



IN LOVING MEMORY

John Daniel Dorgan

AUGUST 23, 1966 - MARCH 20, 2026



Memorial Service

2 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2026
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC
Officiated by Pastor John Reed

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING, II TIMOTHY 4:7-8

"ALL MY TEARS WILL BE WASHED AWAY"
by Mark Bishop

SERMON

THE LORD'S PRAYERS

"FATHER SON"
by Steven Wilson Jr.

SHARING MEMORIES AND FAMILY GIVING THANKS TO ALL

"HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW"
Performed by Asa Willis and Daniel Trott

"AMAZING GRACE"
Bagpipes by Victor Ansel

MILITARY HONORS

CLOSING PRAYER

Following the service, the family invites everyone to join them for a time of food and fellowship at Iron Tide Crossfit, located at 1209A N. 20th Street in Morehead City.

John Daniel Dorgan, born August 23, 1966, mountain biked to Heaven on March 20, 2026, surrounded by the nature he loved.

John was born in Queens, New York to David and JOAnn Dorgan. He spent his childhood in Whippany, New Jersey; graduating from Whippany High School and following his childhood dream, joined the United States Marine Corps. He spent 6 years rising to the rank of Sgt. This was followed up by 26 years as a civilian air traffic controller, a total of 32 years in the service of the country and corps that he loved. He was a well-respected air traffic controller, helping to keep the skies safe and preparing Marines to do the same.

He was a loving husband to Alphareta Dorgan of 34 years. He loved his sons, Patrick (Kate) and Brett (Rose) more than anything and helped raise them into strong, loving men. He loved working out (Crossfit), being in nature, mountain biking, spending time with family, friends and his sweet dogs, Sally and Bear. He was always smiling or joking and he helped anyone that needed it. John loved the community of friends he had and enjoyed every minute with them.

He was preceded in death by his father, David R. Dorgan; grandfather, J. Dorgan; grandmother, Genevieve Dorgan; grandfather, Florian Balas; grandmother, Mary Balas; uncle, Jack Dorgan; great uncle, Paul Balas; and father-in-law, Darrell Ramsey.

He is survived by his wife, Alphareta Dorgan; sons, Patrick Dorgan (Kate) and Brett Dorgan (Rose); mother, JOAnn Dorgan; siblings, Dave Dorgan (Andrea) and Colleen (Anthony); mother-in-law, Sue Ramsey; sister-in-law, Lydia Willis (Asa); along with nephews and nieces, Kalena (Bubba), Olivia, Dominic, Garrett, and Eli.

Family and friends are welcome to submit online condolences at www.mundenfuneralhome.net. Arrangements by Munden Funeral Home & Crematory in Morehead City, NC.

*We, his family and friends,
will carry his legacy with us and never forget him.*

The Marine stood and faced God,
which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
just as brightly as his brass.
“Step forward now, you Marine,
how shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?”

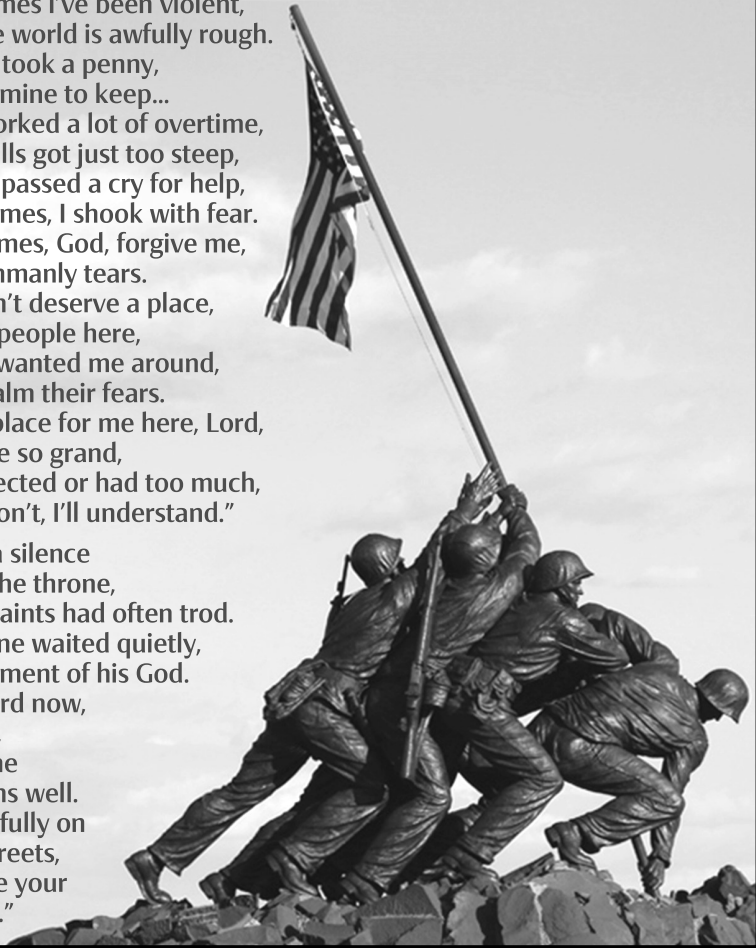
The Marine squared his shoulders
and said, “No, Lord, I guess I ain’t
because those of us who carry guns,
can’t always be a saint.

I’ve had to work most Sundays,
and at times my talk was tough,
and sometimes I’ve been violent,
because the world is awfully rough.
But, I never took a penny,
that wasn’t mine to keep...

Though I worked a lot of overtime,
when the bills got just too steep,
and I never passed a cry for help,
though at times, I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I’ve wept unmanly tears.
I know I don’t deserve a place,
among the people here,
they never wanted me around,
except to calm their fears.

If you’ve a place for me here, Lord,
it needn’t be so grand,
I never expected or had too much,
but if you don’t, I’ll understand.”

There was a silence
all around the throne,
where the saints had often trod.
As the Marine waited quietly,
for the judgment of his God.
“Step forward now,
you Marine,
You’ve borne
your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on
Heaven’s streets,
You’ve done your
time in Hell.”



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