



Rio Vonell Futch

October 7, 1955 - April 15, 2020

Obituary

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4

Rio Vonell Futch was born to Troller (Eddie) and Gladys Gordon Futch on October 7, 1955, in the Cann Park Community of Chatham County, Savannah, Georgia. He was raised by his loving maternal grandparents, Floyd and Ella Gordon. His paternal grandparents were Isaac and Mittie Futch.

At an early age, he attended Jackson Park Baptist Church. As a teenager, Mr. Anthony Gannon took him to Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he was later christened by Monsignor Donnelly and given the name Mark. He was a member of the choir and assisted as an altar boy.

He began his education at Mrs. Weaver's Kindergarten on Hopkins Street, Savannah, Georgia. He was educated at George W. DeRenne Elementary School and Alfred Ely Beach Junior and Senior High Schools of Chatham County.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and became a squad leader.

He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant.

He married Linda Grant and was blessed with a stepson Zikia Alvin. Later, he was blessed with the birth of two sons, Brandon and Bryan. Bryan preceded him in death.

On May 27, 1995, Rio was joined in holy matrimony with Diane Elaine Bacon. They both attended Mrs. Weaver's Kindergarten, as well as, DeRenne Elementary and Alfred Ely Beach High Schools together. In the 2nd Grade, their teacher, Mrs. Alice Badger, sat Rio next to Diane and they became friends for life.

Rio completed M & R Truck Driving School and began a career as a truck driver with a Commercial Driver's License. In 1994, Rio transferred to Atlanta while working for Howard Sheppard Trucking and ended his trucking career hauling ground doubles as an over-the-road driver for FED-EX.

His passing on April 15, 2020, brought sadness and beautiful memories to his family and friends. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Diane B. Futch of Decatur, GA; one son, Brandon Futch of Wilmington, NC; a son from another father Zikia Alvin (Samira) of Elkridge, MD; his mother, Gladys Gordon Jones (Gilbert), of Savannah; Brother, Eddie Kelvin Futch (Carmiller) of Los Angeles, California; two Brother-Laws, Ulysses H. Bacon (Elise) and Kenneth L. Bacon both of Savannah; one Sister-in-Law, Linda M. Pierce, of Savannah; four grandchildren, Nickolas Alvin of Elkridge, MD, Brandon, Brandice and Brandston Futch all of Wilmington, NC; two nephews, Lawrence Zachary Pierce of Savannah and Eric Bacon (Kelli) of Buford, GA; two nieces, Allison Dixon and Antoinette Jones, both of Savannah; two goddaughters, Kimberly and Kelley Greenwood of Atlanta, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

KP

“ ALL I CAN SAY IS WILL ALWAYS LOVE AND MISS YOU REO MY BROTHER KNOWING WHEN WE PLAYED IN THE WOODS AS CHILDREN AN AS WE WORKED TOGETHER AND AGAIN PLAYED AS MEN SOME FIFTY YEARS I TRUELY HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE AWAYS YOUR FRIEND IN LIFE AND BEYOND KEVIN L PRESCOTT

Kevin prescoPr - April 29, 2020 at 04:05 PM

EF

“ We know this must be a very difficult and demanding time for you all. Please accept our deepest sympathy. May the God of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - April 28, 2020 at 02:53 PM

PS

“ Sis. Dianne, praying you will have the peace of God, the comfort of His Spirit, and precious memories of happy times spent together to treasure in your heart now and forever.
Past Matron Phylis Postell Spann, Electa #1, Prince Hall Grand Chapter, OES

P Spann - April 26, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Rio Vonell Futch.



April 22, 2020 at 09:52 PM

KK

“ *Kshama Kakade lit a candle in memory of Rio Vonell Futch*



kshama kakade - April 21, 2020 at 08:15 AM

NQ

“ *Diane, I just wanted to say I'm thinking and praying you and your family find comfort.*
Norma



Norma Quinn - April 21, 2020 at 06:18 AM

JK

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Diane and family! You're in our prayers! God blessed my husband and me with the perfect neighbors - Diane and Rio Futch - for many years! We'll miss Rio and his cheerful, kind spirit! Rest well, our friend! We'll continue to look out for Diane!! Much love, David and Johnnie Kemp*

Johnnie Kemp - April 20, 2020 at 03:06 PM

MM

“ *Diane you have my condolences on the passing of your husband Rio. Trust in the Lord he will bring comfort and peace to your heart.*

Marilyn Mcpherson - April 19, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JJ

“ Sending *PRAYERS* and *CONDOLENCES* to you and your family Diane. Keep the Faith and keep looking up from wench our strength comes from.

*John T Johnson Jr
A E Beach Class of 7T4
Your Bulldog Classmate*

John T Johnson Jr - April 19, 2020 at 07:53 PM

ML

“ Diane, So sorry to hear of Rio's passing. When we last talked you mentioned how hard his illness has been on him, My condolences.
Mary Lou Bailey-Funk

Mary Lou - April 19, 2020 at 12:12 PM

PH

*Diane, so sorry for the loss of your husband. Pray you keep the memories to fill your heart with joy.
R.I.P. Rio Futch*

Phyllis - April 19, 2020 at 06:40 PM

CG

“ Diane,
I am sending my Deepest Condolences to You and Your Family of the passing of Your Husband.

*From Your Classmate
Cynthia Givens
Beach C/O 74*

Cynthia Givens - April 19, 2020 at 12:08 PM

RE

So sorry our friend is gone. Stay strong. Robert Ellington, Beach High Alumni

Robert Ellington - April 19, 2020 at 09:22 PM

SS

“ *Diane I just learned of Rio's passing and I extend my sympathy to you and family. Being neighborhood friends and former classmates I remember the both of you. God makes no mistakes and he cares for you and will send comfort through your family and friends. My condolences.*
Sharon and Michael Stewart



Sharon Stewart - April 18, 2020 at 04:21 PM