M. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Keith James officiating. Interment will follow in the Center Point Cemetery with Buddy Bell, Aaron Bell, Josh Bell, Jeff Byrd, Dart Leigh and Kent Woodard serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Matt Farrell, Craig Dring and Chuck Adamich.

Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ David and I have had a series of close important interactions over the last 15 years. As cousins we had shared childhood experiences at annual reunion gatherings. But it was as seasoned adults that we began to reach out and share thoughts and reflections about our lives. I will remember David as a sincere straight-talking person who knew how to listen as well as how to share his personal points of view.

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A few months ago we renewed our contact and I so value those interactions. We are both about the same age and we could empathize with the fact that most of our lives were in our rear view mirrors. But neither of us seemed to feel that our lives had been any less than blessings.

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While I regret that being in North Carolina I will not be able to join the family for services tomorrow, I told Barbara earlier today that I am on the way this morning to the mountain with my partner to my favorite waterfalls. David's passing is a reminder to us all to keep moving as long as we are given the strength to enjoy the gifts of nature. So I will take the memories of my cousin and friend David on this hike - I am sure he would enjoy the sights and sounds and feel of this beautiful waterfalls up the mountain.

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Blessings to all - with love ... cousin Dan

DAN CARRIGAN - August 29, 2017 at 09:08 AM

WG

“ I remember David and his older brother Tommy, from when we all went to the Cowart home place, on the side of a hill in Ringgold. On Sundays we would always congregate at "Big Mama" and "Big Papas", as we always knew them. Big papa would always have a bag of candy to pass around to the children. Since David was 3 years older than I, we never had a close relationship, but I always remember him and Tommy with found memories. His father, "Uncle R.L." was always one of my favorites, as I saw him a lot. Actually, I worked for him when I was a teenager. I remember when we painted the hallways of what was then Ringgold High School. Since I moved away from Ringgold in the early 60's, to live with my dad in Michigan, I never had much contact with David after that. I always heard about him from my grandmother, Frankie Ellis, so I knew him from a far. God bless the family and may the good Lord provide them with the strength they need as they deal with the loss of their beloved David.

Wayne Green

Wayne Green - August 28, 2017 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ I went to school with Marion. She was always a sweet friend. Sorry for your loss but heavens gained a good man.

Debi Kirby Branam



Debi Kirby Branam - August 28, 2017 at 07:23 PM

AF

“ I didn't realize David passed until my wife sent me this tribute link. David was a friend and someone I respected. David and I met in the clinic about 10 years ago when he came to me for chiropractic care. We soon made our way to the subject of "religion" and the meaning of life etc...we had a kindred spirit in that area. I invited David to a bible study and he came a couple of times, he also came with me to church a couple of times. David and I had several long conversations over lunch or at the clinic about God, Jesus, Buddhism, morality and spirituality. At that time I was in my mid thirties and I guess in some way I was trying to "convert" David, but really I just wanted him to see the beauty of Jesus, I think he did see that. Needless to say, at this point in my life as I look back on who David was, I don't think I needed to "convert" him. I'm sure he understood a lot more than I did about life. He was an honorable person, a person who cared about the deeper things in life, cared about people and society. I think God honors that...the person we are, the person we have become. David loved his family, his wife and his daughter, I remember that, and the many fond words he said about them, how he felt loved by them and how fond he was of them. God bless

Aaron Ford - August 28, 2017 at 07:39 AM