



Billy "Rusty" Joe Gay Jr.

June 24, 1959 - February 27, 2020

Billy Joe Gay, Jr., 60, of Murrells Inlet, SC, passed away on February 27, 2020.
Arrangements in care of Charleston Cremation Center and Funeral Home.

Comments



“ I was devastated to learn that Rusty is gone. I still have a text on my phone that Rusty sent me when my mother died in 2014. I've cherished it since then and will hold it even more so now.

My heart and thoughts have been constantly flooded with memories of my times with Rusty. Every penny he made when we were early teens went to his stereo equipment. His bedroom was like mission control and we would sit there for hours after school listening to music. And I'll never forget tooling around in his dad's Porsche one Sunday--before self-service gas--and buying 37 cents worth of gas from our pooled money. The man working the pump said "now when you fellers run that out, go home".

We terrorized Cheraw and Woodstone Drives on my Solex motorized bicycle--Rusty holding on for dear life as I maxed it out at about 14 miles an hour! None of our gang should have made it past age 16 for numerous reasons--including all of the near death incidents on the Moore Junior High school grounds courtesy of rat trap mini bikes and go karts. Helmets? We didn't even wear shoes. Oh, and he stole--permanently--my dog, Penny when I was in elementary school.

When we were high school freshmen I picked Rusty up every morning in my decrepit, tiny two-seater MG Midget. He would fold up like an accordion and perch himself behind the two seats with his legs on the dashboard as we had to pick up one more rider. We broke several laws en route to school most mornings and our grades reflected it! And I think I sold Rusty my next car--a blue Volkswagen Beetle--several years later.

We only spoke a few times over the decades mostly because I've lived away from S.C. for so long. Our paths did not cross but our depth of friendship never wavered.

I love you Rusty. From your sidekick Dusty. Rupert and Dupart. Yep.

Dustin Grainger
Bethesda Maryland

Dustin Grainger - March 03 at 11:06 AM



“ Omg Dusty we are having a celebration of life for him on Saturday the 7th I know it short notice but I have looked everywhere for you please call me at 843 333 8502

Ginger gay - March 06 at 01:24 AM



“ Thanks for sharing these memories Dusty! I truly don't know how you two made it past 16 either!

Vicki Gay - March 06 at 07:52 AM



“ I'm really heartbroken that I can't be there tomorrow.

Dusty Grainger - March 06 at 06:04 PM



“ Receiving the message today that my childhood pal had left, brought tears. Rusty and I plowed many a fields together. He was the epitome of what life is all about in those younger years.

He showed my mom love after I joined the service and moved on. Something I will always be grateful for. I can only imagine how their reunion is going right now. I'm sure Mom is rejoicing in seeing on of her chillen again.

Olivia, Ginger, the rest of the clan,if there's anything I can help with, don't hesitate...ginger knows how to get in touch with me.

My heart weeps.... Rusty...thank you for sharing your life, thoughts and dreams with me....they are cherished.

Chip Watts

Chip Watts - February 28 at 07:14 PM