



Richard Paul Danner

February 18, 1958 - December 9, 2022

Our beloved, Richard-Paul Danner, was born on February 18, 1958, to Wilbert and Bertha Lee Brown Danner in Augusta, Georgia. He departed this earthly life on Friday, December 9, 2022, at the age of 64.

In 1975, Richard graduated from Oakridge High School and went on to study Chemistry at Valencia Community College.

On March 13, 1980, he joined the cast of Walt Disney World, where he recently retired from Reedy Creek Improvement District after more than 40 years of dedicated service.

In 1984, Richard met Areta Gayle Pritchett through Mrs. Odessa Demps, the mother of mutual friends of theirs. Richard and Gayle were married December 18, 1985, sharing all that life and love had to offer.

Just a few of Richard's greatest joys and accomplishments include serving as a Deacon for Pine Hills Community Church and later at Grace Bible Church of Central Florida—oh how he loved helping people; serving the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 17-11, having been named the Commander December 3, 2016; working with the committee for the Oakridge Class of 1976; flying with his instructor, CFI Joseph Crawford; serving on the Orange County Government Nuisance Abatement Board; riding his e-bike; and,

known to most, his love of comedy—born from his incredible gift of gab.

Richard loved his family dearly. He was an amazing spouse, father, brother, cousin, colleague and, especially friend. He will be truly missed and will never—ever—be forgotten.

Richard was predeceased by his father, Wilbert Danner; mother, Bertha Lee Danner; and sister, Eliza Wendell Philpott. He is survived by wife, Gayle; daughters Nailah McKeever (Erica) and Lauren Muller, Apopka; brother, Wilbert C. Danner; nephews Claude W. Philpott, Caleb Danner (Warnell), and Sidney Walker; nieces Sharon Butler, and Wendy Oliver (Dr. Deon), Atlanta; along with a host of adored cousins and other family members.

Having never met a person he didn't like; the list of Richard's friends is too long to mention but know that he loved and appreciated each of you.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Bible Church
801 Dorscher Rd
Orlando, FL 32818

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle and family I am so very sorry for your loss. I lift you all up in Jesus name for comfort and strength.*

*Love,
Tawana Smith*

Tawana Smith - December 31, 2022 at 02:20 PM

GD

God bless you, Tawana

Gayle Danner - January 02, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *Gayle and family, we KNOW that there's nothing God can't DO. My family and I are sending your comfort and prayers during this time.*



Diane Phillips - December 31, 2022 at 10:13 AM

GD

Thank you, Diane, for always being there. Much love to you and yours

Gayle Danner - January 02, 2023 at 04:03 PM

FL

“ *Gayle my prayers are with you and your family. I didn't know your husband, but knowing the Godly woman you, I know I'm my heart that he had to be an amazing person.
Stay blessed and always know that he is smiling down on you and your family.
May God bless you and keep each of you.
Love you much ❤️*

FaLina Lagway - December 30, 2022 at 02:50 PM

GD

As we say often to one another via Teams, GOD morning! Love you so much, FaLina.

Gayle Danner - December 31, 2022 at 07:39 AM

GJ

“ *Gayle I send my deepest condolences to you and your family. I will always remember when my son passed Richard and your were there for me. Remember you love Richard but God loves him best. Rest in Paradise my long time friend.*



Gail Henderson Johnson - December 29, 2022 at 12:02 PM

GD

Dearest Gail, yes, we have been bonded through good and challenging times. We love you, always.

Gayle Danner - December 31, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



December 29, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



December 28, 2022 at 07:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



December 28, 2022 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ *Condolences to Gayle and Family. A true friend to myself and my Family. Fortunate to have been a friend of RD since middle school. We went to high school together. Worked at Sea World while in high school together. We hung like brothers during our early years. RD was Best Man in our wedding over 39 years ago. We had many road trips, visiting the ATL frequently (to PARTY!), and taking an RV to New Orleans for the Superfest Concert. RD was our safety net after our party events, since RD didn't consume any alcohol. His Family was my Family, as with my Family. Ms. Bertha was my second Mom, and had fun parties at Wendell & Philpot home in Richmond Heights. Last spoke with RD the Sunday before his passing. We would spend over an hour talking on the phone, with RD carrying on the conversation!! No doubt a tremendous lost of my Brother, but never forgotten from my heart.
Don Hardee (Disco Don as RD would call me)*

Don Hardee - December 28, 2022 at 10:22 AM

GD

Yes, Disco Don! Our families have been knitted together from these childhood connections that have withstood the test of time. Oh, the stories we could all tell...

Gayle Danner - December 31, 2022 at 07:38 AM

O7

“ *Oak Ridge High School Class of 75 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



Oak Ridge High School Class of 75 - December 28, 2022 at 09:53 AM

CO

“ *Class of 75 ORHS purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



Class of 75 ORHS - December 28, 2022 at 09:43 AM

CF

“ *Charlie Broschart Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



Charlie Broschart Family - December 27, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



December 27, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JL

“ *James Lyon sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Paul Danner*



James Lyon - December 26, 2022 at 06:53 PM



I am praying for your family to get through this time with the peace that comes from the knowledge that God loves you and that He will take care of you.

James Lyon - December 26, 2022 at 06:57 PM



God bless you and the Lyon family, James

Gayle - December 26, 2022 at 09:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Danner.*



December 21, 2022 at 11:38 AM