



## Danny Ray Jent

February 24, 1956 - July 19, 2020

Danny Ray Jent, 64, of Talbott, TN went home to be with the Lord at the Morristown Hamblen Hospital on Sunday, July 19, 2020. He was born February 24, 1956 in Ary, KY, and was the son of Geraldine Amburgey Jent and the late Hubert Jent, his fishing partner. Danny was a lifetime member of Central Baptist Church. He was a 1974 graduate of Science Hill High School, where he played football. He later graduated from Tennessee Tech with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. After graduation, he was part owner of Tom's Sporting Goods in Morristown. He was a meat inspector for the Federal government for 19 years. He was a member of the Hungry Fisherman, and Ducks Unlimited.

Everyone who knew Danny was well aware of his passion for fishing, which he learned from his father (who was a professional bass fisherman). Danny was a member of the Tri-Cities BASS club. His fishing career resulted in many successful tournament finishes including first place alongside his father on Lake Okeechobee, and winning on Watts Bar, and Douglas Lake. Danny had a humorous nature and would have everyone around him laughing. He often spoke of a quote from his father about fishing. He said "Fish are a lot like people, they would be better off if they would keep their mouths shut." He had a heart as big as all outdoors. His generosity, loving nature and kindness will forever be a gift his family and friends will always treasure. Although our hearts are broken, we cling to the thought of seeing your smiling face again.

In addition to his mother, Geraldine Jent, those left to cherish Danny's memory include his loving wife of 22 years, Penny Jent, children: Rob Southerland, and Spring Southerland; his adored grandson, Ian Southerland, his sisters: Vicky Hurley and her husband Dean, Teresa Hurley and her husband Terry; several aunts, uncles, niece: Jessica Wells and her husband Mike; nephew: Cody Hurley and his wife, Gabrielle, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be sent to either the Shriner's Hospital, 950 West Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Those who wish to pay their respects may do so between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Tetrick Funeral Services, Johnson City. A Celebration of Danny's life will be held at 2:00 pm in the Sunrise Chapel of the funeral home. Friends wishing to attend the service may listen on their radio on 88.9 FM in the comfort of their

vehicle. A Graveside service will follow at Washington County Memory Gardens. Rob Southerland, Allen Burlison, Tony Street, Leroy Jent, Terry Hurley and Dean Hurley will serve as pallbearers.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand we will be following the State's COVID guidelines. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to please bring and wear a mask.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com). Tetrick Funeral Services, 3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN 37604 (423-610-7171) is honored to serve the Jent family during this difficult time.

# Cemetery

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## Washington County Memory Gardens

P. O. Box 3830 113 Memory Gardens Road  
Johnson City, TN,

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral Services  
3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN, US,  
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**JUL** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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**JUL** **Committal Service & Interment**

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P. O. Box 3830, Johnson City, TN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tetrick Funeral** - July 24 at 10:13 AM



“ Beautiful, beautiful tribute video. Praying for all of you.

**Nelda Leonard** - July 24 at 06:57 PM



“ Danny where is my Jolly Ranchers? You said you have some for me!! You were always joking and tried to have fun. You asked me a couple times " did it hurt when you falled from haven ??, and I answered not really but I landed hard so I'm a little short now"and we both laughed..I will not be seeing you at work or dumpster again..But I will see you again, you just left us early to go to a better place. No more masks and sitting on one spot all day long. Maybe we can go fish together.But, you will be missed and remembered until then.. so long my friend!!!!

**Ah Htoo Han** - July 25 at 07:25 AM



“ Dear brother I miss you so so much. I can't believe you have left us already, but in my heart I know you are in heaven fishing with Dad. We had so much fun growing up together on Lake Drive with so many wonderful friends. Danny, your smile, laughter and monkeying around brought so much joy to me and Teresa. Hope you and Dad have fun up there making spinnerbaits and fishing with the disciples. Hope to see you soon. Love you Brother



**Vicky Jent Hurley** - July 30 at 12:23 AM



“ Being teenagers In 1972-1974 and graduating from high school together. Hanging out over on Lake Drive in Johnson City, Tennessee and trips to Watauga Lake. Great eternal memories.My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



“ There are no words to say how much this smiling face meant to all of us. When he walk into the room he made everyone smile. His presence will remain with us forever until we leave here yourself. He was a Daddy’s boy from the beginning and his best fishing buddy. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you, and may God comfort and help all of you during this time. Him and I sure had a lot of good laughs, I loved him dearly. I love all of you and come and see us.

lena wheatley - July 25 at 12:22 PM

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“ Danny was a very good friend! You will be deeply missed!

Marie & Alvin Sartain - July 24 at 09:05 PM

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“ Marie & Alvin Sartain lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Jent



Marie & Alvin Sartain - July 24 at 09:04 PM

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“ Sandra Hurley, AP Koch's lit a candle in memory of Danny Ray Jent



Sandra Hurley, AP Koch's - July 24 at 01:56 PM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. Prayers for the family. He was always a jolly fellow who always had a smile on his face. I will always remember Danny bringing us homemade candy at Christmas. Danny's laughter will be greatly missed here at Koch Foods.

Valerie Lawson  
Accounting Office  
Koch Foods

Valerie L - July 24 at 01:54 PM

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“ Danny, your family is in our prayers. We thought he was just the "BEST" ! We will miss his laughter, quick wit and his Red Face when we called him "Mr. America" . Things sure will be different without him around at Koch's. Danny we will miss our Christmas Candy it was the best! Rest Well Danny.

Sandra Hurley, AP Koch's - July 24 at 01:54 PM

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“ I was sorry to hear of Danny's passing. As so many people have said, he was a great and nice guy. My Daddy was a bass fisherman. He said "going fishing was great - if you caught something that was a bonus." Prayers are with his family. Class of '74

Bonnie (Taylor) Wood - July 24 at 10:27 AM

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“ 44 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tetrick Funeral - July 24 at 10:12 AM

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“ The Chinouth family send their deepest sympathies in Danny's death. Please know that precious memories give peace and comfort . Sue Chinouth and family.

Kyleen Kelly - July 24 at 09:28 AM

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“ Prayers of comfort go out to all the family during this very difficult time. The write up about Danny was absolutely beautiful. All of you are in my thoughts now and for months to come.

**Cindy Hall** - July 24 at 08:29 AM

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“ My prayers are with the Jent family. ..Danny & Ian .



**April Southerland** - July 23 at 05:19 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Charles Ellison** - July 23 at 04:47 PM

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“ Prayers to the family, when Danny would drop by the office, he always had a smile and would leave us with laughter. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Faye Crockett  
Accounting Office  
Koch Foods

**Faye Crockett** - July 23 at 04:10 PM

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“ The USDA P509 Inspection Team and FLS purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Danny Ray Jent.





“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Cindy Melroy** - July 23 at 02:56 PM



“ To Vickie your mom and sister and rest of family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Ann lester

**ann lester** - July 24 at 05:01 PM



“ To all of Danny Jents family our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this sad time. Sorry we could not be there for you all but you are in our thoughts. God Bless each and everyone of you. Sending our Love to all..

John and Glenda

**JOHN JENT** - July 26 at 03:38 PM