



## Jerry Dan Frye

February 22, 1951 - April 16, 2017

Jerry "Dan" Frye, 66, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2017 after a brief battle with cancer. Dan was preceded in death by his parents (Jerry and Libby Frye) and brothers (Craig Frye and David Frye). He is survived by his wife of 33 years (Stevie Frye), daughter (Christina Harwell), son-in-law (Michael Harwell), brother (Wade Frye), sister-in-law (Debbi Frye), sister (Terry Frye), (Steve Locke), as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, and friends. Dan was born on February 22, 1951 in Gastonia, NC. He truly loved his life, childhood experiences, college days at the University of South Carolina, his long career in the food brokerage industry, and living on Lake Norman with his family. Acosta Sales and Marketing and Harris Teeter were Dan's main focus in his long food brokerage career. Dan and the family thank you for helping him succeed and for your support during his illness. We also thank the wonderful doctors and care givers during this difficult time. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 21 at 12:00 at Rocky Mount United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00-12:00 in the church narthex. Memorials may be made to Rocky Mount UMC, 1739 Perth Road, Mooresville, NC 28117. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home is serving the Frye family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Dan Frye*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jerry Dan Frye*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Jerry Dan Frye*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of Dan's passing. He was a man who was always smiling each time you saw him. He had a kind heart and full of spunk. I'll miss seeing his face in the Charlotte office. Such a genuine soul. You all are in my thoughts and prayers!*

**Heather BILLINGS** - April 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Dan Frye will sorely be missed by all who knew him. He was larger than life, willing to help anyone, a good friend, and devoted family man. Dan had an uncanny ability to have a joke for nearly every situation; his laughter was contagious. Bobbie and I will never forget the fun we had cruising the Chesapeake Bay in August 2015 with Dan and Stevie on the hottest weekend ever. Despite the bugs and heat Dan kept us laughing, never complaining as he took every new experience in stride. Our hearts are heavy with sadness now that he has left our circle of friends but we will remember his light sprite and kindness to others forever.

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**William Burton** - April 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Dan was such a wonderful man. He was so full of knowledge and always teaching us something new. It's just not the same without him. We will truly miss him here at Acosta. I am so happy that I had the honor of knowing such a phenomenal person like him. We are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Emily Linker** - April 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Very sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Went to school with Dan in Gastonia. Will miss him. Condolences to all of the Frye family.

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**Mike Pittman** - April 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Stevie and Christina, thoughts and prayers are with you now, and in the days ahead. Dan was a wonderful person. Kali and I are so sorry and send our condolences.

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**Dana and Kali Hale** - April 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Stevie and Christina and the Frye family, We are so sorry for your loss Dan left us way too soon. We will keep you all in our prayers and have comfort knowing he is looking down on you all with that infectious smile.*

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**Joe & June Stanwood** - April 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *I never saw him without that smile on his face and that twinkle in his eye. Rest Easy.*

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**Rush Dickson** - April 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. May your wonderful memories of Dan bring you comfort.*

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**Emily Stephens Tadlock** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God be with you, David Frederick (son of Carl Frederick, PYA Monarch)*

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April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dan had such a contagious smile that would brighten anyone's day. Stevie and Christina, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and hope all your wonderful memories together will help you through....Love, The Farmers*

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**Cindy & Steve Farmer** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dan was one of a kind.. Awesome Man! I am very sad for your loss. Dan will be forever remembered. My thoughts & prayers are with you..

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**Tim Hetzel** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I've known Dan almost my whole life. In fact, the entire Frye family has been part of almost my whole life. We all were born and raised in Gastonia. Dan, being the oldest of the Frye children, and four years my senior, was someone I always looked up to. Wade, Terry, David and I all went to school together. I would go to Dan's office, down the hall from mine at the Acosta office, for business as well as personal advice. He was always calm, never getting agitated, and would 'calm ME down' when I needed calming. I will miss Dan, his wisdom, our talks, and his "boyish smile". Dan was a great person, gone way to soon from this world. God Speed Dan Frye.

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**Steve Bennett** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I was always impressed with Dan's positive attitude and his contagious spirit; sad day when I heard the news.

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**Sonny Aldy** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ So sorry for your loss.

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**Martha Medlock Keever** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Stevie & Christina - Steve and I were so sad to hear about Dan. What a lovely person he was! I know you both will miss him deeply, but in the missing- remember the love and the laughs and the time you had together. We are thinking of you during this most difficult time!*

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**Heather Sherer-Berkoff** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I met Dan when my sister and I moved into an apartment across the street from Dan and Steve in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our friendship began when Dan and Steve figured out that when they saw my mother's station wagon pull up at our apartment, it was filled with food. They always came over and of course were invited to dinner. Because I played tennis, I became one of the guys and was always included in their marathon day long tennis matches with plenty of ice cold beer. I was included at their place to watch sport games on tv. It took a long time for me to figure out that they would start picking up beer cans and put in a trash bag and then sit back down because I would join in and finish - cleaning their kitchen to boot. (LOL) Those were the days. We three Amigos took scuba diving lessons together and took our first dives together. Dan and I took a road trip in my 914 Porsche to Casey Key, Florida where my Aunt and Uncle lived. The highlight would have been catching fish for our dinner but it turned out my new car was a lemon and we got stranded on the side of the road coming home. We had to ride the bus the rest of the way home. After Dan and Steve moved to a different apartment and several years later, my Steve and I reconnected, fell in love, and got married. Who else, but Dan, was Steve's best man in our wedding. Steve and I also have fond memories of Dan at his lake house. He was so proud of building his large restroom (fit for a King). There were only two girls who captured Dan's heart: Stevie, his partner for life, and Christina, his daughter. Steve, our two young daughters, and myself attended Stevie and Dan's wedding. I remember how happy Dan was that day and what a beautiful bride Stevie was. Although, we were not able to attend Christina's wedding, the picture of Christina walking down the aisle with Dan leaves no doubt he was a very proud Papa. I know Dan loved being a father. He proudly talked about Christina and traveling to soccer games or adding a horse barn and horse to his property. Recently, Steve and I got to spend time with Dan and Stevie. Dan dusted off not only his boat, but also the paddle boards. Once again Dan had us in the water enjoying ourselves just like we did many years ago as youngsters. I loved hearing his laughter and seeing his grin when he told me that I looked more comfortable

*standing on that paddle board than Steve. As I read other posts, my story and memories are much like many others: Dan helped each of us to live life to its fullest. He loved us and he was loved back by many, many friends and family.*Rite Kane

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**Rite Kane** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BB

“*Dear Stevie , Christina and the entire wonderful Frye family,Dan was my idea of a true southern gentleman, a wonderful neighbor who became a brother to me,Dan and Stevie were my lifeline when my husband died.We enjoyed so many great times on the lake and with them I never felt alone. He leaves such a gap in our great group. How can he be gone? He seemed larger than life!Dancing at the shag festival , moonlight cruises on the lake...no worries Captain Dan is in control, Walking Christina down the aisle, bonfires, remember dan you helped me "burn the 80s and 90s"Dan lived life on his terms and was true to himself.I will miss him so and will try to be to Stevie what they were to me, the best friends.*

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**Bobbie Burton** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FS

“*Stevie,Fred and I were talking about the fun fishing trips he had with Dan and the guys. Of course I enjoyed seeing you at Big Daddy's Monday oyster nights.God has blessed you and your family during this time. All our love, Fred & Myra Spitzhoff*

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**Fred Spitzhoff** - April 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Loved Libby and her family. I actually was Dan's babysitter when his mom & dad lived in Eastover Apartments many years ago. Dan was about 2 years old. Later Libby and I reconnected and played bridge together for many years. My love and prayers for all of Dan's family.

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**Betty Martin** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ So very sorry to hear of this great loss. I worked some with Dan in the past and he was such a kind and positive person. Always had some funny story to tell or thing to say. He will be missed by MANY. Sincerest condolences ... Terri

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**Terri Stites** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Stevie, Our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow. May you take comfort in knowing that an angel is watching over you. God Bless you Stevie, Christina and your family .

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**Cndi and Cully Barraclough** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dan was one of the most enthusiastically genuine people persons I ever met. His outlook was such that if you were not happy around him, you just were not paying attention. I passed by his office at Atlas Marketing one day and asked, How are you doing, Dan? He looked up with a broad smile and said, I'm just riding along with the top down. I think that summarized his approach to life. A ceiling or a roof did not encumber him. His joy was boundless and contagious. His light continues to shine. My sincere condolences to all his family.

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**Donald Billington** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Stevie and Christina. The Robertson's are very sorry for your loss. I hope with time this loss eases but the great memories remain!*

Rob Robertson - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this! I've known Dan for many years working for HT. I have a great deal of respect for him and I will keep everyone in our prayers. May God bless you and your family during this time, and remember that God got you to it, he will get you through it.*

Tom Scarborough - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry about Dan. I was a friend of Libby and she loved her family so much. All of you are in my prayers*Margie Martin

April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Dear Stevie and Christina, Our hearts are broken along with yours. You both know how much Dan has meant to us. We are so grateful and blessed to be able to have known and loved Dan for these many years that we have been friends. Dan's loss will be felt by so many people because he was a very special man. There are not enough words to tell you what he has meant to us. We have and will continue to pray for you both. We love you so much,*

Caryn Hite - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I will miss seeing your smiling face at Harris-Teeter. Dan is now with the Lord . God bless the Family .*

Johnny Huggins - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stevie and Christina: I have such wonderful childhood memories of Dan and the entire Frye clan. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Peaches Gunter Blank*

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April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *When i saw the obit of Dan i was shocked.Don't know his married family,My prayers are with you all.I know them from temple court.Terry & Wade will know me .So so sorry for your loss.Really loved your family. Jimmy Ormand Gastonia*

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April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Great Guy ! Always fun and interesting to be around. Sorry for your loss.*

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**Peter DuChene** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dwain Tucker*

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“ *When Terry told me the incredibly sad news it was too surreal to believe. I haven't seen Dan in years but I will always remember him as the good looking brother of my dearest childhood friend. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Love Suellen*

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**Suellen Raycraft** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So heartbroken to hear of Dan's passing. Going down memory lane, I worked for Dan at Atlas when he was VP of Dairy Dept. for think 10 yrs. I will never forget my interview with Dan, like none other! His smile was contagious, many laughs. Although, he was suspicious of his 40th birthday, so Dan & his accomplice BW, thought a perfect day to move his boat & take a day off. After a call from our friend Mr. Olin, these 2 yachtmen were on their way to Dan's exhausting birthday surprise!!!! You see, he wasnt much on being the center of attention but, wherever Dan was he brought the laughter. Great memories, Heaven has a genuine sweet man. My heart goes out to Dan's favorite 2 girls, Stevie & Christina. You were his world! May God bless you both during this difficult time.

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**Debbie Dickerson** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Hello Frye Family I am very glad that Dan was able to attend the recent "Former Employees of Atlas Marketing" Reunion that was held March 2015. As always, Dan made sure that he greeted & spoke to the 150 + people that attended our Reunion. I will never forget Dan's huge smile, his laugh and the 'fact' that every time Dan introduced himself at an Atlas Marketing new Food Company Interview he always told the new Manufacture Representatives in the room that the reason that he had such a very strong voice was because his first career was "Working in a Saw Mill where he had to talk very LOUD". Dan will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and especially the Atlas Marketing Alumni due to Dan's numerous years being a Key Salesman on the Atlas Marketing Wholesale Team.

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**Rick Mitchell** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Terry, we are sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God bless.

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**The Tucker's** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Charlie and I are thinking about you all and are thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you!

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**Vickey Bowers** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Stevie....I am so stunned to hear of your loss, and I would like to take this moment to extend to you and your entire family my deepest condolences during this difficult time. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers, and may God wrap His loving arms around you all and bring you comfort and peace. May your many memories sustain you in the time to come, and take care. God Bless you all....

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**Lynn Blacksher Morris** - April 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Stevie and family, My prayers are with you all. May your beautiful memories carry you through the healing and lift your spirits during this sad time. Love and hugs.

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**Susan Brule-Haeefe** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Stevie I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Dan. I know we lost touch over the years, but still remember the times we got together for USC football games. I go back over 40 years ago with Dan. Had some good and hard working times with Dan. Will be praying for you and the family. "Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we have asked of Him." I John 4:17. GOD BLESS

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**Buddy Watson** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dan was like an older brother and mentor to me over the past 20 years. From the time I was a buyer at Harris Teeter in 1998, we became great friends and played a lot of golf together. We went to the U.S. Open at Pinehurst together and took many trips to Myrtle Beach. Dan had more great jokes than anyone I have ever known and was always available to meet for dinner or a beer (Miller High Life) whenever my travels brought me back to Charlotte. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to talk to him a couple of weeks ago and remember all the great times we had. He was and will always be, one of the best friends I have ever had and I will miss him greatly.

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**Tony Gonzales** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Dan was a good friend of mine and I will treasure the times with him calling on Harris Teeter and enjoying his company on the golf course. He was always up to date on college and pro sports and we enjoyed lively discussions on our favorite teams. Dan was passionate about whatever he did: family, Acosta, Harris Teeter, golf, USC, etc. He taught me many valuable lessons and I will miss our weekly conversations.

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**Bubba OBrien** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *I am deeply saddened by the loss of Dan. He was the best man in my wedding and always there to help if anyone in the neighborhood needed help. I will keep Stevie and Christina in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Patricia Hawkins** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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*Randy Mason,*

*Myrtle beach, South Carolina*

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**Randy Mason** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Dan's passing, , Stevie. Prayers are coming for you during this difficult time.*

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**Dollie Jackson** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I have known Dan many years and, we worked together at Acosta. He was a awesome guy and we truly be missed. I will be praying for his family during this time of sorrow.*

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**Charlene Brueseke** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *I worked with Dan for several years. He always had a smile and a great outlook. I miss his stories - he always had a story that made me laugh. And most Important, he was a good man. Compassionate, kind, caring. He will be missed.*

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**Mary Irish** - April 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM