



## Norman "Dan" Sheppard

November 27, 1939 - November 20, 2014

Norman Dan Sheppard, born November 27, 1939, to Marguerite F. and Norman E. Sheppard, in Boston, MA, passed away on November 20, 2014. He proudly served his country in the US Army from 1958-1966. He attended Tufts University while working as an apprentice for GE and then moved to Florida in 1970 where he met the love of his life, Mildred C. Sheppard. He was employed by the State of Florida for 10 years as an auditor for the Department of Labor. Dan had a true passion for technology and communications. He opened the first movie rental store, Dan's Video Village, in Wakulla County in 1986, which led to the opening of the Sights and Sounds electronic and car stereo business. Dan, along with his wife, owned and operated the Down Under Dive Center, where they were scuba instructors for 22 years. In later years, they were also the proprietors of Karol's Corner Petro and The Spa Shoppe.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Donna McDougald and a grandson, Brian Stewart.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mildred C. Sheppard of Crawfordville, FL; son, Jonathan D. Sheppard (Karol) of Crawfordville, FL; daughter, Cathie Sheppard-Piland (Mark) of Tallahassee, FL; step son, James E. Woodham Jr. (Patty) of Bossier City, LA; stepdaughter, Vicki W. Griffeth of Charlotte, NC; six grandchildren, Jamie Woodham, Amy Piland, Bethany Griffeth, Colby Piland, Sarah Woodham and Kaitlyn Sheppard.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, November 23, 2014 from 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM at River of Life Church in Crawfordville, FL. A celebration of life will be held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 1:00 PM at River of Life Church. Services will conclude at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to True Love's Children Center an orphanage in Ethiopia, in care of River of Life Church, 445 Donaldson-Williams Rd, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

Amber Miller and David Conn of Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel are assisting the family with arrangements (850-926-3333 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

River of Life Church  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

## Celebration of Life

NOV **24.** 1:00 PM (ET)

River of Life Church  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Edna Butler lit a candle in memory of Norman "Dan" Sheppard*



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**edna butler** - November 27, 2014 at 09:31 PM

EB

“ *Miss Mildred, My thoughts, love and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Dan was a very nice man. I still remember you coming to the Larson Building to come to the bible and prayer study we had with Mr. Runkle. Take care and May God truly bless you.*

*Edna Butler  
Sopchoppy, Florida  
Smith Creek*

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**edna butler** - November 27, 2014 at 09:30 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia L Perkins lit a candle in memory of Norman "Dan" Sheppard*



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**Cynthia L Perkins** - November 26, 2014 at 03:18 PM

CP

*I will always carry the memories of the wonderful people I served while working at the Wakulla County Building Dept. it was always a pleasure when Mr. Sheppard came into our office through the years, he was a very kind man and will be missed by many in our community.*

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**Cynthia L Perkins** - November 26, 2014 at 03:21 PM

LK

“ Leigh & Jerry Key lit a candle in memory of Norman "Dan" Sheppard



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**Leigh & Jerry Key** - November 22, 2014 at 09:10 PM

LK

“ Dear Ms Mildred, Jonathan, Karol and Family, our hearts tie into yours in this time of sadness. There are no words to help ease the pain. We have experienced many griefs of loved ones recently but there is never any sage wise words to offer someone who feels their heart is breaking. Please do not hesitate to call on us if needed. Our paths crossed often; sometimes too much, in a rush, but Mr. Dan always stopped to say hello and have a word or two with me or Jerry. Jonathan, the last time I saw you, I wish I'd knowm. I would have prayed for you right then and there. Our hearts and prayers with you.

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**Leigh & Jerry Key** - November 22, 2014 at 09:05 PM

MF

“ Losing a loved one is the most painful experience we could ever have. My heart goes out to the family. May you find comfort in your cherished memories and in knowing that God is close to the brokenhearted. (Psalms 34:18) Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

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**Mrs. R. Faust and Family** - November 22, 2014 at 06:01 AM