



John Grantland

August 19, 1953 - November 5, 2017

GRANTLAND, John "Steve", age 64, passed away Sunday November 5, 2017, at South Baldwin Medical Center, Foley Alabama. He fought a very long battle with heart disease that began in 1987 after cancer radiation.

He was born August 19, 1953 in Mobile Alabama. He also lived in Maine and Canada before enlisting in the US Air force as an avionics instrument technician in 1972. His first duty station was Loring AFB, Maine where he met his wife Becky Duckworth. They were transferred to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska in 1974. In 1977, shortly after the birth of their first son, they were transferred to Travis AFB in California. After his discharge the following year, they headed back to Alaska to raise their family. They remained there until 2011 when they retired to the Gulf Coast of Alabama.

After the Air Force, Steve worked as an electronic technician working on radios, computers and telephone systems for USDA Chugach National Forest, DOD Army Corp of Engineers, and USDI Bureau of Land Management; all located in Anchorage Alaska. He retired with over 35 years of service.

His years in Alaska were filled with spending time with his family fishing, hiking, berry picking, camping and hunting. During the winters he was busy volunteering as a coach and board member for Mat-Su Hockey Assn. He also was very active in the Palmer High Hockey Boosters.

He loved politics and history, and talking to others who were also interested, no matter which direction they leaned.

Steve loved the Lord and appreciated the sacrifice made for him through Jesus Christ our savior. He was a beloved prayer warrior and intercessor right to the end, and kept family and friends covered and loved.

Steve is survived by his wife of 43 years Rebecca (Duckworth) Grantland, sons Joshua Grantland (Theresa Hawk) and children Blayze, Jayde, Deklan & Jasnah of Alaska; Jesse Grantland (Tara Bynum) and children Alannagh & Maghnus of Alaska, Mother Joanne Dann McNeil (David Lee) of Alabama; step mother Vicki Grantland of Florida; Brothers Charles R Grantland Jr of Alabama; Phillip Scott Grantland of Florida; Sisters Deborah Benton (Michael) of Alabama, Danna Freeman (Charles Terry) of Alabama, Anne Weinschel (Matthew) of North Carolina, and Karen Jeffords (Tom) of Louisiana; Sister-in-law Dee Duckworth Dykstra (Steve) of Michigan; many nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Also extended family; father Jack D. Sands of Mobile, brother Robert Sands (Melinda) of Georgia, Sisters Jackie Sands Brill (Charlie) of Tennessee, Jacque Sands of Georgia, and Deanna Sands Anlage (Derek) of Alabama.

Steve was preceded in death by his father Charles Roger Grantland Sr.

A traditional funeral and viewing wasn't Steve's thing.... His ashes will be scattered in the two states he loved so much, and has a memorial at The Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort, PO Box 8086, Spanish Fort AL 36577. Memorial donations can be made to the cemetery, they are strictly volunteer workers and is run as a 501(c)(3) non profit cemetery.

Arrangements are by Cason Funeral Service Foley Al

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Steve and I were close friends in high school. We lost contact in 1976 but renewed it this summer. I was in contact with him just before he went in for tests and was awaiting the results. The contact came later- he was gone. He was a significant part of that period of my life and I had intended to make further contact. Now the opportunity is gone. It is good that he had the life he did- outdoor career, a family, children. I was surprised that he had other associated relatives, as I only knew his sisters and younger brother. You have my sincere condolences.

Mike Carey

Mike Carey - November 25, 2017 at 07:18 PM

PS

“ *Dearest Becky and all of both of your families,
We thank Jesus for letting us share time on this side of eternity with Steve. Mighty warrior and fervent prophetic prayer intercessor, witty and wise conversationalist , faithful and passionate follower of His Lord and Savior, loving husband, father and grandpa, son and brother and uncle, forever friend, Steve is free of the cares and pains of this world, and preparing to greet us in Paradise—our true Home!
Oh, how he loves grits and oysters too. We ask Holy Spirit to comfort you and us and keep you all in our prayers and hearts.
Abundant love in Jesus Christ,
Pete and Sharon Schumer
Orange Beach AL*



