



Buck Denton

March 3, 1943 - June 17, 2023

William Beronge “Buck” Denton, Jr., 80, passed away June 17, 2023.

A native of Greenville, SC, son of the late William Beronge Denton, Sr. and Grace Smith Denton, Buck was a graduate of Parker High School in 1961 and Furman University in 1967. After graduating college, Buck served in the US Army from 1967 to 1969, which included a tour of Vietnam where his rank was Specialist 5. He received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service under exceptionally adverse conditions during his time in Vietnam, 1968 to 1969. Mr. Denton began his lifelong career in accounting at Ballenger Construction Company in the early 1970s and worked in the accounting area at several other firms over the years before his retirement in 2016. He and his wife Gail married in 1973 and would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1.

Over the years, Buck served as president twice for the Mountain Bridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited, vice president and president of Parker Rotary Club, and chair of the Board of Stewards at Covenant United Methodist. He was an avid fly fisherman and loved fishing the waters in Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, as well as North and South Carolina. Buck and Gail loved to travel, counting their explorations in areas of Louisiana, the Florida Keys, and the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee among their favorites. They both treasured trips to several National Parks and Forests, including Pisgah National Forest, Yellowstone NP, and Glacier. They traveled outside the US several times, but an extended trip to Newfoundland

and Labrador in 2015 was one of the most memorable for them both.

Mr. Denton loved hiking and considered the trek to the summit of Mount LeConte one of his favorite adventures. Other pastimes included reading, cooking, and sailing his Catalina 22 on beautiful Lake Keowee, Lake Hartwell, and Lake Murray.

Surviving are his wife, Gail Roberts Denton of the home; one daughter Genny Denton Nelson (Neil); four grandchildren, Matthew Nelson, Evangeline Nelson, Michael Nelson, and Stella Nelson; one brother, Charles Denton; three sisters, Sylvia Denton Hughes (Bobby), Katherine Denton Niebur (Glennon), and Bonny Denton Duncan (Gene); brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ben Roberts, Jean Smith, Laura and Wayne Seitz; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Denton was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Rachel Jamison Lee; sister-in-law, Isabelle Fair; and brother-in-law, Dennis Smith.

The family is grateful for the unwavering support of several close friends, including Roger Chandler, David Rich, and Byron Williams, especially in the last six months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation, NET Research Foundation 31 St. James Avenue, Suite 365 Boston, MA 02116 or <https://netrf.org/get-involved/give-now/>.

A memorial service with military honors will be held 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2023, at M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery committal shelter.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery

140 Inway Drive
Anderson, SC 29621

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Byron Williams & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Buck Denton.

Byron Williams & family - July 20, 2023 at 04:40 AM

BF

“ Byron Williams & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Buck Denton.



Byron Williams & family - July 20, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Buck Denton.



July 14, 2023 at 01:49 PM

BW

“ Buck and I met when we worked at Advanced Automation. We quickly became friends and over the years often took fly fishing trips to the beautiful cool mountain streams of North and South Carolina. Whenever we were together he would always tell me stories about his family that he loved so much. The people I know who worked with and for Buck, all thought the world of him. I referred to Buck as my buddy but he truly felt more like a brother to me. He was a good man to say the least and I will miss him greatly. We will see him again some day but until then I feel blessed for the good memories of my very good friend. Thanks my brother for everything!

Byron Williams

Byron Williams - July 09, 2023 at 09:14 AM

GD

Byron, Buck thought the world of you. Thank you for being such a loyal friend!

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:37 PM

RA

“ Buck was as much a part of our Middlebury Bread Loaf experience as anyone, and we always enjoyed his company. I love you, Gail. You were blessed with a good husband and friend.

Rev. Janet Atkins - July 01, 2023 at 11:21 AM

GD

Thank you, Janet. Buck loved how he was embraced by the Bread Loaf communities. So many special memories over the years. 🧡

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:41 PM

ES

“ Sam was very fond of Buck and we always enjoyed talking with him at Keowee Sailing Club. He was a remarkable individual and will be fondly remembered.

Ellen Swann, Seneca, SC

Ellen Swann - June 27, 2023 at 05:13 PM

GD

Thank you, Ellen. Sam was such a good friend and mentor to Buck. We both treasured our wonderful years at KSC!

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:46 PM

JM

“ Shirley and I are sorry to hear about the passing of Buck. We will miss our visits and conversations at the neighborhood pool. May God bless his soul.

John and Shirley Magera

John Magera - June 22, 2023 at 02:24 PM

GD

Thank you, John, for your kind words. Best to both you and Shirley.

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:48 PM

DR

“ Buck, and I met in a business atmosphere but soon became very friendly, and the rest as they say is history. A nicer, kinder more down to earth person would be hard to find. Buck, loved his fishing but loved Gail, much more. His enjoyment was traveling, sailing or hiking with Gail. I can honestly say it was a privilege as well as a quality time being with Buck. I know Buck, will be missed by everyone that knew Him, in their own way. My most sincere sympathy, to Gail and the entire Family.
David Rich

David Rich - June 20, 2023 at 07:34 AM

GD

Buck treasured the lunches and long conversations with you. Thank you, David, for being a good friend.

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:51 PM

KG

“ Buck was a wonderful person on this earth and we know he was welcomed to heaven with open arms. There is no way to console the deep grief at this time but knowing how much he meant to others we hope will in time soften the hurt. Love from Jim, Mom and Kay Grastie

Kay Grastie - June 19, 2023 at 11:26 PM

GD

Thank you so much for your kind words about Buck. He really was a wonderful person. 🧡

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:53 PM

RM

“ Buck was my replacement in Vietnam. Although we never met in person, I connected with him thru our reunion and other activities with the 630th MP Company, RVN. We had many conversations over the years and consider him a great guy and friend. I will miss our talks and viewing each others posts. RIP my friend.

Roger L Merillat - June 19, 2023 at 03:34 PM

GD

Thank you, Roger, for caring. Buck talked often about your posts.

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 10:54 PM

GJ

“ I had the pleasure of going to Erie PA in 2008 with Buck when he caught his first Steelhead trout. Ever since then he called me Steelie Jones. Buck was a great fly fisherman and a gentleman.

Gary Jones - June 19, 2023 at 03:27 PM

GD

Buck loved telling—and retelling!— about the exploits! He admired you so much, Steelie, and treasured the time with you in Erie!

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 11:00 PM

DE

“ Fond memories of Buck at Covenant UMC. So sorry for the family. Heaven has gained a faithful servant.

Doug Edwards - June 19, 2023 at 03:10 PM

GD

Thank you, Doug, for your words of comfort. I know Buck was welcomed home with open arms.

Gail Denton - July 23, 2023 at 11:06 PM