



## Ernest Harvey "Ernie" DuFresne, Jr.

July 29, 1946 - August 8, 2018

Ernest Harvey "Ernie" DuFresne, Jr., age 72, passed away on August 8, 2018 at Flagler Hospital with his family by his side. Ernie was born in Brooklyn, New York and grew up in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey. Ernie enlisted in the U.S. Navy at a young age and served in the Vietnam War as a communications specialist. After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to New York to study economics and finance at New York University and Brooklyn College. He began his career in investment banking in New York with Mayer & Schweitzer Inc. Over his nearly fifty-year long career as a stock broker and trader, Ernie worked with many brokerage firms until his retirement. He continued trading stocks personally up until 2011. Ernie lived for many years in Franktown, Colorado and had been a resident of St. Augustine since 2012. Ernie was a voracious reader, and aspired to writing a novel of his own. He enjoyed crossword puzzles & word games, he was an avid baseball fan, loved the beach as well as the mountains & range of his adopted home of Colorado, and was a devoted pet owner. Ernie was married to his late wife, Deborah Freeman-DuFresne for thirty-five years before her death in April of 2017. Most importantly, Ernie was a man who was loved by his friends and family and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Ernie is survived by his three daughters; Denise DuFresne of St. Augustine, FL, Johna Baxa (Ron) of St. Augustine, FL and Deirdre DuFresne (Christian) of St. Augustine, FL three brothers; Robert DuFresne of St. Augustine, FL, Donald DuFresne of Julington Creek, FL and Jeff DuFresne (Debbie) of

Annandale, NJ; Sister; Linda Schmidt of St. Augustine, FL and five grandchildren, Joshua, Logan, Ian, Ayzlynn and Gatlyn. A memorial service will be held at 6 pm on Friday, August 17th at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations to the following organizations are respectfully requested: K9s For Warriors - [www.k9sforwarriors.com](http://www.k9sforwarriors.com), Early Learning Coalition in St. Augustine, FL - [www.elcnorthflorida.org/donate/](http://www.elcnorthflorida.org/donate/), SAFE Pet Rescue, in St. Augustine, FL - <http://www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com/donatenow.html> St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Denise, Johna and Deirdre, I cannot put into words how I feel about your loss. I am so sorry. My heart goes out to y'all and the entire DuFresne family. Unconditional love for all of you. Ernie "Jeremiah Johnson" - I know your spirit is flowing through the wilderness as you wished. Your FAH - Bill

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**Bill Schmidt** - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will never forget how warm and welcoming Debbie and Ernie were to us when we moved into our new home in Florida. As we were unpacking, Debbie was always offering us food and inviting us into their home for meals. They treated us as if we were family from the very start! We were so very blessed to have them living right across the street from us. They were always there with a warm smile, great conversation and a willingness to help with whatever we needed. Ernie was so very sad when he lost his sweet wife Debbie. We are happy that he is with her again and at peace! Thanks Ernie for all the laughs. We will never forget you! We will be here for your beautiful Deirdre, Christian, Ayzlynn and Gatlyn! Peace!

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**Paula and Kevin Fallon** - August 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM