



## John Dunagan

July 15, 1951 - September 7, 2013

John Victor Dunagan, born July 15, 1951, left this world to join his parents on September 7, 2013.

He was born to Lucius Victor (L.V.) and Fanell Smith Dunagan, John graduated from Frost High School in 1969 where he was involved in all sports, excelling in football, as a quarterback, basketball, as well as baseball.

He went on to Stephen F. Austin State University where he became a member of Theta Chi Fraternity where he gained many life-long friends. He relocated to Dallas which became his permanent home.

He was a bartender for many years at several Dallas establishments, including Jack Brown's Beer Garden, Pittman House, Lucy's, Caulfield's, Stan's Blue Note, Wall Street Pub, as well as others. In his more recent years he worked as a Union Contractor with Freeman Decorators.

He contracted West Nile Virus/Spinal Meningitis several years ago and struggled to overcome its effects ever since.

He had a true joy for life, had many friends who loved him, as well as family and "adopted family" who knew him affectionately as "Uncle John, U.J., Dunny, J.D. or Roach."

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Mark Pratt of Cryer Creek, nephews Joseph Mark Pratt of Midlothian, Matthew Abel Pratt of Mansfield and John Gabriel Pratt of Lubbock as well as cousins, James (Jim) Moore and Mandy of Little Rock, Arkansas, Jerry Moore and Janet of Williamsburg, Virginia, Russell Williams and Judi of Waxahachie as well as a

host of friends and adopted family.

The family is hosting a celebration of his life at Frost Baptist Church on Saturday, September 28th. Visitation will begin at 2:00pm and the Memorial Service at 3:00pm. All are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Salvation Army or your favorite charity in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Frost Baptist Church  
101 East Stroud  
Frost, TX 76641

## Service

SEP **28.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Dunagan*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *I remember John as a friend and a brother of Theta Chi. I never heard John speak a disparaging word toward anyone. Everyone knew him and he was a friend to all. In the few years that we were all at SFA, the friends, memories, and legends created are many. The character that we all know as John "Roach" Dunagan is high on that list. Rest in Peace, my friend and brother....*

**Barry Maines** - September 28, 2013 at 08:24 AM



“ *John was my Little Brother in the fraternity. I have attended a couple of the Theta Chi reunions over the years and one of the highlights was being able to visit with him. John was a sweet soul who never had a negative word to say about anyone. A man with a wonderful heart.*

*Bill Walker*

**Bill Walker** - September 27, 2013 at 09:40 PM



“ *John had a BIG heart and a BIG laugh.....he always looked into your soul when he talked to you.....he was genuine, funny and loved life. He lived every day as if it were his last.....he will be remembered with fondness and a smile. Rest in Peace beautiful friend.*

*Debbie Freeman Rockwood*

**Debbie Freeman Rockwood** - September 27, 2013 at 09:23 PM

CH

“ I met John when I was a freshman at SFA. I really didn't know what to think of him at first. He would pop in, unexpected, stay for a few minutes to check on everyone, and be on his way to visit someone else. But I did know I liked him. His laugh was contagious. And frequent. In a short time, I realized he was a loyal friend and a hard worker. He was not judgmental, befriendng most everyone he met. I am blessed to have known him and to have him as a friend.

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**Cheryle Bloomfield Horton** - September 27, 2013 at 08:45 PM

GR

“ I talked to John 3 weeks ago and he was his same old self, but he seemed worried about the lack of work and that his mother had passed away this past March. Of course we talked about the chapter. John was a giving soul and loved by all. Some of you may not know the story about how Dunagan (When we were trying to buy the house on North Street in 1972) donated nearly 3/4 of the money he had to live on (and pay tuition) that semester, to the chapter, in order to help us purchase it.

When we decided to get back together and have a chapter reunion after Charley Best Passed away in 2004, I was asked to get it together. I chose to go to Dallas in hopes to be able to get in contact with Dunagan and made sure he attended as well as come the other reunions we had over the last few years. I want to thank all of you who made sure he got to attend by driving him to the reunions outside of Dallas. I know it meant a lot to him in making those reunions and he expressed that to me in many phone conversations we had as he did not have e-mail for the last couple of years. Prior, however he used to email me great dissertations and write about the Dallas Mavericks and his beloved car "The Lizard". I will miss him. We all will miss him.

The housing committee has been talking about building a meeting facility (Party Barn) next to the Fraternity house as the guys still party on the back porch and not in the house due to national by-laws. I suggested if we ever did, we should use some subliminal name instead of calling it a Party BARN. The first thing that popped in my head was to call this new facility, if ever built, Dunagan's. I hope that we can do this and that many of us can do like Dunagan did when we bought the house on North Street, and make a donation when time comes and asked to step up. I can hear the actives talking on campus. "Hey we got an exchange party tonight and going to be at Dunagan's". I think "Roach" would like that.

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George Reese - September 27, 2013 at 11:03 AM

SM

“ John always made me feel special. He was fun and funny. He accepted people for who they were and found value in all of us.

Shelly LaFour Mitchell - September 24, 2013 at 07:53 PM

GB

You are so right Shelly-- John was the sweetest soul-- laughter and kindness, always. He has a special place in my heart.

Gae Asbury Benson - September 28, 2013 at 08:39 AM

JK

“ John do well in the University on High. May GOD comfort your family.

Jack King Theta Chi

Jack King - September 23, 2013 at 09:31 AM

MH

I meet Roach in 1979 or '80 when he was living with Jerry. He soon became family and was a part of our lives for decades. So many stories... The time he came over and decked out my new Camaro with red stripes. Talking into the wee hours of the morning over a few cold ones. Hanging out at Caulfields and if he wasn't working..walking over to his apartment and dragging him out for the night. Many camping trips. I introduced him to my best friend at the time and they became roommates for a year or so. When Roach contracted West Nile, I visited him daily at the nursing facility. I don't think he ever realized I was there but that didn't matter. Jerry and I just wanted to be sure he was looked after. I'll miss him dearly. Love ya Roach.....

Michele Hart - September 28, 2013 at 01:13 PM