



Norwood J. Duplessis Jr.

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Norwood J Duplessis Jr was known as Jay, he was born in New Orleans Louisiana and died at the age of 68 in Bangkok, Thailand July 22, 2019. He was the first born son to Norwood J Duplessis Sr & Geraldine Duplessis (Netter). Jay was Baptized at Corpus Christi Church in New Orleans and raised in the Catholic faith. His first languages spoken was English & French and prior to his death he spoke seven different languages.

Jay's parents relocated their family to Los Angeles, California in 1957 where he continued his early education and graduated from High School at Dominguez Seminary class of 1969. He attended Dominguez College with a major in Architecture and realized this wasn't the direction he wanted to take.

Jay enlisted into the Marine Corp and married his wife Cassandra (Candy) that lived across the street from him. Jay's specialty in the corp was (6123) Helopwrpltsmech, (8511) Drill Instructor, he received Expert Rifle Badge, Good conduct medal, and Naval Aircrewman Insignia. Staff Sergeant Norwood J Duplessis was Honorably discharged and entered into civilian life style in Grand Prairie Texas to pursue his goals.

Dedicated to secure his family's financial future Jay pursued his education by obtaining his FAA License (airframe & Powerplant) & Private Pilot License. He also received an Associate degree from Mountain View College while working at Eurocopter & Turbomeca Engine corporation and was an Airframe Powerplant Instructor. Jay and his wife developed a strategic vision and him and his wife Candy started their own company Enogrit Aircraft System International which he was a technical Consultant world wide.

Jay was known for being a world traveler and served as a mentor to many young interrupteurs & sponsored college assistance to some of them. He opened a school in China for children in an orphanage and most people in China often referred to him



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as black Jesus.

He touched each member of his family and many friends with his warm heart and generosity and always provided for his family. He chose his friends carefully and believed in doing the right thing and expected the same from others and if you pissed him off he would definitely let you know!

Jay enjoyed listening to Jazz, sightseeing , scuba diving , riding motorcycles, camping, raising buffalo, tending to his garden, drinking with his friends and happy hours with his daughters. He also enjoyed taking his son flying ,wrestling, football games, family outings and vacations. He took walks with his grandchildens and would buy them ice-cream or snow cones before dinner and that would be their secret. His quality time spent with family was priceless and although he worked internationally, he still found a way to love you even from a distance. Jay kept you laughing and smiling with his jokes and humor.

Jay did most of the cooking and taught his wife how to cook. His favorite food was Red beans and rice, Gumbo, Bread pudding, shrimp & hot sausage poor boy and wasn't afraid to try different cultures foods. One time he even drank monkey blood. Norwood J Duplessis Jr was preceded in death by his father Norwood J duplessis Sr, Mother Geraldine Duplessis (Netter), his sister Marvel Green, and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Survivors: His wife Cassandra Duplessis, 4 children Angela Garza, Veronica Duplessis, Norwood J Duplessis III and Jaiya Duplessis, Grandchildren: Shay Pena, Courtney Carter, Christopher J Carter, Taylor Duplessis, Great Grandchild: Alexandra N, Rowsey. His Brothers Ronald Duplessis, Ralph Batteau ,and sisters Philomean Lawson, Phyllis Duplessis, and Karen Duplessis, One aunt Themela Raining, and a host of Cousins, niece Autumn Fuller and other ,Nieces, Nephews, and Friends. Norwood J Duplessis Jr was truly an extraordinary man and will be truly missed. The Duplessis family of Norwood J Duplessis Jr wishes to express our sincere thanks for Flowers, Cards, and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

Don't Cry

Don't cry anymore tears for me.

I am at peace. I'm finally free.



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Like the great eagle in the sky.
I am soaring. So, please don't cry.

I know you love me. I love you, too.
But my time was over; was finally through.

I have ascended to a better place,
which is not confined by time and space.

To those that love me, I did not fall.
I only succumbed to a higher call.

Do not mourn me. I am with you still.
I'll be with you always,
from dawn---until.





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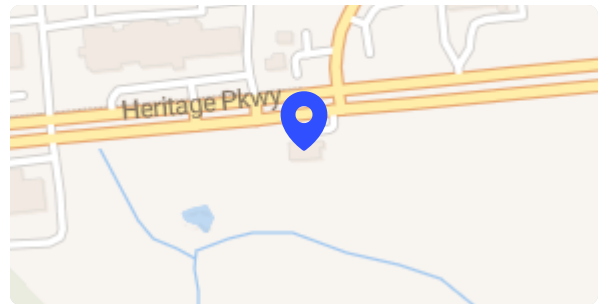
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Celebration of Life


 **Friday**, August 9, 2019

 11:00 AM CT


 **Mansfield Funeral Home & Cremations**
1556 Heritage Parkway, Mansfield TX 76063

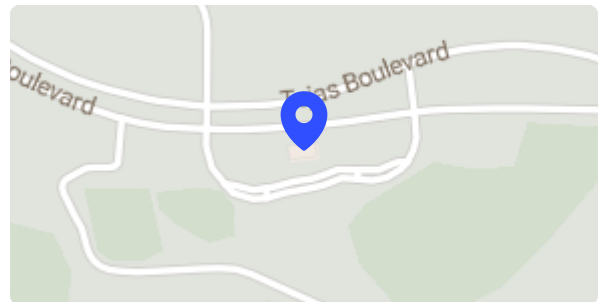


Burial

 **Friday**, August 9, 2019

 2:00 PM CT

 **DFW National Cemetery**
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas TX 75211





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RF

Robert Fargo posted:

I was at the seminary with Jay. Jay applied and was hired at Rocketdyne in the summer of 1969. It was a great job. He bought an Opel GT that summer. More importantly he was part of the team that build the F-1 and J-2 Engines that launched Apollo 11 July 16, 1969 to take the first astronauts to the moon. He was part of something much larger than himself. He could have stayed at Rocketdyne while going to college but Jay was determined to join the Marines again to be part of something much larger than himself. That was the story of his life. I lost touch with him but I would see his father at the seminary reunions from time to time and Mr. Duplessis would let me know how Jay was doing. I tried to contact him over the years but we never connected. Jay died and we had just celebrated the 50 year anniversary of that historic moon launch that he was a part of. Jay was my friend. We mourn most deeply those we most deeply love. It is love that is the force that transforms grief into joy, despair into hope, and the end into a beginning. This is our hope. This is the promise of Jesus who showed us the way. Jay, your life was one well lived. Rest in peace. Deacon Robert Fargo deaconbobfargo@MSN.com

January 1 at 2:50 PM

RH

Ron Hallam posted:

Jay and I graduated Dominguez Seminary in 1969. We have kept in contact over the years until 2 years ago I had not heard from him. Now I found his obituary! So sorry to Candi and the family. I'm godfather to Angela. Ron Hallam, . ronhallam@yahoo.com 970-305-2705

December 25 at 4:29 PM

PL

Philomena D. Lawson lit a candle in honor of Norwood.

As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go...They leave footprints of kindness and generosity, love and compassion, courage and wisdom, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Even when they are gone, we can clearly see the luminous trail they left behind. As Jay's sisters, we were blessed to have traveled this journey with him. He will be missed tremendously but his memory will live forever in our hearts. Karen, Phyllis and Philomena



August 8 at 8:41 PM

CL

Claudinee sent an Arrive in Style to the Duplessis family.



August 8 at 7:18 AM



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Mary Darby posted:

My heart and blessings go out to the Duplessis family. NJ was like a big brother to me. I will miss him dearly. He taught me how to live out my dreams and take risk in faith. He had a heart of gold. I will miss you big brother NJ! Mary Darby

August 8 at 6:53 AM



Mary Darby August 8 at 6:58 AM

Until we meet again Cool Breeze...



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Duplessis family.



August 8 at 6:48 AM



Daniel & Leslie Hansen sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Duplessis family.



August 8 at 4:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Duplessis family.



August 5 at 8:12 PM



Albert J Watson And Family Riverdale, Ut sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Duplessis family.



August 5 at 8:30 AM



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Maple Darby lit a candle in honor of Norwood.



July 31 at 5:22 AM



Ray Keith posted:

Regretably I only had the honor of working with you once in 2018 in Taiwan. Suffice to say I view your passing with much sadness. But I am thankful that I had the opportunity to at meet you sir. Time for you to spread your wings and fly Cool Breeze. RIP

July 29 at 7:33 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Norwood by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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