Pete and Sharon Schumer - November 23, 2017 at 01:07 PM

RG

“ *Steve inherited his love of Alabama football from his dad, and grew up watching his grandad in Mobile Mardi Gras parades. So here's to Steve.*

Laissez les bons temps rouler! and ROLL TIDE! The parades and football games will always be missing something without Steve (especially at parades where he would still yell "Hey lady, throw me some beads")

Rebecca Grantland - November 18, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ John Steve Grantland was able to baptize his grandchildren Jayde and Deklan summer 2016 at their request. Deklan waited all winter for this. <3



Theresa Grantland - November 18, 2017 at 03:17 AM

RG

...and baptized their older brother Blayze in Alabama the summer before. It meant as much to him as it did the grandkids.

Rebecca Grantland - November 22, 2017 at 11:27 AM

DF

“ Danna Grantland Freeman lit a candle in memory of John Grantland



Danna Grantland Freeman - November 18, 2017 at 12:04 AM

C Terry Freeman

“ There were many many good times! Too many to list them all so, I'll just share this one our Alaskan family.



C Terry Freeman - November 17, 2017 at 08:21 PM



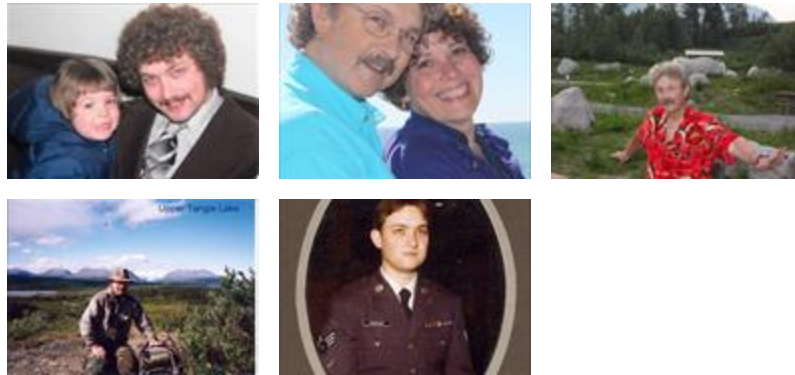
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Grantland.



November 17, 2017 at 07:44 PM



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Rebecca Grantland - November 17, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Mickey Sands, Sister lit a candle in memory of John Grantland*



Mickey Sands, sister - November 15, 2017 at 06:30 PM

DB

“ A big brother who loved God, family, the wilds of Alaska and our Alabama beaches, Bama football, hot peppers and history. You will be so very missed. I will see you again soon. Love you.



Deborah Benton - November 15, 2017 at 03:14 PM

KJ

“ Karen Jeffords lit a candle in memory of John Grantland



Karen Jeffords - November 13, 2017 at 12:27 PM

KJ

RIP Steve. Praying for Becky and your family during this difficult time. Karen, Tom and Ryan Jeffords

Karen Jeffords - November 13, 2017 at 12:39 PM

MM

What an honor, a Most Dee-Lightful Priviledge to Know this Man in this Life. He Would be quietly thoughtful as conversation flowed among a group, and Then He would Drop the bombshell of thoughtful, astounding concept. Then, when the Fun Began, he would have everyone in stitches😂 Becky, My Dear Friend, How Blessed You Two Are, to have the Memories which you will share throughout Eternity❤️
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Mary Messer - November 18, 2017 at 08:03 AM

RW

“ We worked with Steve up in Alaska for many years. He always had a quick smile and sarcastic wit about him. He'll be missed by many of us! Rest in peace and our prayers go out to his wife and family.
XOXO Robin and DJ Wellhouse

Robin Wellhouse - November 11, 2017 at 05:05 PM

JS

“ Rest In Peace dear brother. See you on the other side.



Jacquelyn “Mickey” Sands - November 09, 2017 at 10:00 PM

AT

“ Atha lit a candle in memory of John Grantland



Atha - November 07, 2017 at 10:34 AM

GR

“ Gary, Atha, Kirk, Candyce, Addy and the Ruhles purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Grantland.



Gary, Atha, Kirk, Candyce, Addy and the Ruhles - November 07, 2017 at 10:32 AM