



## Richard David Forte

September 2, 1946 - February 8, 2018

Richard David Forte, age 71 of Monroe, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at Abbey Hospice in Social Circle, after a short but intense battle with pancreatic/liver cancer. The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM with a Memorial Service following at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 17, 2018 in the Loganville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home. Rev. Jerret Dooley will officiate. After the service, everyone is invited to a reception to share refreshments and fellowship with the family at the First Baptist Church Loganville located adjacent to the funeral home. A private inurnment will be held at a later date. Richard was born and raised in Atlanta, and graduated from Sylvan Hills High School, where in the 9th grade he met the girl he would spend the rest of his life with, Suzanne Smith. He retired from the General Motors Lakewood Assembly Plant in 1990 and he and Suzanne moved from Henry County to a beautiful piece of land and home in Jasper County. It was named "Green Acres" by their son. They spent 13 years there enjoying their retirement, having a little petting zoo for the grandchildren with goats, chickens, ducks, horses, and donkeys. The children and grandchildren loved visiting Green Acres, fishing, swimming and all the things kids of all ages like to do. It was Richard's hope that the grandchildren would remember those days and relate them to their children and grandchildren. There's no doubt that they will. Most of all he and Suzanne just enjoyed their retirement life together. Aside from spending time with his family, and taking care of the animals at "Green Acres", his "hobby" was deer hunting with his childhood friend Jim Steedley. They were barely out of high school when they started hunting together and did so up until just a few years ago. He always said that Jim was just like a brother to him. Nothing made him any happier than to be up a tall pine tree before daylight when it was 15 degrees and wait for that elusive deer. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Mattie Manley Forte; brothers: Howard, Paul, and Gerald Forte; sisters: Betty Lee and Jackie Farnschlager; and son, David Forte. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Suzanne Forte of Monroe; Daughter and Son-in-law: Shelly & John Thiemann of Walnut Grove; Granddaughter: Dana Leigh Thiemann of Walnut Grove; Grandsons: Blake Richard Thiemann, currently serving with the US Navy in Charleston, South Carolina, and Joshua Joseph Forte of Winder; and Mother-in-law: Anne Dana of Monroe. Flowers are appreciated, but please give some thought to contributing to his favorite local animal

rescue group, Walton Animal Guild (<http://www.wagwalton.com>). WAG is a non-profit 501 c 3 organization. The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and all personnel of Abbey Hospice in Social Circle for taking such good care of Richard in his last days. Enough can't be said about the kindness and compassion they showed to him and the family, and that will be forever appreciated. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Tim Stewart Funeral Home

670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA, US, 30052

**FEB** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville

670 Tom Brewer Rd., Loganville, GA, US

**FEB** **Reception**

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First Baptist Church Loganville

680 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA, US, 30052

# Comments

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“ Dear Suzanne, What a beautiful tribute written by Shelly to her father and you. May the life time of wonderful memories comfort you now and forever. His obituary helped me to know him as I had only met him once when we shared a table at a lunch and discussed the Sylvan and Lakewood areas which were common to both of us. What a wonderful life your family had on "Green Acres" - know that those are very special memories indeed. May God bring all of you comfort as you continue your journey in life until you meet again. Love to you all, Annette

**Annette** - February 16, 2018 at 11:42 AM



“ Thank you Annette. Memories are all I have now. They are good ones.

**Suzanne** - February 16, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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“ My partner, you will always be with me. Jimmy

**jimmy steedley** - February 16, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ Yes he will!!!

**Suzanne** - February 16, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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“ Debra Ramey lit a candle in memory of Richard David Forte



**Debra Ramey** - February 14, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Thank you!

**Suzanne** - February 15, 2018 at 12:27 PM

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“ I worked with Richard at the Lakewood Plant. He was a good man. I offer my condolences to his family.

**Harold E. Baldwin** - February 14, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ Thank you for remembering Richard.

**Suzanne** - February 14, 2018 at 11:26 AM

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“ Ghirardelli & Fruit Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Richard David Forte.



February 13, 2018 at 09:12 AM

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“ Donna Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Richard David Forte



**Donna Burroughs** - February 11, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Thank you

**Suzanne** - February 11, 2018 at 06:25 PM

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“ Asking God to surround you all in peace at this time. May the wonderful memories bring you comfort in the wee hours; may you hear his laugh in your grandchildren 's laughter; and may you always feel his love in your heart in your daughter's hugs. Sending prayers and love. Ann E

**Ann Hall** - February 11, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ Thank you Ann for the beautiful, comforting words.

**Suzanne** - February 11, 2018 at 06:18 PM

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“ Melinda Dally lit a candle in memory of Richard David Forte



**Melinda Dally** - February 10, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ thank you for your support of me and especially Shelly.

**Suzanne** - February 11, 2018 at 06:24 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences, Suzanne, to you and the family. I will forever remember you and Richard as “one”, just as it was intended by God to be. Such a beautiful and fun couple. God is your strength, so rest and be comfortable in Him. He'll give you His peace! Love and prayers, Lottie Robinson Walker

**Lottie Robinson Walker** - February 10, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ Thank you Lottie. We have known each other a long time. Richard always thought very highly of you..I do too.

**Suzanne** - February 11, 2018 at 06:20 PM

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“ Prayers for Richard's beloved wife and family.  
Heaven gained a truly awesome man, Richard David Forte.



**Gwen Bankovich** - February 10, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ Thank you Gwen

**Suzanne** - February 10, 2018 at 09:03 PM

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“ Suzanne & family,

Just wanted to express my sympathy and let you know I am thinking about you at this time. You have a lot of wonderful memories to comfort you. Will be praying for you .

Vida Broach

**Vida Broach** - February 10, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ Thank you Vida. I do have many wonderful memories.

**Suzanne** - February 10, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences, Suzanne. Vivian Price Saffold, the GA GenWeb Project

**Vivian Price Saffold** - February 11, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Thank you so much.

**Suzanne** - February 11, 2018 at 06:21 PM

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“ Shelly Thiemann lit a candle in memory of Richard David Forte



**Shelly Thiemann** - February 09, 2018 at 08:41 PM

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“ My father touched the lives of everyone he met in the kindest, gentlest, and most selfless way. He and my mother are truly an example of true love, marriage, hard work, family, and kindness. My Brother David and I were truly fortunate to have learned these life lessons from these great parents. It is my hope that I passed the same traits down to my children. My father's patience and gentle manner I know I can never achieve, but I try everyday to make him proud of me. That's truly all a parent can hope for in life is that their kids go out in the world and become good people. I owe all I have to my mom and dad and thank them for passing these traits on to me that I can pass on to my children. My father has always been my hero, my

Superman, was until the very end, and will always continue to be. I know he's in Heaven now with David and no doubt his beloved golden retriever, Gage, as well as his brothers and sisters that went before him. We will all be okay, and I will take care of Mom, as I promised. Until we meet again Dad I miss you, and I love you

**Shelly Thiemann** - February 09, 2018 at 08:39 PM