



## Jody Darrell Duke

March 4, 1951 - February 19, 2022

Mr. Jody Darrell Duke, age 70, of Murfreesboro, TN, was called to his eternal home in Glory on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Originally from Darden, TN, in Henderson County, Jody was born on March 4, 1951, to the late Ohlen and Lucille Lewis Duke.

Jody proudly served in the Tennessee National Guard for 6 years and later went on to graduate from Nashville Auto Diesel College. He married his wife Charlene Grissom Duke in 1977, and they had two children together, Joseph Duke and Chelsey Duke Sandman. Jody worked for Gould Century Electric and Johnson Controls in Lexington, TN, then he moved his family to Murfreesboro, TN in 1992, where he began his career with Nissan North America in the stamping department. He retired from Nissan in 2010 and began a new job at NHK Seating. A couple years ago, he transitioned into part-time work driving fleet vehicles with Ford of Murfreesboro. As a man who enjoyed good company and driving on the open road, this was one of his favorite jobs.

Jody is survived by his wife of 45 years, Charlene Grissom Duke: children, Joseph Duke of Nashville, TN and Chelsey Duke Sandman and her husband Mike Sandman of Lascassas, TN; grandchildren, Miles and Avery Sandman; siblings, Gale Blankenship (Jim) of Parsons, TN, Carol Parker of Olive Branch, MS, Dean D'Amico of Lexington, TN, Harry Duke (Janice) of Darden, TN, and Phyllis Todd (Mike) of Lexington, TN; many nieces and nephews, as well as extended family through his wife Charlene, all of whom he loved

deeply. In addition to his parents, Ohlen and Lucille, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ann Reeves.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Woodfin Funeral Chapel in Murfreesboro, TN. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 23, at 12:00 PM, with a pre-service visitation from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. A graveside prayer and interment will immediately follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro, TN.

An online guestbook is available for the family at [www.woodfinchapel.com](http://www.woodfinchapel.com). If anyone prefers to make a memorial donation in Jody's honor, he loved the sharing of God's Word through The Gideons International organization.

Donations can be made at: [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org) .

A celebration of life service will be held near his hometown on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Reed's Chapel Funeral Home in Lexington, TN, at 1:00 PM with a pre-service visitation from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Charlene, Becky and I are very sorry to hear of Jody’s passing. Please know that you and your family will be in our prayers. Praying that God gives comfort to you and your family.* ”

**Billy E Crabtree** - February 24, 2022 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Charlene so sorry for the loss of your beloved. I remember the vey moment you both met. Such wonderful memories of you and Jody. Prayers for you and your family. Love Leesa* ”

**Lersa McCollum Small** - February 21, 2022 at 07:50 PM

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“ *Prayers for this family. When I think of Jody I think of the Sunday he hopped on his Dad’s tractor and they pulled me and three scared babies out of a ditch in the pouring rain!* ”



**Rhonda Sanders** - February 21, 2022 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Jody Darrell Duke* ”



**Danny & Shelia Beecham** - February 21, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Charlene,  
Our condolences to you and your family.  
Dan and Cheryl Hughes*



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**Cheryl Hughes** - February 20, 2022 at 10:41 PM



“ *Sandra Maness lit a candle in memory of  
Jody Darrell Duke*



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**Sandra Maness** - February 20, 2022 at 09:22 PM