



Duane "Pat" Gregory

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Duane "Pat" Gregory, 58 of Grand Island, FL passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Pat was born on June 14, 1961 in Fort Bragg, CA to the late Daniel and Mary Gregory. He was a lifelong resident of Lake County, FL and graduated from Tavares High School. He fought for our grateful nation and served as a military police officer with the United States Army for six years. After his military career Pat worked as a Correctional Officer for Orange County, FL where he retired after 28 years of dedication. On Friday, October 31, 2014 Pat married the love of his life, Cecelia Ritter at their home in Grand Island, FL. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, trips to the beach and his three Australian Shepard's. Pat was a jovial man who was lighthearted and loving. He was protective over the ones he loved and would do anything for a friend in need. Pat was predeceased by his step father, Robert Orié and 2 brothers, Jerry Gregory and Raymond Lombard. He is survived by his loving wife of 5 years: Cecelia Gregory, of Grand Island, FL; Son: Christopher (Alyssa) Cook, of Pace, FL ; Daughter: Kimberly Bechtel, of Pensacola, FL; Brothers: Edward (Paula) Gregory, of McCaysville, GA and Thomas (Shelly) Lombard, of CT; Sister: Cheryl (Ted) Sayen, of Grand Island, FL; and three beautiful grandchildren. Pat was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed by many.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project on line at: www.pport.woundedwarriorproject.org .

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on line on the tribute wall.

To watch the Memorial Service, please click the link below.

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/29761>

Services have been entrusted to Hamlin and Hilbish Funeral Home, Eustis, FL



Events

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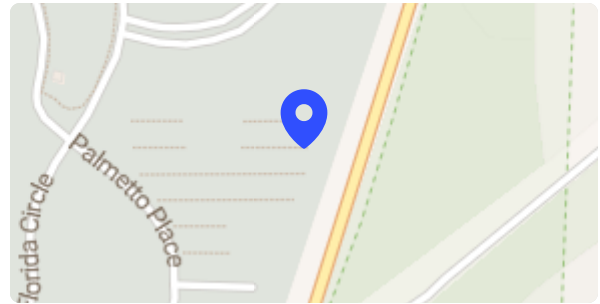
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Cemetery Details



Florida National Cemetery

6502 S.W. 102st Ave., Bushnell FL 33513





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CG

Cecelia Gregory lit a candle in honor of Duane.

Cecelia Gregory lit a candle in memory of Duane Gregory

March 17 at 12:11 PM



MH

Mike Hayton posted:

Pat was my roommate at Ft. Stewart back in 1982. I loved this guy, he was a great friend. We took some trips during our days off to Daytona beach. I became a policeman in Miami after the Army and am sad that I didn't stay in touch because of the busyness of life. I will always remember him with great fondness. Life passes too quickly. He was a good man and I miss him.

January 19 at 10:57 AM

SD

Suzanne Dinardo posted:

We first met when I transferred to Road Crew as his supervisor. I honestly looked at him and didn't know what to think. In just a few weeks I learned that his bark was worse than his bite, he was just a huge burley teddy bear, not a mean bone in his body. We shared lots of fun times together you will truly be missed. My condolences to his family whom I know he lived for. Rest in eternal peace my friend. You will never be forgotten ❤️

May 20 at 2:55 PM

PG

Paula Gregory sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Gregory family.

May 20 at 1:37 PM



GF

Greg Furneaux shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I'm gonna miss you brother

May 20 at 1:29 PM





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Paula Gregory posted:

I am so saddened by the loss of Pat. I loved Pat the first time I met him 40+ years ago. Pat treated me as family from that day on. I will treasure all the memories I have of him. RIP Pat Gregory

May 20 at 12:17 PM



Ed Gregory May 21 at 3:50 AM

i will never watch a yankees game with the same enthusiasm again my brother...i'll miss you in so many ways, good and bad...mom got her baby back...RIP my brother.....



Darrell Laxton lit a candle in honor of Duane.

Pat RIP, on God's wings. Prayers to your family and loved ones...Darrell Laxton

May 20 at 8:42 AM



Shirley Whitehead May 21 at 4:03 AM

Pat was a special gentle giant. He was always filled with laughter and a smile He was a true friend. It has been quite sometime since we had seen each other, but it was as if no time had passed. Such a kind and generous soul. He is greatly missed. His family are in my thoughts and prayers. Thanks Grog for being my friend, you are forever in the hearts of family and friends. God Blessed us with this wonderful human.



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gregory family.

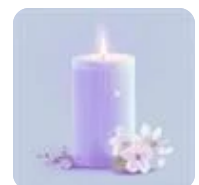
May 19 at 5:50 PM



Kenneth Charles Allen lit a candle in honor of Duane.

