



James Calvin Denson, Jr

January 16, 1961 - March 28, 2008

DENSON- James C. "Rusty" Denson, Jr., age 47 of Lawrenceville, passed away Friday, March 28, 2008. Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in the Snellville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Dr. Davis Chappell officiating. Graveside Services will be held at 2:30 PM at Eastview Cemetery, Rome, GA. Rusty was Vice President at SCM Group USA in Duluth. He graduated with a M.B.A. from the University of Georgia & a B.A. from Shorter College in Rome & he was a loyal UGA Fan, a trait so far inherited by one of his daughters. Rusty is survived by his wife: Mary Hope Denson; Daughters: Hailey & Keelie Denson, all of Lawrenceville; Mother: Dawn Denson; Sister: Melanie Wright (Van), all of Rome, GA. In lieu of flowers, a college fund has been established for the Denson children: Rusty Denson Children's College Fund, First National Bank of Gwinnett, 2734 Meadow Church Road, Duluth, GA. 30097-9945. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Monday, March 31, 2008 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, GA. 30078, 770-979-5010. Please sign online guest registry @ www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe
209 South Hammond Drive
Monroe, GA 30655
(770) 267-2594
info@stewartfh.com
<https://www.stewartfh.com>

Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Snellville
2246 Wisteria Drive
Snellville, GA

Service

APR 1. 2:30 PM (ET)

Easview Cemetery
Rome, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *James Calvin Denson, Jr*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you. Rusty was a great person. I can say he was a true friends from first grade thur all the years. Rusty will always hold a special place in my heart.##imported-begin##Lynn Edwards Casey##imported-end##*

August 11, 2009 at 07:17 PM



“ *Dear Mary and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Rusty. I know he suffered a long time. I want you to know my prayers are with you. I see you walking a lot when I am driving in the neighborhood. I know you and your children will find comfort in friends and family at this time. GOD Bless.
Debi##imported-begin##Debi Slabaugh-Ford##imported-end##*

April 28, 2008 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear Rusty,

It is sad to know that you are no longer with us, but I am honored and feel blessed that you have been part of our lives. You have brought values such as love, care, compassion and devotion into the lives of everyone you touched.

You are an example to all of us. Your respect for others and attention to their needs, and determination to never give up when the odds were against you in the worst way, is a legacy we will forever treasure and a true inspiration for all who had the privilege of knowing you.

We thank you for all the wonderful things you have done, for the support that you have given to our team up to just a few weeks ago, for being so close to us during difficult times and for rejoicing with us when things were good.

We will remember you and greatly miss your generosity, your smile, your talent, your wisdom, your humor, but most of all your humanity and contribution which touched the depth of our lives.

We all know that the good Lord has reserved a special place for you and that your rebirth to life must be so much more rewarding than the one you have spent on this plane.

As it is sad knowing that you are no longer with us, I am just as certain that we will be seeing you again, Rusty. Our thoughts and prayers are going to you and your family.... you keep us in yours.

Your friend,

John##imported-begin##John Gangone##imported-end##

April 13, 2008 at 10:23 PM



“ My dear Rusty, dear friend of many years at SCM, I want you to know that I would have never wanted to miss this appointment. I wanted to be there, to pay my respect, on the day when you have decided to leave all of us. This life of work and business had taken me to the other side of the plane when this day arrived. And I have missed the opportunity to salute you for the last time and let you know how much I felt our friendship. Do you remember when I interviewed you and made you the offer to join the SCM family? You thought it over for a couple of days and then joined our team. What an addition you turned out to be for that team! Only those that have seen you at work know how good of a person and a manager you were.

Your family, your wife, your daughters, must be very proud of the husband and father they had. They shall know that SCM rarely had a manager of your caliber. You were a great man. Ciao Rusty, as soon as I will be back, I will travel to Rome and I will visit you, at your resting place, and we will have one of our long conversations, those we had when you were joining me in my office. Yours in friendship.

Giordano###imported-begin###Giordano Checchi###imported-end###

April 03, 2008 at 07:01 PM



“ One brother in law and his family were about to walk out of Rusty's mother in law's door to begin the trip to their new home in California. Ever considerate, Rusty told his daughters not to take the family's pictures off the walls until after they left.

One sister in law had become a zealous advocate for a particular cause, proving so by sending several e-mails a day in support of her beliefs. By e-mail, Rusty called for my help with his problem, "You're pretty good with computers. Why do all of Donna's e-mails end up in my spam folder?"

Just this past Christmas, upon receipt of an e-mail with the same sister in law's face superimposed upon the body of a dancing elf, Rusty responded, "She should be careful making those moves at her age." Rusty had a joy of life and a razor sharp wit that made him a pleasure to be around. As his body betrayed him, his spirit remained undimmed.

As Rusty and Mary together battled his declining health, they demonstrated a quiet courage and depth of love that left us in awe. They dealt with Triumph and Disaster and "treated those two impostors the same." Their life and death struggle took a back seat to providing their daughters with a loving and supportive environment in which the girls were able to flourish. The fruit of their selflessness reveals itself, and will continue to do so, in the accomplishment and the promise of their two daughters. Yes, Keelie, too.

So long as he lives in our memories and our hearts, Rusty will never die.##imported-begin##Jon Hope##imported-end##

April 03, 2008 at 10:28 AM



“ I met Rusty many, many years ago. I think it was probably the first job for both of us. We worked at the Baskin-Robbins at the old Riverbend Mall in Rome, GA. Even at such a young age, he was respected by all of his fellow employees. Always willing to lend a hand, & just listen if you needed someone to talk to.

Even though his work here on Earth may be finished, his legacy will live on. He may be gone, but will never be forgotten!

For those of us that had the honor & pleasure to know Rusty, we can consider ourselves truly blessed!

My thoughts & prayers go out to his loving wife & precious daughters. I also want to extend my thoughts & prayers to his mother, & sister & brother-in-law.

I do not know what God's Mission in Heaven will be for Rusty, but I know the Angels in Heaven are rejoicing to welcome such a "SPECIAL ONE" home.##imported-begin##Debra Slaughter Bailey##imported-end##

April 02, 2008 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Hailey,
It's been many years since I taught you at Craig ES, but I wanted to tell you how sorry I am about your loss. My daddy died on the same day, and that is how I found out after looking through the obituaries. Take care Sweetness.
Love,
Mrs. Hanson##imported-begin##Mrs. Allison Hanson##imported-end##

April 02, 2008 at 07:11 PM



“ Uncle Rusty was a great guy. He was one of the bravest, nicest, and happiest guys I have ever met.##imported-begin##Jon Hope##imported-end##

April 02, 2008 at 01:10 PM



“ Mary,Keelie,Hailey,
I know you will miss Rusty so much. His smile that was so sweet. You were so important to him.
I have known Rusty since he was 3 years old. Such a beautiful child. He was very special to me. God choose him for a special place in Heaven. I know he is smiling now. I hope you can find peace knowing he is free from the body that didn't work for him anymore.
May God be with you.

Love,
Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Thomas##imported-end##

April 01, 2008 at 10:39 PM



“ Rusty was a very loving and caring person who will be truly missed. He was a wonderful family man whose children are a pleasure to have visit. I am honored to have known him and called him my friend. May he be in God's hands now and forever.

Roger Hedlund##imported-begin##Roger Hedlund##imported-end##

April 01, 2008 at 09:47 AM



“ Rusty will really be missed by all of us here in Rome. He was a great guy and we all loved him.
You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Meleitha###imported-begin###Meleitha Ingle Fowler###imported-end##

April 01, 2008 at 08:08 AM



“ To the Denson Family,

As it has been said many times before, Rusty was truly someone we should all look up to. I've worked with and known him for 20 years now, and in all that time, he was an example to follow. Never a harsh word, always an open door, always there to help out when a hand needed lending. I never saw him down and as he faced this terrible disease, he did so with dignity and grace. And the sense of humor this man had. Well that will always live in our hearts as well. Some of us SCM Group people got together in Tim Sermonet's office yesterday, and told some of the stories, and had a laugh. And believe me we had some. He will always be in my heart. I can only wish I can be 1/2 the person he was.

I want his family to know that I and I know there are many others are so blessed to have known him and to have called him my friend. I will miss him. He can rest now.

Debbie###imported-begin###Debbie Baltes###imported-end##

April 01, 2008 at 07:44 AM



“ *Mary, Hailey, and Keelie,*

I had the great pleasure of meeting Rusty at UGA. When I think about Rusty, I picture his smile, his laugh, and his love. He shared his joy with so many. When he had a good hard laugh he would bend over ever so slightly, that's when you knew he thought something was really funny. What a great memory. Rusty came by my house one day and talked me into going to work for him. What a tremendous opportunity it was to report in to "Big Dawg". We all loved that guy. There has never been a better problem solver. Sometimes God smiles upon us and puts us in touch with a special person, a person that makes this trying world around us a better place. We could all use a little more Rusty. Mary, Hailey, and Keelie, if I can ever be of service to you in any way, Lord knows I owe it to Rusty. God Bless.##imported-begin##Mark Rogers##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 11:58 PM



“ *Dearest Mary, Hailey and Keelie,*

Even though I will be unable to attend the service for Rusty, my heart and my prayers will be with each of you.

Pam Moore##imported-begin##Pam Moore##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 10:18 PM



“ Rusty Denson was a great man. He was truly special. Loved by everyone, and so very loving in return, Rusty was the type of person anyone would look up to. He lived a great life, and was so very blessed. His family meant the world to him, and he loved seeing his children grow up. He will now always be able to watch over them and Mary from above, a better place where he can always rejoice with Jesus and be so very happy. We will miss him so much. My prayers go out to the Denson family. I love all of you so very much.##imported-begin##Stephanie Hedlund##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 10:08 PM



“ Rusty was the best man I have ever worked with. I have many fond memories, but the best one would be shooting water balloons out of the hotel room over the club house at some of the SCM employees sitting around the swimming pool.##imported-begin##Ron Kaemingk##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 07:46 PM



“ Mary, Keelie, and family,

I don't think I ever had a chance to meet Mr. Denson, but I have had the pleasure of working with his wife and teaching his youngest daughter. It was a long time before I realized that Mr. Denson was ill. You all are a tribute to his life.

You all are in my prayers and may God send you peace during this difficult time.

Mindy Shay##imported-begin##Mindy Shay##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 07:33 PM



“ Dear Denson Family,

My heart goes out to all of you in your time of loss. Remember, it's okay to cry.

*Love,
Ms. Williams*

7th Grade Math##imported-begin##Lisa Williams##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 06:12 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers go out to the entire Denson family for the passing of Mr. James C. "Rusty" Denson.##imported-begin##Michael Saxon##imported-end##*

March 31, 2008 at 04:51 PM



“ *May God's peace be with you and the girls. You will be in my prayers.*

*Love,
Bev##imported-begin##Beverly Thomas##imported-end##*

March 31, 2008 at 04:21 PM



“ Rusty was a very special person who brought much happiness to the lives he touched, and there were many. He had a profound impact on the SCM Group family. His door was always open, he always had the right answer regardless of the question, he would always drop what he was doing and give a person as much time as was needed. He never had an unkind word to say about anyone or anything. He was one of those rare individuals that made the people around him better by coming in contact with him. He was very good at what he did and equally as good at practical jokes. It seems fitting that he will be laid to rest on April fools day. He had a great sense of humor, a great smile, and a great attitude towards life. He was the product of a loving family and passed that love on to his own family. He loved his wife and treasured Hailey and Keelie. Rusty's competitive nature is being continued with his girls. Rusty showed everyone the way to confront a horrible disease; he did it with an incredibly positive attitude and with the utmost class and dignity. He will truly be missed, but never forgotten. Mary, if you and the girls need anything please do not hesitate to ask. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##The Sermonet Family##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 03:02 PM



“ Words can never express my love and admiration for my son, Rusty. He was the light of both his father's and my eyes. We were beginning to think we were never going to have children when God blessed us with him. When he was a little boy and he would get mad at me he would say he was going to move to Alaska, and of course, I would beg him not to. It was the delight of my life when he finally got to visit Alaska and we stayed with the girls. He didn't run away to stay there like he always threatened to do because he had his girls to come back to. He is so loved by everyone because he was so easy to love and gave love in return. He will live on through his darling children whom I love so very much.##imported-begin##Dawn Denson, his mom##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 02:25 PM



“ Kee Kee,
We are thinking of you everyday. We know how hard it is to lose your Dad, but just know he is looking down on you and is so proud of you. Stay close to your family and friends and remember we love you. Mrs. Lister and Mrs. Emery##imported-begin##Carrie Lister and Sally Emery##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 02:08 PM



“ My daddy was my superman. Some people aren't lucky enough to have such a great man for a father, but i was truly blessed. My daddy taught me many things in life. He taught me patience, perserverance, and to never judge people. His life on Earth, in some ways, was troubled, but he didn't let that get in his way. He never left my side, and he was always there for me and the rest of our family.His smile always brought warmth to the room, and he really made people stop and recognize what really matters in life. On March 28, he found a new home. A home where he will no longer suffer. A home where he can dance with the angels, and watch over us. Although i will miss him, he will live on in my heart forever. He will always be my daddy, my hero, my superman.##imported-begin##Keelie Denson - Rusty's youngest daughter##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 02:07 PM



“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lydia Patrick##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 01:56 PM



“ I consider myself very blessed to have known Rusty. He was like a brother to me. We had some good times playing golf and just talking. We shared a love for gospel music. Rusty was truly a man of integrity. He had a great love for his God and his family. Rusty has been a great inspiration to me. I will always cherish the memories. Love Van##imported-begin##Van Wright, brother-in-law##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 01:52 PM



“ A really great young man and the kind our country needs more of.

Our prayers are with the wife and kids and we know they will "carry on" in Rusty's traditions of quiet contemplation and just and fair actions. We did love the boy.

*Kay and David##imported-begin##David and Kay
Grounds##imported-end##*

March 31, 2008 at 01:27 PM



“ You are all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Penny Servies and
Maria Betancourt##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences for the entire
Denson Family. Rusty will be truly missed by all who had the
pleasure to have known him.##imported-begin##Jack Griffin and
Family##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 01:07 PM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Rusty's family. Rusty was the epitome of an individual with strong values, compassion for others, and a great joy to be associated with. His memories will provide a great comfort for his family and friends. May God provide you comfort and peace, knowing that Rusty is smiling down on you, and rejoicing in his new journey with God.

Best Regards,

Joann King Farley##imported-begin##Joann King Farley##imported-end##

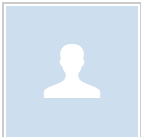
March 31, 2008 at 11:18 AM



“ My depest sincere condolianges, to the family.

Celso Santucci##imported-begin##Celso Santucci##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 10:56 AM



“ Everyone who met him left with a smile. That grin is what I will remember.

I don't think I can name a person who didn't like Rusty. He was the best kind of man.

May you have peace.##imported-begin##Jack Harley##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 10:51 AM



“ *All my prayers and love to you and your family in this time of loss.##imported-begin##Susan K. Joiner##imported-end##*

March 31, 2008 at 10:48 AM



“ *Rusty was a great inspiration for me because of his will to never give up and to live life to it's fullest. I will miss him dearly.##imported-begin##Dennis Benedict##imported-end##*

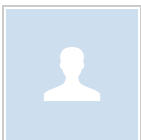
March 31, 2008 at 09:01 AM



“ *Rusty will be truly missed by many. He was such a part of the SCM Group family for so many years and has contributed highly to the success that has made SCM Group who they are today. We know that God has taken Rusty into his arms to now watch over all of us for the remainder of our lives. Rest well now Rusty, you are now at peace.*

Stephen McGhee##imported-begin##Stephen McGhee##imported-end##

March 31, 2008 at 08:35 AM



“ *We knew Rusty as a quiet, yet strong individual. He is best remembered as a loyal, enthusiastic supporter of his family, as we saw him often at tennis events. He was a parent who remained involved in life around him. In the face of such a personal challenge, he persevered in ways many of us wouldn't. May you know that his strength and love continue to watch over you.##imported-begin##Terry and Linda Hedrick##imported-end##*

March 31, 2008 at 08:03 AM



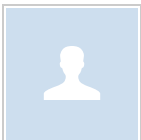
“ *Mary, Hailey & Keelie,
We did not have the privilege of knowing Rusty, but we heard many good stories about him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely,
Paul & Brenda Nichols
(Donna's parents)###imported-begin###Brenda Nichols###imported-end##*

March 30, 2008 at 11:11 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. God bless each and everyone of you.###imported-begin###Christy Binnion###imported-end##*

March 30, 2008 at 10:16 PM



“ *Denson Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have enjoyed having Keelie at our tennis camp the past few years and just made the connection that she is Rusty's daughter. Clay and I graduated from Shorter with Rusty; we did not know him well but had mutual friends. We are so sorry you are having to go through this tragic time. Sincerely, Leslie and Clay###imported-begin###Leslie and Clay Hightower###imported-end##*

