

David J. Forte

February 28, 1966 - December 18, 2015

David Joseph Forte, father, son, brother and friend, age 49, of Statham, Georgia passed away Friday December 18, 2015 after a courageous battle with colon cancer. David lived a full life and was taken away from us much too early. David asked that in lieu of flowers that donations be considered for colorectal cancer research, specifically for people diagnosed under the age of 50.

He grew up in Snellville, Georgia and attended South Gwinnett High School.

David was a store manager for Rite Aide drug stores for over 25 years and was well liked and respected by everyone he worked with and for. His job was very important to him and his dedication showed in his passion for working long and stressful hours. David touched the lives of the people he worked with, being not only their co-worker but also their friend, their confidant, and a mentor to many.

David enjoyed working on his cars and trucks and had vast knowledge of motor vehicles and of his collection of guns. He could take guns apart, repair and restore them like a professional.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Suzanne Forte of Monroe, Ga., son, Joshua Forte of Winder, Ga., sister and brother-in-law Shelly and John

Thiemann of Walnut Grove, niece and nephew Blake and Dana Thiemann of Walnut Grove; grandmother, Anne Dana of Monroe, uncle, Paul Forte of Palmetto, Georgia, aunts Betty Lee of Richland Hills, Texas and Jackie Farnschlader of Media, PA and a host of cousins and friends.

Services honoring David's life will be held Monday December 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 S. Hammond Drive Monroe, Ga. 30655 and the Reverend George O. Rogers officiating. The family will arrive at 12:30 PM to receive friends until service time. Family will have a private comital service.

A celebration of life and luncheon will be held afterwards at The First Presbyterian Church in Monroe, 500 Breedlove Dive, Monroe, GA 30655. All friends and family are invited to attend. Per David's request, everyone in attendance should dress casually.

In lieu of flowers, David has asked that you consider a donation to either of the following organizations in his memory:

The Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CancerFoundationofNortheast/OnlineDonation.html>

The Colon Cancer Alliance

<http://support.ccalliance.org/goto/davidforte>

For additional information call 770-267-2594. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Service

DEC 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe
209 South Hammond Drive
Monroe, GA

Reception

DEC 21 (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
500 Breedlove Drive
Monroe, GA 30655

Tribute Wall



“ *David J. Forte*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *David was a blessing to every person he met. He taught me so many valuable lessons in life, was always there for me and everyone else that was in need. I will miss the visits, two hour phone conversations, random silliness, the coyote adventures, the ridiculous nick names...so many great memories. I know that he is in a better place and no longer in pain, but he will be missed beyond words by so many.*

Cindy Jamison - December 22, 2015 at 03:27 PM



Thank you!

Suzanne forte - December 23, 2015 at 05:21 AM



“ *Although we didn't get the pleasure of working with David as long as others, it didn't make it any less special to us. David was always very helpful and generous and was ALWAYS there to answer any question we may have. He was full of stories and we would be all ears whenever he would share them! He always made us laugh even when he was feeling at his worst. He will definitely be missed in the Rite Aid family.*

Casey Cabe and Beth Reems - December 21, 2015 at 06:45 PM



Casey and Beth, thank you SO much for our kind words about David. We have heard these same stories from so many of his co-workers. We are glad that he was able to help so many people over the years, and yes, he could really tell some stories!

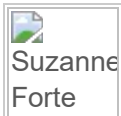
Suzanne and Richard Forte

Suzanne Forte - December 22, 2015 at 09:22 AM

JB

“*David was one of the most honest and loyal people I have known. He said what he believed and when he had a friend that person knew he was just that. I know we will miss him and the family will miss him even more. I feel the world is a colder place with him gone but Heaven is brighter because he is there. God Bless each of you. Sincerely Judi Byler*

Judi Byler - December 21, 2015 at 03:48 PM



Judi, Thanks for the kind words. We miss him so much, but know he is in a better place.

Suzanne Forte

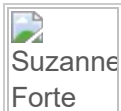
Suzanne Forte - December 22, 2015 at 09:23 AM

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“ David worked in my district at Rite Aid several years ago. He was always so fun to talk to. David had a story about a story about a story and they were always so goofy and funny. He always made me laugh. We would tease each other about random stuff all the time. I am glad I got to speak to David a few weeks ago and though he wasn't feeling well we still made each other laugh. David will be missed by so many people. My condolences to the entire Forte family. May David rest in peace.

Lisa Linton

Lisa Linton - December 21, 2015 at 12:18 PM



Thank you Lisa, he was a loyal Rite Aid employee to the end. His job meant everything to him. I'm not sure how he kept working those last few weeks, he was so sick. Just his dedication to his job.
Suzanne Forte

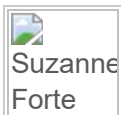
Suzanne Forte - December 22, 2015 at 09:26 AM

CH

“ *Connie Hodges lit a candle in memory of David J. Forte*



Connie Hodges - December 21, 2015 at 11:57 AM



Thank you!
Suzanne Forte

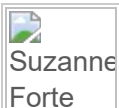
Suzanne Forte - December 22, 2015 at 09:26 AM

DR

“ *Debra Ramey lit a candle in memory of David J. Forte*



Debra Ramey - December 21, 2015 at 09:08 AM



Suzanne Forte

Thank you!

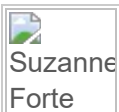
Suzanne Forte - December 21, 2015 at 10:08 AM

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“ *I work with David at Eckerd drug Corporation during the 90s. David's ability to reach long term goals and to teach, train, motivate others was second to none. He was a dedicated and determined individual. His humor was a welcome blessing that made it easy to get through a sometimes very long and stressful day. He will be missed very much.*

*Frank England
Auburn, Ga.*

Frank England - December 21, 2015 at 05:40 AM



Suzanne Forte

Thank you Frank, so many he has worked with over the years share your same sentiment. Richard and I are so proud he was the man he turned out to be and has helped so many in his lifetime.

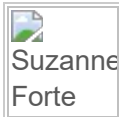
Suzanne Forte

Suzanne Forte - December 21, 2015 at 08:47 AM



“ David THANK YOU for you friendship ive wondered these past few days how we lost contact for all these years. Friendship we had growing up ill always cheish break my heart that it took this to bring us back together. But im so thankful that my ol friend never has to suffer no more. Bud the hours and times we spent at Captian D's Nash's powerlines, Skyland powerlines, blackshoals, Trebbles mills and Snellville Day's. And im sure we was in more places than i can remember hehehehe. PIP OL BUDDY gonna miss you but will alway remember you. Shelly Richard and Suzzane im so sorry cant say i know what yall going thru but i can say we'll keep yall in our prayers.

Scott Ford - December 20, 2015 at 07:36 PM



Scott, Richard and I remember our times with you fondly. We are also sorry that we have lost touch and that it took David's passing to bring us together. David always told us stories that made us laugh, about you, him and Shelly, and your friends, but not always what really went on...better that way. We will always miss him, he was taken too soon.

Suzanne Forte

Suzanne Forte - December 21, 2015 at 08:51 AM

CM

“ David was the kindest man I knew he would due anything for you all you had to due was ask. I will miss the phone calls, and the dinners God bless you, and God bless his parents his sister SHELLEY and his son David will be missed . David was a great man

charles mcadam - December 20, 2015 at 07:06 PM

ST

*Charles,
You'll never know how much it meant that you were there every day for David in hospice. You were a great friend and co worker to him for many years and I'm sure you have many a story to tell! Thank you so much for you and your wife's love and support. And yes, I agree that David was a great man!*

Shelly Thiemann - January 06, 2016 at 08:30 PM

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“ *Charles Mcadam lit a candle in memory of David J. Forte*

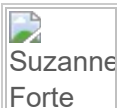


charles mcadam - December 20, 2015 at 07:03 PM

CM

“ *David was a great man who was a loyal friend, I will miss his knowledge, and will miss going to dinner and hanging out with him, and just talking on the phone with him David God bless you, also i will continue to pray for his family. David will truly be missed I will never have a loyal friend like him again,David saved my job more then once charter is king and David was a role model for charter*

charles mcadam - December 20, 2015 at 05:28 PM



Thank you Charles, it means so much to us to know he had such loyal friends and that he was a loyal friend to you and many others.

Suzanne Forte

Suzanne Forte - December 21, 2015 at 08:52 AM

 Stan
Czerno

“ *David was one of the nicest guys, always willing to help. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Stan Czerno - December 20, 2015 at 10:31 AM

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*Thank you :)
Shelly Forte Thiemann*

SHELLY THIEMANN - December 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM

KM

“ *So very sorry for you all! Lot's of good times growing up together in Summit Chase. David was such a sweet guy---gone too soon.
Kris (Johnson) Michnuk*

Kris Michnuk - December 20, 2015 at 09:36 AM

ST

*Kris,
We did have a wonderful time growing up in Summit Chase. It was like living at summer camp! Thank you for your kind words. David will be missed.*

Shelly Forte Thiemann

SHELLY THIEMANN - December 20, 2015 at 11:14 AM

JS

“ I remember all of us hanging out in the Captain Ds parking lot in Snellville many nights. A group of us would go to Tribble Mill before it was a public park and alot of the jacked up 4 wheel drive trucks would drive through the river hoping they wouldn't get stuck! Those were the Good Ole Days! I was good friends with David's sister Shelly and every time I saw David, he was such a nice guy. Always willing to help anyone out, he was a good friend to alot of us. It's been ages since I've seen him but I know he'll truly be missed. My hearts breaks for Shelly and his family through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with them right now.

Jackie Simpson - December 19, 2015 at 07:27 PM

ST

Jackie,

Those were certainly the days! I'm sure many people that read about David will have the same type memories, we had a lot of fun! Those times were some of David's happiest and we looked back on the frequently. That usually resulted in us laughing at the many stories we recalled about trucks, friends, mud, hanging out, and not having to worry about any of it!. Well, except that our parents would find out!

I appreciate your kind memories of David. He was a private person, but always looked out for his friends (and sometimes his sister!) and would literally give the shirt off his back to help someone in need.

David will be missed by all of his family and friends. He would want us to remember him in the happy times like those we shared growing up together in Snellville :)

Shelly Forte Thiemann

SHELLY THIEMANN - December 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM