## Danny Dale Buford, Sr. July 1, 1955 to March 12, 2017

Danny Dale Buford, Sr., of Gautier, Mississippi, passed away on March 12, 2017.

Danny joined the United States Navy at the age of 19. After serving for six years on several different ships, he enrolled at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and later at the University of Southern Mississippi, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education, and a Master's Degree in Program Management from Villanova.

This is when he discovered his passion of encouraging and mentoring kids. In 1982, he began working at Ingalls in Pascagoula, Mississippi and later transferred to Norfolk, Virginia. In 2014, he retired from Ingalls and began working for the United States Navy in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

For over 40 years, he followed his heart and passion: coaching baseball for the Gautier Babe Ruth League. He had the honor of holding several respected positons within the Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken baseball organization such as League President for Gautier, District and State Commissioner, as well as Regional Senior Umpire.

His other joys in life were spending time with his family, being a semi pro cook, gardening, woodworking, roughing-it while camping in his motorhome and being the New Orleans Saints' biggest fan (WHO DAT!).



