



## Dana Allen Derby

October 17, 1954 - September 24, 2020

Dana Allen Derby, 65 of Athens, passed away on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at his residence. Mr. Derby was born to George Frederick Derby and Lorraine Marie Clinch Derby.

There will be a private service held at a later date.

He is survived by his children; son, Dana Derby, Jr. and his partner, Lisa Dean, daughter, Brenda Derby Webster and her husband Tim Webster, son Keith Derby and his wife Jean, and son Brandon Kohan and his fiancé Christeen Wood. He was a grandfather of nine grandchildren; Bryce Leach, Alys Derby, Hunter Webster, Emily Webster, Sarah Webster, Camden Derby, Ashlyn Derby, Tanner Clark, (and soon) Raymond Alan Kohan and siblings; Twin Donald Derby, Sr., Neva Derby Devine, Dale Ann Derby Crowell and Eric Derby. He was preceded in death by his sister and brother, Lorraine Derby Warner, and George F. Derby Jr.

Born in East Orange and raised in Pompton Plains NJ, Dana grew up in a large loving family. He loved sports, especially car racing. He played baseball as a child for 11 years and hit many home runs out of the park! He was extremely passionate about cars. If it had wheels, he could drive it, detail it, and make it shine! Dana loved animals, especially his dog Gin Gin.

Dana took pride in a hard day's work. He was employed at Nalge Company in Rochester NY for 18 years before moving to Vero Beach Florida where he worked for Piper Aircraft for eight years.

Dana had a kind heart and would help anyone in need. Dana had a passion for gardening—especially hot peppers (which may have added to his feistiness), music, politics, religion, and cooking. Dana was an avid reader and enjoyed playing the guitar.

He will be missed by many!

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Dana was a good friend of my family (Chris and Jane Finn). My favorite memory of Dana was years ago when he allowed me to stay with him in Key West for a while. I was in my early 20’s and didn’t have much direction in my life. He was kind enough to give me a “vacation” away from NY and blow off some steam. He was also the first person to give me a guitar lesson. I still play to this day. I hope you find comfort in his memory, he will be missed. Rob Pickering

Rob - December 23, 2020 at 06:46 PM

CF

“ Since moving to Florida a few years ago, my wife Jane and I have literally become distanced from the Rochester area, our 29 years at Nalge/ Thermofisher Scientific and our contacts with those once very close to us. Jane had taken the lead to stay close to some, including Dana. For me, and Jane as we were dating, I had reached out to Ernie, my recently widowed Dad, to allow Dana, as a third party to stay with us in my Dad’s home in Irondequoit. Dad was reluctant but trusted me. Dana came into our circle and proved that, aside from the long hair, he was an individual to be respected, admired for his personality and especially his cooking abilities! For Jane and I, Dana has always been a top notch friend that will never be forgotten! God Bless brother, our memories, times together and your impact on us will never fade. ❤️❤️👩🏻♂️👩🏻♀️

Chris and Jane Finn - December 23, 2020 at 03:10 PM

BW

“ Went to high school with Dana and brother Don. I remember Dana as a happy go lucky kind of person. Always made me laugh. Always will remember the guy from Jersey! Bob Woodard

Bob Woodard - October 20, 2020 at 08:29 AM

BW

“ *Dana Allen Derby*

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**Brenda Webster** - October 03, 2020 at 01:13 PM

DC

“ *My dear brother Dana was a warrior. He fought a courageous 3 year battle with cancer. He remained strong and independent until the very end. The last thing that Dana said to me was, “ I am weak but I am a warrior. “ I admired Dana for his amazing inner strength! He had a wealth of knowledge about cooking, gardening, finances, construction, cars, Mechanics and politics . He loved to teach me and made sure I was paying attention by quizzing me ! Lol I was so proud of the amazing work ethic Dana possessed . His energy level and integrity were impressive . Dana was, intelligent , witty, candid, humorous, reliable , responsible, and lovable. Dana told me not to worry about him because god was in control and that soon he would be eating tropical fruit in paradise ! May you Rest In Peace Dear brother . I will miss you everyday ! Until we meet again. All my love , Dale Ann*

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**Dale Crowell** - October 03, 2020 at 11:28 AM

ND

“ Awe, my brother Dana, a fighter to the end, he fought so hard for 3 years, while me and my siblings, rallied around him, through daily, texts, phone calls, and visits, when we could, and boy did those visits bring him great joy! One of the memories I will never forget is Dana calling me Mustang Sally, you see I am only known for going 5 over the speed limit, but that very morning the speedometer had broken on Dana's beloved mustang. Dana was behind us in Eric's car and he got a thrill out of seeing his mustang fly down the highway, He called me mustang Sally first thing when he woke up the next day, it will always be a fond memory for me, it was so unlike me, it was meant to be, Dana I will miss you, until we meet again brother and sing with the Angels in Heaven, what a glorious day that will be!

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**Neva Derby Devine** - October 02, 2020 at 10:27 AM

RT

“ The last few years, Dana & I spent long hours talking. Dana would pop in & visit. Dana, you will be missed by Reta & I.

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**Ralph G Trenchard** - September 30, 2020 at 03:16 PM