March 30, 2008 at 09:29 PM



“ My deepest condolence for the loss of Rusty. Even though he was my boss at SCM, he always made feel at ease, made me excel at my work and most importantly, made me a better person. He always had something good to say about people and tried to look for something good in all situations. He always made me smile. He is someone that I called my friend. I will miss him deeply.##imported-begin##Mike Reick##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 09:02 PM



“ Mary - you are in my thoughts and prayers. May you take comfort in your beautiful girls and in knowing you are very loved.##imported-begin##Keelie (Ogle) Sparks##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 08:47 PM



“ Mary,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls.

Rusty is going to be missed by many. I cannot even begin to tell you how much he influenced my life. He was a great mentor and friend.

With deepest sympathy,

Mike##imported-begin##Mike Fogel##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 07:46 PM



“ My brother taught me many things over the course of his all too short life – how to play games, how to play softball, how to shoot a BB gun, and almost how to drive a stick shift. However, the last few years of his life he taught me perseverance and courage in the face of enormous adversity. He also showed me and many others that we should never lose our faith in God. We may not understand why things happen, but it is all part of God’s plan for our lives. Just as we all are not alone here – we have our family members and friends. Rusty is not alone in heaven either. He joined his father, his grandparents, his father-in-law that he never got to meet, and others who have gone on before. We have the hope and promise that we will all be united one day when we are finally called home. For that I am thankful.##imported-begin##Melanie Wright, Rusty's sister##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 06:47 PM



“ Early in their marriage, Rusty and Mary rented my house. They were model tenants. However, one day Rusty handed me the rent check in an envelope addressed to "Slum Lanlord" with a return address of "Broken-down Blue House on xx Street." Outrageously amusing. Mary denied any knowledge of the deed, but I was sure that she was behind it. My new, mild-mannered brother-in-law wouldn't dare to be so bold. It took a few months for me to realize that it had been Rusty's doing -- and to realize just what my sister had brought into our family: Rusty, with his quick wit and particular sense of humor, a man of courage, quiet determination and many talents -- another brother.##imported-begin##Donna Hope##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 02:57 PM



“ Dawn, I'm so sorry for your loss, This is just too much so soon after J.C.'s Passing. But with God's help I know you'll make it. My prayers are with you always, I love you,

Montine##imported-begin##Montine Bohanan##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 02:53 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Rusty's family. Rusty was the perfect example of an "All American" young man. He will be a shining star in Heaven.##imported-begin##Grace Billingsley##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 12:54 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you and your family Mary . We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need, just let us know.##imported-begin##Debora, Stacey, Ashley, and Matthew Crummie##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 10:55 AM



“ Dearest Keelie and family,
I am so sorry for your incredible loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and all my prayers.
Love, Mrs. Kathy Schmeelk##imported-begin##Kathy Schmeelk##imported-end##

March 30, 2008 at 07:38 AM



“ Rusty Denson was greatly admired through this community. He taught many people that life is something that we must live to the fullest and never take for granted. He showed people that we are all the same, no matter how we dress, act, or look. And, although we all will miss him very much, he would want us to accept that God had other plans than what we may have hoped for. Rusty Denson was a loved father, husband, and friend who's heart and soul will live on forever.##imported-begin##Katie Hedlund##imported-end##

March 29, 2008 at 07:16 PM



“ Rusty Denson will be greatly missed by many, many people in our community and beyond. Not only was he a warm and caring person who was devoted to his family, but he also set the bar pretty high for the rest of us to remember that, despite any problems or illnesses that may afflict us, we can all make this world a better place by giving fully through the gifts God has given us. He was always there, behind the scenes, researching on the internet for tennis matches, playoffs and even Nationals - helping his childrens' teams achieve the best result possible through his expert reconnaissance and study of player records and organizational rules. He made a website for the Brookwood Varsity Girls Tennis Team in the weeks prior to his death. The quiet, uncomplaining dignity, grace, and joy with which he lived out his life is a fine example to us all that life is precious and we should all savor every moment of it. We will miss you, Rusty, but you will live on in our hearts and community as an inspiration and reminder to us all to make every day count!##imported-begin##Roly and Dale Hernandez##imported-end##

March 29, 2008 at 04:59 PM