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On Oct. 5, 2021, at 3:57 a.m., Danny Allen Spivey, 67, a long-haired, Jesus-loving gearhead, departed for his last haul heading north on the Rainbow Expressway to Heaven, leaving behind a legacy of love and friendship that will live on forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 47 years, Vickie Spivey; mother, Margaret Spivey; son and daughter-in-law, James and Ginnie Spivey, of Franklin; grandson and his fiancée, Tyler Spivey and Hannah Hasty, of Courtland; step-grandchildren, Jordan, Graysen and Aaron; brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Debbie Spivey, of Dinwiddie; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Henry Story, of Franklin; sister and brother-in-law, Connie Sue and Wally Walker, of Moore, Oklahoma; and many other family and friends.

On Aug. 19, 1954, Danny, the man known as “Sidewinder” on the CB radio, slid into the world under the supervision of a high-flying Air Force sergeant and World War II POW, James Asberry Spivey, and his small-town belle, Margaret Allen Spivey. Danny was the youngest to be born to a modest military family that consisted of his parents, one older brother and two older sisters. Danny, like most boys, had a penchant for finding trouble, but it was his early faith in Jesus that helped shape him into a young man that was full of life, love and empathy with a moral compass that kept him grounded and content.

After a midwestern run to Del City, Oklahoma, during his teenage years, Danny would return to running the Eastern seaboard. where he met the love of his life and apple of his eye, Vickie Lynn Williams. Vickie, a fiery, petite blonde-haired beauty from Petersburg, captured his affections immediately, then found herself accepting his hand in marriage and riding shotgun in his journey through his earthly life. Early in their 47-year marriage that began in 1974, the two found themselves working in the family trucking business, Spivey Inc., hauling chips, shavings, and lumber for the Union Camp Paper Mill. Danny knew from an early age that he was destined for the open road, his commitment to 18 wheels was just as strong as his devotion to God, his wife, family and friends. It was 1977 when his blond-haired, blue-eyed darling would bless him with a lead-footed, driver-in-training baby boy they named James. Bright-eyed and full of love with the new family addition in

tow, “Sidewinder” and “Little Cougar” found themselves embracing the entrepreneurial spirit and set out on their own path, starting a small trucking business, Spivey Trucking. After years of dealing with ticket-happy “Smokies,” late nights sweating in the shop, and mounting regulations, Danny found himself swapping his owner-operated, cab-over Kenworth for the eye-catching, royal blue Ford rigs at Benjamin Moore Paints. After years of delivering millions of colors to the Amish country, the paint ran dry and Danny bobtailed to Ace Hardware to haul home improvement happiness for millions across the mid-Atlantic region. During his time at Ace Hardware, Danny would find himself blessed with another lead-footed driver-in-training, as he welcomed grandson Tyler Daniel Spivey under his protective wing.

After nearly 30 years of delivering beautification to the residential and commercial customers with Benjamin Moore and Ace Hardware, Danny would return to his professional roots, once again hauling wood products, this time with Chip Transit, of Courtland. His contentment with returning home to the start of his career hauling chips and shavings with a family-run trucking business was noticed by all. If he didn’t tell you personally, you could still see it in his work ethic and smile. And from dust to dust, it all came full circle for Danny, both with life on earth and life in the truck.

Danny was a curious fellow of many interests, when he wasn’t grabbing gears and checking blind spots. His life was full of adventures and interest that included motorsports (as driver and championship winning crew chief), flying planes (licensed pilot), horses, and ATV trips all over the country with his bride and family. Danny was a blessed man and student of the Bible, consistently working to spread the gospel and the love of Jesus. While we will miss his earthly presence, his legacy will live on in all of us — a legacy of hard work, love, empathy, family and friendship! Until we meet again, rest high on that mountain and enjoy the view, because you’ve earned it.

The family will have the visitation at 1 p.m., followed by the memorial service in his honor at 2 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at the Dinwiddie Chapel of J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home, 6616 Boydton Plank Road N., Dinwiddie. Graveside service will follow at Southlawn Memorial Park. Condolences may be registered at <http://www.jtmorriss.com>. There will be a celebration of life cook-out at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at their farm at 21172 Ivor Road, Courtland. Please bring your photos and stories to share.

Cemetery

Southlawn Memorial Park

1911 Birdsong Road
Petersburg, VA, 23805

Events

OCT 15 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Dinwiddie Chapel
6616 Boydton Plank Road, N. Dinwiddie, VA, US,
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OCT 15 **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - October 15 at 01:12 PM



“ A tribute video has been added.



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - October 13 at 04:22 PM



“ Bless Vickie, James and the Spivey family. Danny was a devoted family man and firm in his beliefs. I have many good childhood memories of time spent with Danny. I will miss his great sense of humor. He will be missed by all.

Skip Folke - October 15 at 11:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danny Allen Spivey.



October 14 at 07:10 PM



“ Prayers of comfort for the family. I am so saddened to hear of Danny's passing. Danny was one of the finest men I have ever known and I was blessed to have known him. Except he always terrorized my dog when he seen her! I imagine that he and Bubba (Jesse Kimberlin) are once again racing those blue Benjamin Moore fords coming out of the acceleration lane.

Kelley Kimberlin - October 13 at 08:51 PM



“ Sorry to hear this...prayers for Vicky and the family...we lost a good man

Al Kimberlin - October 13 at 09:04 PM



“ 195 files added to the album LifeTributes



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - October 13 at 04:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Danny Allen Spivey.



October 13 at 10:40 AM



“ All of your friends at Chip Transit, Inc purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Danny Allen Spivey.



All of your friends at Chip Transit, Inc - October 13 at 09:33 AM



“ Danny Spivey was by far one of the finest down to earth, God loving friend of 43 years I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Rest in peace brother. I hope to see you again some day.

Wayne Austin - October 12 at 07:56 PM



“ Max and I almost instantly became friends with Danny when he came to work at Chip Transit.

He was confident and intelligent as well, which was just right up our alley. We would have discussions of an array of topics. We would always always have deep conversations of GOD and His Love for us we would try to put some meaning in scriptures and he and I would tease each other about him being Baptist and I Methodist/ Presbyterian but the main point was what was right. Danny taught me a lot even though he was only 5 years older about so many things that are important. We also loved to talk about food, good food and when he said he was going to visit his family on Oklahoma, I encourage him to go to Ted's Escondidos Mexican restaurant, he came back after eating there and actually have me a compliment. I would arrive at work 15 minutes earlier than he would so I could follow him in as 4th truck, Danny would not wait on me if I was running behind but I understood, he rode hard and took care of business. Whenever we we're broke down he and I would have breakfast and talk and also to some old timers who just wanted to talk and give us a history lesson.

Danny was a no nonsense kinda of guy but would give you the shirt off his back if you needed anything. We will miss our friend, only taking comfort that he was a Christian and is in heaven. Peace Be With You All and we all will be praying for y'all.

Fred Powers - October 12 at 07:26 PM



“ Great memories with his roadrunner. Great guy. God be with Vicky and the family. Leonard Baggett.

Leonard Baggett - October 12 at 06:50 PM



“ 7 files added to the album LifeTributes



J.T. Morriss & Son Funeral Home - October 12 at 03:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danny Allen Spivey.



October 12 at 02:59 PM



“ Thank you Vickie and James. I really appreciate this photograph of Danny. It captures that fun loving part of him that we all recognized and speak of now. Blessings for our Danny Boy, forever.



June Folke - October 12 at 12:37 PM



“ Chuck, so sorry to see Danny's passing online. I remember him briefly from WM and remember him as a very nice guy and good driver. Please extend my regards to his wife, Vickie, and the children, grandchildren, and any of the family I missed. I know you and Danny were close and I am sure he is resting in God's hands. There is no better place to be after departing this earthly realm. God bless all of you during this time of sorrow and rejoicing.

Wanda Fry - October 12 at 11:35 AM



“ I know of all the folks that post here i probably knew Danny the least but would be remiss not to share some thoughts and shared time during his last days. Danny happened to be in my workplace and i had the opportunity to check on him. Like all of you i was planning his recovery, couldnt wait to be part of the group that wheeled him out on discharge day to his family. Why didnt our prayers work? In retrospect i think of something a Minister once said that God answers all prayers but sometimes says "no". Maybe God thought almost 3 weeks of fighting and lungs that would never allow Danny to do anything he loved again was enough and he gave his answer. Some thoughts to share, Danny was loved by nurses and staff that he spent time with. They described him as always positive, funny, never complained, always grateful and appreciative. He was descrbed by many as "their favorite" The day after he passed a nurse Sasha that i know cared for him many days saw me and had big tears coming down her face. So in his last days he was cared for by loving people. I think one of the funniest moments was me telling him Skip and I had gotten into fishing and we had a recent trip to Smith Mountain lake. I pulled out my phone and showed him a picture of Skip with a little bass. Then i showed him me with a great big bass. He thought that was so funny! The first day i saw him i sat at the bedside and held his hand, as a nurse i had always done this, wasnt sure how he would react because he didnt know me well. After that every time i came he always pulled his hand out to hold mine for a moment. He touched my heart, you all did, Vickie, James, Tyler and Hanna. Danny will live on in you all. Kim Folke



Kim Folke - October 12 at 08:33 AM