Pat you will surly be missed . Watching Packers vs Vikings won't be like it use to be to trash talk with you. This football season won't be the same. Love you brother. R.I.P

May 19 at 4:11 PM





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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gregory family.



May 19 at 2:42 PM



Jj Micciche posted:

Pat was one of the nicest guys I knew, we had many days laughing together at work and at Bikeweek. He will be missed. RIP MY FRIEND.

May 19 at 2:25 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gregory family.



May 19 at 1:54 PM



Patricia Vanbroekhoven sent a virtual gift in honor of Duane.

I met Pat in CBO I can always remember his wonderful smile. He was a good Officer. My memory was 3 am cigar break. He was a good friend. I don't think you could ever find a more truer more steadfast person as Pat. Heaven gained an Angel to watch over all of us Corrections. God Bless you Pat I am going to miss you.



May 19 at 1:51 PM



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CS

Cheryl Sayen posted:

My little brother, I can't believe you're gone, life absolutely will not be the same !! You were One of a Kind Pat... we've had some belly busting laughs and have shared some tears. Now my tears are for you and for your absence in our lives. With God's grace...we will adjust, but your presence will FOREVER remain in my heart...RIP, I LOVE YOU.SIS

May 19 at 12:33 PM

AL

Aunt Lorraine May 20 at 3:29 AM

Oh Pat.....I simply have no words. Rest in Peace Pat.....we will all wait patiently to see you again. ❤️

SD

Sharon Day May 19 at 3:07 PM

Sendings my prayers to all of you 🙏 ,You are my cousin and wish we could of gotten together more,but when we did we sure laugh and had fun just sitting and talking about the old days ! You will be miss but you will live on in each and everyone of us ! RIP. Your cousin Sis

DW

Dennis Warren posted:

Pat was a great coworker and a great person. He always had a smile on his face and a laugh to share with everyone. I never worked directly with him but always found him to be a friend to all. He was well respected and looked up to by all his peers and I never heard a bad word about him. Just a great person with a big heart.I was shocked and saddened yesterday morning to hear about his passing. May God bless him and my thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family. Rest assured he was someone who will be fondly remembered by all in the Corrections family that ever worked with him, or were simply lucky enough to just be a casual friend of his like me. His smile and laugh while wearing his green BDU's will be forever remembered. Dennis Warren

May 19 at 12:12 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gregory family.



May 19 at 12:10 PM



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JH

John Hamer posted:

I first came in contact with Pat when he transferred to central booking, I introduced myself and welcomed him to central booking, from that point on he called me big courteous John. We somehow would find ourselves taking breaks together sitting on the back of his pickup discussing life, music and sports, eventually attending many sporting events, concerts and a few movies together. You will truly be missed brother. Until we meet again, keep the music playing.

May 19 at 11:45 AM

JL

James Lee sent a Pretty Please to the Gregory family.



May 19 at 11:21 AM

JL

Jim Lee posted:

Pat and I were best friends in High School, we did everything together, he helped me through some really tough times at one point he Mary and Bob took me in for a while until I got my life back together, I loved Pat like a brother. We had a lot of good times and shared some bad times, but we got through them together. I already miss you so much my friend, I will see you on the other side brother, you were the best!

May 19 at 11:06 AM

GA

Gina Poole-Allen May 19 at 2:36 PM

Condolences to the Family. Awesome and funny guy. RIH, you will be miss.

TB

Thomas Brennan sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gregory family.



May 19 at 11:03 AM



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TB

Thomas Brennan posted:

Having had the privilege of knowing Pat Gregory for almost 40 years, I can only say Pat was one of the best persons I have met in all my years. As a young Military Policeman and unable to get home for Thanksgiving my first year in the service, this burley brute extended an invite to spend Thanksgiving with he and his family. His wonderful mom took me in for the holiday, showing exactly where Pat's heart had been formed. We spent many more weeks down in his hometown for those two years together. Even after losing touch for a while after I returned home to Chicago and Pat began his career, I was finally able to get back together with this great man. It was as if we had never missed a beat, exactly the same as I remembered him, with the exception of that gray. I felt back at home, this time with Cecelia as his bride. I could never put into words just how genuine Pat Gregory was. Say hello to your mom and Bob when you rejoin them. I will miss you dearly my old friend. Rest in Peace My Brother.

May 19 at 10:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gregory family.



May 19 at 10:50 AM

TS

Tim Storey posted:

Pat and I went to the Corrections Academy together, then worked on shift together for a number of years. We found out we had many things in common and became good friends. We shared a love of Jimmy Buffett music, rock & roll, racquetball, playing pool and drinking beer, LOL! Pat was as good a friend as you could ask for, and a co-worker you could always count on to have your back. Later in life, we shared a love for motorcycles. I pray for strength for his friends and family.

May 19 at 10:46 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Duane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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