



John Brown Duffie

October 4, 1945 - April 19, 2018

Mr. John Brown “Stretch” Duffie, age 72 of Douglas passed away suddenly at his residence on Thursday afternoon, April 19, 2018. Mr. Duffie, a native of Greenwood, SC, was born October 4, 1945 to the late Jack Theodore Duffie and the late Mary Elizabeth Brown Duffie Thornton.

Mr. Duffie began his colorful sports career in baseball, football and basketball at Avondale High School in Atlanta, GA and then later at Brewton-Parker Junior College from which he graduated. He ultimately signed a bonus contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers as a pitcher where he played in that organization from 1966 to 1969. At that time he was the tallest player in professional baseball. After he moved to Douglas he worked with the City of Douglas in the maintenance department where he retired as the maintenance supervisor. He was also a member of St. Illa Baptist Church.

Survivors include:

His wife: Tonya Moore Duffie of Douglas, GA

1 Daughter: Brandy Michelle Novak of Coventry, Connecticut

2 Grandchildren: Katrina Novak of Coventry, Connecticut

Brandon Novak and his wife Jackie of US Marine Corp, Washington, DC

1 Brother: James Duffie and his wife Mary of Atlanta, GA

Step-Father: William J. Thornton of Rabun Gap, GA

3 Nephews: Ron Duffie and his wife Dawn of Auburn, AL

Ken Duffie and Philip Duffie and his wife Heather both of Atlanta, GA

1 Niece: Marsi Beall of Dallas, TX

1 Sister-in-law: Cynthia Lyons and her husband Mike of Augusta, GA and their 2 children
Angela McClure and her husband Jonathan of Atlanta, GA
Pamela Freeman and her husband Jason of Cabot, Arkansas

Several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and a host of Friends

The memorial service will be held Friday morning, April 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Illa Baptist Church with Rev. Walter James officiating

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Illa Baptist Church 5638 Highway 158 West Douglas, GA 31535 or to ABLE FOUNDATION at www.purewaterww.org

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Comments



“ Barbara Howard lit a candle in memory of John Brown Duffie



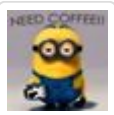
Barbara Howard - Yesterday at 01:46 PM



“ Martha Cabaniss lit a candle in memory of John Brown Duffie



Martha Cabaniss - Yesterday at 07:00 AM



“ Caroline Powell lit a candle in memory of John Brown Duffie



Caroline Powell - Yesterday at 03:44 AM



“ Big John was the kindest, most humble man I've ever had the honor of knowing. I am so proud to call him friend. He will be missed by all.

Martha Cabaniss - Yesterday at 10:45 PM



“ When we worked together at the City of Douglas, I was truly honored to get to know John. He had a kind word for everyone.

Dorie Bacon - Yesterday at 10:16 PM



“ John was the sweetest, most humble person. He will be missed.
Carol Purvis

Carol Purvis - April 21 at 02:57 PM