



## George Little Dortch

November 3, 1958 - May 26, 2024

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
2Timothy 4:7

George Little Dortch III, passed away at his home in Rolla, Missouri on Sunday, May 26, 2024. He was born on November 3, 1958, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to George and Della Mae Dortch.

George graduated from Batesville High School, in Batesville, Arkansas, in 1977, and received his Bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University in 1982, in General Studies. He was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity, while attending TCU, and always told memorable stories of his college days and fraternity brothers, always remaining one of TCU's biggest fans.

In 1996, George married Chandler Berryman, the love of his life. She preceded him in death in April of 2022 and George was lost without her. She affectionately dubbed George, "Jorge". Anyone who knew George and Chandler knew they could talk to and make friends with anyone, from a stranger on the street, to the CEO of a major corporation; everyone was treated the same. They both truly had a gift for loving people and caring for them. Both were generous to a fault.

While, George and Chandler could not have children, it did not stop them from

having their great niece from South Carolina, Adelaide, as the “apple of their eye”. George called her “his little boss” and she frequently reminded him to take his medicine and eat his meals, even by phone from SC.

When they found out they couldn't have children of their own— four-legged creatures took their place, particularly dogs. Their dogs were their babies and they had several over the years. Their first one was named Chocolate, and later came Bode, Picabo and Winston. They spoiled them with special treats, took each one to dog training and curled up with them at night. They both had a great interest in the Patriot Paws Program, which is a program to train dogs to be companions to veterans. George won a blue ribbon with Bode at a Purina Dog Show, and was very proud of this accomplishment, as Bode was a rescue dog. He had a gentle touch with animals and preferred adopting dogs from a shelter.

George loved all things outdoors to include hunting, grilling, picnicking and of course traveling. Together George and Chandler loved to travel and traveled to many beautiful places. They also enjoyed traveling back home to Texas to see family. Family was very important to both of them.

George owned Global Industrial Coatings in Rolla, a company that developed and manufactured paints for companies worldwide. His job took him to many locations, including Canada. He took Chandler with him and made it a two week work vacation. They enjoyed many festivals and beautiful sites during their time there.

Several years ago, George suffered several strokes, but despite this, never gave up. One thing that some may not be aware of, is that George reported a near death experience with a visit to Heaven, that he shared with those close to him. He described, as many do, a very warm and wonderfully inviting and loving place, that he no doubt is experiencing now. He felt very blessed to be

able to come back to share his experiences from his stroke with others, and to help those that had similar circumstances. He was an inspiration to many and made numerous friends on his healthcare journey.

Among his many fine qualities, George was a counselor, a giver, and most of all a dependable and loving friend. His contagious laugh and smile were one of his trademarks. He was truly “one of a kind“, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him well.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lion's Club Den  
1061 South Bishop  
Rolla, MO 65401