



Gy. Sgt. Russ Deatherage, USMC Ret.

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MARSHALLVILLE – Gunnery Sergeant Russell Lee “Russ” Deatherage, USMC, Retired, 59, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 9, 2022. A Visitation and Viewing will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry. All other services are private.

Russ was born in Missouri and earned a Bachelor’s Degree at Embry-Riddle University. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, moved to various locations across the United States and abroad, and retired as a Gunnery Sergeant after twenty-one years of service. Upon his return to civilian life, Russ worked as a Program Manager for an aerospace engineering company. An outdoorsman, Russ loved kayaking and fishing and especially spending time with his grandchildren. He was so very proud that all four of his children joined the military, following his example. Russ had lived in Marshallville for the past fifteen years.

Russ was preceded in death by his father, Harley Dallas Deatherage.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Russ are his loving and devoted wife of thirty-two years, Karen Sunman Deatherage; his children, Jake Deatherage of Wisconsin, Buck Deatherage, serving in Maryland, Logan Deatherage (Stephanie) serving in Missouri, and Devyn Deatherage, serving in Iraq; his grandchildren, Levi Deatherage, Declan Deatherage, Ella Santos, and Vanti Santos; his mother, Kay Taloney of Idaho; his siblings, Dallas Deatherage (Deb), Gary Neer, Tom Delana, Frank Delana (Sue), and Sonya Delana; and many nieces and nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.




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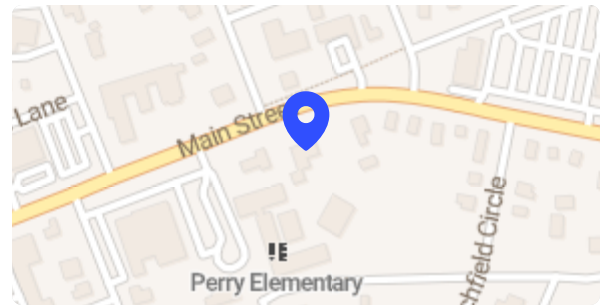
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Visitation

 **Friday**, October 14, 2022

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Watson - Hunt Funeral Home**
1208 Main Street, Perry GA 31069





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CT

Christopher Teal posted:

He was a good friend and co-worker. Our two companies worked very well together due to his open minded attitude. He is missed! - Chris Teal (USN).

November 8 at 6:16 AM

KM

Kelly Medina lit a candle in honor of Gy. Sgt. Russ.



October 14 at 4:38 AM

SW

Sylvia And Wayne Wilhite sent a White Standing Spray to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.



October 13 at 5:35 PM



Anonymous sent a Fields of Europe to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.



October 13 at 5:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.



October 13 at 10:12 AM



Anonymous sent a White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.



October 13 at 10:01 AM



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Anonymous sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 13 at 6:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 13 at 4:44 AM



Lynne Gibbs posted:

I always admired Russ for his cool, calm & easy going personality. He could always give good advice and always kept his word if he said he would do something. He volunteered at (FOPAS) Friends of Perry Animal Shelter helping any way he could. He would cut grass, build puppy pens, build sheds, to fostering pups. He was a great friend, husband, father, and grand dad. Russ will be missed by many. Fly high with the Angels until we meet again my friend. With Love, Lynne Gibbs

October 12 at 4:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 12 at 12:34 PM



F-15 System Program Office sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 12 at 11:34 AM



Benjamin Hughes posted:

GYSGT Russ.... R.I.P. We will meet again !! Semper FidelisCWO3 Benjamin Hughes USMC

October 12 at 7:56 AM



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(In Card Message) sent a Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 12 at 6:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 11 at 5:59 PM



Nancy, Carol And Kathy And Families sent a Shades of Purple to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 11 at 4:18 PM



Gramps sent a Cherished Memories - All White to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 11 at 3:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 11 at 3:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.

October 11 at 1:40 PM





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Don Taylor posted:

Russ was a dear friend and colleague, he will be sorely missed. RIP Gunney, Semper Fi.

October 11 at 11:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.



October 11 at 11:14 AM



Charles B Brown posted:

"Russ has only slipped out of our sight, not our hearts. What he was to us, he still is. We will call him by name, speak of him in the easy ways we always did. We will laugh, cry, smile and think of him, and pray for him. We will let his name be a household word as it always was. It will be spoken without effort. His life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. Russ will not be out of our mind just because he is out of our sight. He is waiting for us, somewhere near, just around the corner. All is well, nothing is past; nothing is lost. One day, in one brief moment, all will be as it was before - only better, infinitely happier and forever - we will all be one, together with God.

October 11 at 5:15 AM



Charlie & Kathy Brown sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket to the Deatherage, USMC Ret. family.



October 10 at 3:48 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gy. Sgt. Russ by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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