



## Gregory Todd Shuman

February 21, 1975 - July 31, 2020

Gregory Todd Shuman of Kill Devil Hills, NC, passed away unexpectedly at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, VA, on July 29, 2020 following a brief illness.

He was born February 21, 1975 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital and spent most of his early life in Virginia Beach, VA. He played soccer until he discovered the near-by Atlantic Ocean, where he surfed, sailed the family Hobie Cat and was introduced to body boarding, which became his passion. He also loved skiing and snowboarding.

As a small child, the family moved to Key West, where his father was stationed for two years. There, he loved fishing, sailing, snorkeling, and diving for Florida lobster. It was also where he met his lifelong friend, J.J. Lauer of CO.

He graduated from Cox High School in Virginia Beach and received his bachelor's degree in hotel/restaurant management from Virginia Tech University.

Throughout his adult life, Greg worked in the restaurant industry. First in Wilmington, SC, briefly at Dockers' in Muskegon, MI, and spent the last eleven years in Tavernier, FL, working first at Cheeca Lodge and later at Robbies', in Islamorada. For the past seven years, he spent part of his winters with his brother Michael, in Ayampe, Ecuador. While there, he made friends from all over the world who shared his love of surfing and bodyboarding and the healthy lifestyle there.

He is lovingly remembered by his mother, Shirley (Paul Lampe) Shuman of Grand Haven, MI; brother, Michael (Andrea Arube) Shuman of Ayampe, Ecuador; grandmother, Ann Satter and aunt, Henni Campbell, both of Grand Haven, MI; uncle, Steve (Marsey) Shuman of Petoskey, MI; niece, Chloe Shuman of Herndon, VA; cousins, Jennifer (Jason) Edwards of Ooltewa, TN, Stefanie (Graham) Passey of Danville, CA, David (Sarah) Shuman and CT (Janet) Shuman, both of Petoskey, Julianne (Chris) Mohr of Missoula, MT and Mitch (Laural) Shuman of La Fayette, CO. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Scott Shuman; brother, Christopher Scott Shuman; grandfather, John

Damhoff; and grandmother, Georgianna Shuman.

Greg will forever be remembered for his generosity, compassion and quick wit, with an infectious dimpled smile.

A celebration of Greg's life will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions to your local Humane Society are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to The VanZantwick Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafz.com](http://www.sytsemafz.com).

# Comments

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“ Greg was like a second son to me and even after four months I find this very hard to write. Greg joined our family on many holidays here in Tavernier. He always brightened up a room. I will never forget how he helped carry me up the stairs after I ruptured my quad tendon. He will be so missed by my entire family who loved him so. Whenever we would do a selfie, he would suggest we all look up. It made for an interesting result.



**Bonnie Fjelde** - December 07, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about Greg's passing. Deepest condolences to his Family and Friends. Prayers your way for peace. John

**John Nyland** - August 16, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ So sorry for you loss and just want you to know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Cindy and Dave Leonard** - August 08, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ Shirley,  
Pat and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts ache for you. We can still remember that handsome young man waving to us as he walked through our back yard on the way to school. Until yesterday, we did not know that you lost Christopher two years ago. Life is not fair. Despite it's hardships, what a wonderful wife and mother you were-- always there for your boys while Scott was away on deployment. And during Scott's long illness, no man could have asked for a more caring and loving wife. With a role model such as yourself, is it any wonder that Christopher and Gregory grew up to be such kind and compassionate young men? We hope that you can take some comfort in the knowledge that Scott and the boys are together looking down on you now with deep love.

Jay & Pat Starling  
Virginia Beach

Jay Starling - August 08, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ Shirley, so sorry to hear about Greg. We think of you often and the wonderful times we had together in Virginia Beach and wish you well. Monika and Ham

Hamlin Tallent - August 08, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ I used to babysit all of the Shuman boys when they lived in Kings Forest. They were a great group of young men. I always enjoyed my time with them. I am so sorry for you and your family's loss Shirley. My heart breaks for you. Jacki Lindeman

Jacqueline Stevens - August 07, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Todd Shuman.



August 07, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ 5 files added to the album Much Love ?? from your Navy Family. Like you, Christie and Kelley were also born at Portsmouth Naval



Jane Davis - August 06, 2020 at 08:54 PM

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“ Every time I go over train tracks I think of Greg. As teenagers when we drove over them he would always lift his legs and arms like he was bouncing over the tracks. Almost 30 years later, it still triggers memories. He was a great guy that loved to give me crap about the Redskins. He will be missed.

Dennis McNamara - August 06, 2020 at 08:23 PM

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“ Greg was a wonderful friend! Always smiling and making everyone laugh. Thanks for bringing your beautiful energy to Ecuador... we will miss you!



Marilyn Keller - August 06, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ Im so sorry for your loss. Love and prayers from the Kaleo Huihui Ohana.

Angela Gardner - August 06, 2020 at 06:30 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I didn't know him..I did know Chris.

Judi Balogh Harris - August 06, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ Dear Shirley,  
The Dickens' Family want to send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. It was in great sadness that we received the news about your loss of Gregory. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Dave, Peg, Heather & Sarah

**dave and peggy dickend** - August 06, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Love and hugs from Donn and kim Herreman.

**Donn Herreman** - August 06, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ So sorry for your loss,our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**jillhighhill** - August 06, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ So very sorry for the loss of your son. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Becky Coburn

**Becky Coburn** - August 09, 2020 at 01:00 PM