



Daniel Judd Jr

June 30, 2025

In Loving Memory of Dan S. Judd, Jr

October 5, 1947 – June 30, 2025

Elberta, AL (formerly of Birmingham, AL, Spartanburg, SC, Blakely, GA, and Thibodaux, LA)

The good Lord called home one of His finest (and funniest) on June 30, 2025, when Dan Judd, proud patriot, southern gentleman, and undisputed best bullshitter in the South, took his final flight into the heavens. Born in Asheville, NC in 1947, Dan lived five lifetimes in one, and left behind a legacy of laughter, honor, and tall tales.

Dan was a proud Vietnam combat veteran, a sharpshooter, a master storyteller, and a walking encyclopedia of all things aircraft and ammunition. With numerous flight certifications and an ATP rating across five decades, he flew for companies like Drummond Coal, Jet Pep, Richard Childress Racing, Thompson Machinery, and anyone else who could keep up with him. He even piloted a Lear 24 for Stockham Valves and Fittings.

He was also a gifted culinary expert, having studied at the John Folse Culinary Institute at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA, where he was the oldest student ever in attendance at age 70. Dan could sell you a Mack truck, land a jet on a dime, captain any vessel from a dingy to a shrimp boat, and cook you a gumbo that would bring you to tears, all while explaining the ballistic differences between .308 and .30-06 like you were sitting on his porch with a glass of bourbon.

Dan started Western Carolina Mack Truck, made a career in transportation sales, and maintained an elegant presence at all times—most often in his signature Pablo Jass cowboy boots and a shirt sharper than a Bowie knife. He never met a stranger, and kept up with more friends than Facebook could handle. Conversations with Dan were always part story, part sermon, and 100% entertaining. You didn't just hear them, you felt them. His friends from all over the country will undoubtedly still hear Dan's voice telling stories on the wind.

He is survived by his beloved daughter Frances Judd Dove (Alex), and his treasured grandchildren Dylan, Margaret "Molly", and Susie Ruth. Also holding his stories close are his sister Mary Margaret Judd of Lexington, SC, brother Oscar Judd (Leesa) of Lyman, SC, and a slew of nieces and nephews: Guy (Faith) and Judd Wood, Dr. Oscar Judd, Amanda Judd Anderson (Mike), Maggie Judd, and several great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norvelle Shipman Judd and Daniel Stewart Judd Sr., as well as his former wife, Susan Kilgore Judd.

A celebration of his full life will be held July 18, 5PM at The Blue Gill in Spanish Fort, AL.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

Bluegill Boathouse & Marina Bar
3775 Battleship Pkwy
Spanish Fort, AL 36527