



## Mr. Ronald Norris Danner

October 15, 1948 - November 22, 2016

If my boat floats from sight, it doesn't mean my journey ends; it simply means the river bends."

On November 22, 2016, our favorite river rat, Ronnie Danner, 68, floated around that next bend ahead of us.

Ronald Danner, known to most as RD, is survived by his wife, Carolyn; one son, Dustin Danner, and wife, Heather; two dearly loved grandchildren, Ethan and Lindsay, all of DeWitt; one sister, Paula Kinnard, of Maumelle; a niece, nephew, and great-nephew, Shauna O'Briant of Maumelle, and Craig O'Briant (Lynn) and Jaxson of DeWitt. He is also survived by a large extended family and many friends, all of whom he dearly loved. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Betty Ann and Calvin "Boots" Danner.

RD was born in DeWitt, AR on October 15, 1948, where he was a lifelong resident. It was there that he met and married Carolyn in 1969. He worked alongside his dad, Boots, at Simpson Chevrolet before becoming a business partner with his dad at Boots Danner Repair Shop, where they worked for 32 years. After closing up shop, RD worked alongside his son, Dustin, in maintenance at Arkansas Post National Memorial.

RD is a Vietnam War veteran, serving as a Military Police dog handler, a role

that gave him great pride. He also served as Fire Chief for the DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was an avid hunter who enjoyed spending time in the woods chasing deer, squirrels, and whatever else moved.

Visitation will be Friday, November 25, 2016, First Baptist Church, DeWitt, at 12:00 noon, with the memorial service following at 2:00 p.m. with interment in the DeWitt Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the following: First Baptist Church Building Fund, 322 W. 1st, DeWitt, AR 72042; City of DeWitt Fire Department, c/o DeWitt City Hall, 120 Court Square, DeWitt, AR 72042; Acres of Help, Inc., P.O. 696, DeWitt, AR 72042.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Another classmate gone. So sorry to hear this. Ronnie was a friendly, fun loving but responsible guy. I especially enjoyed knowing his son Dustin. We worked together for several years at Stuttgart Coop Buyers. Your family is in my prayers.*

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**Jerry Lyn Robnett** - April 27, 2018 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Carolyn we were so sorry to hear about Ronnie. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family. Ever since I met you, I guess in MS, I've counted you as one of my best friends. I pray your God and your church family will comfort you in ways noone else can.*

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**Mary Vernor** - April 27, 2018 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Carolyn, Our prayers for the Lord's comfort. I will always remember Ronnie as RD from the De Witt Softball days. I recall our conversation just days ago at a local store and your comments about his love for you and his family; that is exactly the RD I will remember.*

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**Woody Owenby** - April 27, 2018 at 12:59 PM