



## Desmond Jarrett Fields

January 18, 1978 - November 29, 2023

Desmond Jarrett Fields, 45, known affectionately as Des to his friends and loved ones, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, with his beloved wife by his side.

Born January 18, 1978, in Newark, NJ he was the only child of Howard and Christa Fields.

Des grew up in Maxton, North Carolina where his parents currently reside. He graduated from Purnell Swett High School, where he was on the golf team and Jr. ROTC. He proudly served his country in the United States AirForce as an Airman First Class. Des attended the University of North Carolina Greensboro and earned his Bachelor's degree from DeVry University.

As a Senior Data Management Analyst, Des worked with numerous hospitality establishments, first in Florida before moving to Tennessee. His professional expertise was only surpassed by his genuine care for colleagues and clients alike.

In his personal life, Des was a pillar of kindness, humor, and friendliness. His passion for sports, especially football, was unmatched. He was a true sports fan, reveling in the thrills of the game, whether it was participating in fantasy leagues, memorizing football statistics, or attending games. His enthusiasm

was infectious, and he could often be found sharing his love for the sport with anyone willing to engage in a conversation about the latest game or player performance.

Beyond the football field or video game screen, Des's interests were deeply rooted in his love for his family and friends. He shared an unbreakable bond with his wife, Cheryl L. (Harmon) Fields, whom he married on October 7, 2012 and together they created countless cherished memories. They enjoyed spending quality time with their beloved rescued fur son, Larry, whose antics brought daily joy to their household.

Des was a man who always wanted to hear about your life and your day. His intelligence was matched by his loving and caring nature, and he had an uncanny ability to make people feel heard and valued. His conversations were not just exchanges of words but genuine connections that left a lasting impact on those around him. Des will be remembered as a kind soul who lived life with a sense of purpose and joy. His presence was like a warm embrace, his smile a comforting sight, and his bear hugs were legendary among those lucky enough to receive one. He was truly a beacon of light in the lives of all who knew him.

He was greeted at heaven's gate by the lapping tongues of his beloved dachshunds, Barney and Archie and the warm hugs of those who passed before him.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Cheryl, his loving parents, Howard and Christa Fields, and his cherished in-laws, Alton and Jacqueline Harmon; several aunts and uncles; and a large circle of extended family members who loved him.

A memorial service to honor his life will be announced at a later date.



# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *From my very first interaction with Desmond a little over 2 years ago, up until my last, Desmond was one of the kindest, hardworking people I have ever met.*

*He never would ask for help, and always wanted to handle things on his own, regardless of the situation and other circumstances surrounding him.*

*My interactions with Desmond were all work-based, and I never even saw his face once, but I felt like Desmond was a true friend and someone you could trust with anything.*

*I will sorely miss Desmond, and offer my deepest condolences to his family. Until we meet again Dez!*

*Seth*

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**Seth Burtis** - December 13, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Desmond Jarrett Fields.*



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December 07, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Desmond Jarrett Fields.*



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December 06, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Cheryl and family, please accept my condolences for your recent loss. I'm sorry that I never met Des, he sounded like a great man. I will keep you all in my prayers. -Ann Cassen*



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**Ann Cassen** - December 05, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Desmond Jarrett Fields.*



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December 04, 2023 at 02:04 PM

MS

“ I love this guy. I met Desmond about 8 years ago at work and liked him immediately. I was always impressed by his commitment to his job, his kindness to colleagues and how we always made time to have a conversation no matter how busy he was.

Several years later I recruited Des to come work with me again because I knew we needed his knowledge, commitment and calmness to be successful and as always he delivered in spades. I affectionately referred to Des as Eeyore (from Winnie the Poo) because he was always so calm, so measured and nothing rattled him.

I'm so grateful I was able to spend time with Des over the past year. I will always remember our conversations over dinner and especially the smile on his face and laughter as he zipped across the water on the jet ski - talk about seeing the kid in him :).

As anyone who's had the pleasure of meeting him knows he truly was one of a kind. Kind, smart, patient, interesting, intelligent and simply an amazing human being. My love goes out to Cheryl and his parents and family. I'll miss this guy - deeply but so grateful for the memories.

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**Mike Schouder** - December 04, 2023 at 01:54 PM

AD

“ One memory I always loved was how Mom(Gram) lite up when she saw Des. If she got candy she saved the best for Des. With all the kids & grandkids, he was special. I always enjoyed being around him with his great big smile. Rest in heaven with Gram now. I love you.

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**Aunt Denise** - December 04, 2023 at 01:30 PM