



Montie Duncan

January 8, 1947 - February 23, 2012

Montie Wayne Duncan, 65, of Searcy, died Feb. 23. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Marla Wilson Duncan, and his only child, Lance Heath Duncan of Jacksonville.

Mr. Duncan was born Jan. 8, 1947, the youngest of three children, to Vernon W. and Wyndelene Duncan. The family has deep roots in Searcy, having operated Duncan's Chrysler-Plymouth-Jeep (originally V.W. Duncan Used Cars) for 60 years, until it sold in 2005.

At Searcy High School, he was a talented athlete at track and football. He received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, but chose to pursue a career in business instead.

After graduating with a business degree from the University of Arkansas, where he pledged the Sigma Nu fraternity, Mr. Duncan worked as an executive recruiter in Memphis before returning to Searcy to join the growing family automotive dealership. He was a successful businessman with many professional passions, from buying and selling cars to investing in real estate and trading stocks and bonds. His best friend, Glen Norman, said he was born with the sales gene, and his loyalty and attention to service turned customers into lifelong friends.

On May 25, 1990, he married the former Marla Wilson and they were inseparable, traveling together, visiting other countries, and enthusiastically following every season of the Arkansas Razorbacks. Marla says her husband's courage and positive outlook never flagged, despite extensive cancer treatment that included a full donor stem cell transplant at Baylor University Medical Center in July 2011.

Mr. Duncan was a devoted father to his only child, Lance, now 33. The two treasured their time together, on annual trips to Destin, Fla., boating on Greer's Ferry and watching Westerns on TV.

Mr. Duncan was a Baptist. Growing up, he attended West Race Baptist Church, where his late parents were longtime members. He later joined Valley Baptist Church, where he had just begun to serve as a Yoke Fellow before his cancer diagnosis in 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Duncan also is survived by two siblings, Rodger W. Duncan (and wife Barbara), and Barbara Duncan Wilson (and husband Jim); nieces Shay Raycher (Mike) and Nicole Slough (T.J.), both of Conway; Lana Clark of Searcy; Valerie Canepa of Searcy; and a nephew, Will Duncan (Cindy) of Missoula, Mont. He was beloved by many, including his lifelong business partner Glen Norman (Mary Jean) of Searcy and his in-laws, Mark (Sheila) Wilson and Marilyn (Doug) Bolton.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Valley Baptist Church, 3328 Highway 36 West, Searcy, followed by a fellowship reception at the church. Burial at Honey Hill Cemetery will be private. Pallbearers are: Glen Norman, Buzz Bolding, Randy Mathis, Jim Wilson, Eddie Warrington and John Ellis. Honorary pallbearers are: Danny George, Dean Hackworth, Joe Pitts and Leon Person.

Memorials may be made to the Valley Baptist Church Building Fund, 3328 Highway 36 West, Searcy AR 72143.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *May the memories you hold dear be a comfort in this time of sorrow. We are thinking of you.*

Dale & Jane Wardlow - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

JR

“ *Montie and I were great friends. We spent many hours together at West Race Church along with all our other friends. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all.*

Jan Dean Roland - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

BB

“ *A note of heart-felt sympathy to Marla and Lance, brother Roger, sister Barbara and many other family members, best buddy Glen Norman and many, many other friends who loved Coon. I know your hearts are filled with sadness. May God show you the way to new hope, peace, and happiness in the days ahead.*

Betty Beck - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

CH

“ *may he rest in peace and one day we will see him again.*

charles higbee - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

TT

“ *Montie, was one of those men you always returned a smile to, because he had a smile already waiting for you. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Terry and Debbie Tucker*

Terry & Debbie Tucker - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

KB

“ A long time friend that will be truly missed. Montie kept his special sense of humor until the end even in the midst of extensive and difficult treatments, he always made you laugh when you visited. I treasure the fond memories through the years including our trip to Europe a few years back - Montie, Marla, and I were quite the crew. Thank you for your kindness, support, and friendship, Montie. I will truly miss you and "that is corrrrect!"
My condolences to Lance and the rest of Montie's family. Marla, I love you!
Katharina Beavers

KATHARINA BEAVERS - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

DH

“ I would like to express sincere condolences to the Montie Duncan family. Anytime I was around Montie he was upbeat, positive, and outgoing. He loved the Lord and was very engaged in his church activities. He will be missed. The memories of Montie on the part of his family and friends will be long lasting.j58z6

Del Hughes - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

KM

“ Marla and family, I promise you that Montie is not unhappy with his new address, Heaven. What peace and comfort you can have knowing he is not in pain but in the presence of God.

KAY MANIS - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

JM

“ *Marla and Duncan family,*

Bob and I have you in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace at this difficult time.

Bob and udy Maddox

Judy Southerland Maddox - March 29, 2013 at 02:10 PM

KW

“ *Montie was a great teammate, classmate and friend. We did not remain close as the years past by but when I saw him it was like we were in school again. Montie had a way that made you feel like you had seen each other every day of your life. I have so many great memories of our youth together. Marla I only met you once at a class reunion several years ago but you are surely a fine lady if Montie loved you. We will all miss him and I can't wait to see him again.*
Keith Woosley

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