



William "Duke" Winters Ayres

July 5, 1947 - February 14, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of William "Duke" Winters Ayres announces his sudden passing on February 14, 2019 at the age of 71 in Manassas, Virginia. Born in Fort Benning, Georgia on July 5, 1947 to Colonel Harold Boswell Ayres and Betty Winters, Duke lived in Berlin, Germany; Newport, Rhode Island where he graduated from Rogers High school, and Alexandria, VA where he worked at the Fort Myer Commissary before retiring in 2016.

Duke is preceded in death by his beloved "Darlin" Deborah Elaine Ayres whom he shared 37 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by his sister, Susan Eubanks; sister-in-law, Sharon Follin and husband Pete; mother-in-law, Ella Johnson; nieces, Tiffany Woods, Michelle Zolkowski and husband Jason, April Johnson, Kimberly Bennett, Michelle Boals and husband Brian, Niki Anthony and husband Ryan; nephew, Clay Talbot; great nieces, Layla Zolkowski, Alena Zolkowski, and Lili Anthony; great nephews, Rowan Anthony, Banks Boals, Henry Boals, and James Boals; best friend Bobby Bowden, and numerous other family members and friends.

Duke was a skilled drummer and artist who loved music and painting. He played the drums for numerous bands including The Mosaic Virus, Gravity, Link Wray, Raymen, and Snake, and made many friends along the way. In addition, he enjoyed rooting for the Washington Redskins and going to the movies with his "Darlin" Debbie.

A graveside service will be held at Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington,

VA on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to <https://www.cancerblows.com/>.

“No matter what...It is with God. He is gracious and merciful. His way is in love, through which we all are. It is truly- A Love Supreme.” - John Coltrane

Cemetery Details

Columbia Gardens Cemetery

3411 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Previous Events

Graveside Services

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Gwen Lane - September 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM

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“ I am saddened and with tears to hear of Duke's and Debbie's passing. My late husband, Michael Robertson Lane, was Duke's Dear Friend.

God be with the Family.

RIP; enjoy each other and continue to >>> "Play that Funky Music!"

Gwen B Lane

Gwen Lane - September 24, 2021 at 09:50 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album Snake. Duke & Mike Lane.



Romanze Willoughby - September 23, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Thinking of you and Doobie. I know you all are reunited at last. We love you both!* ”

JuJu - October 03, 2019 at 10:57 AM