



Daniel Foster "Danny" Choate

January 11, 1950 - September 17, 2024

Daniel Foster "Danny" Choate, age 74 of North Augusta, South Carolina, born in Augusta, Georgia, passed away peacefully at home on September 17, 2024, in the care of his loving family.

Dan was the second child of John S. Choate and Margaret McClain Choate. He was raised in Augusta and attended Richmond Academy where he was a stand-out member of the football team from 1965 to 1967. In January of 1968 Dan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After completing recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina and infantry training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina, he was assigned to Marine Barracks Henderson Hall adjacent to the Pentagon. While serving as a top-secret courier between the Pentagon and the White House, he was asked to try out for the Marine Corps football team at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. At the time the Quantico team played a regular college schedule. Dan made the team, being one of only two players on the team who had never played either professional or college football before joining the Marine Corps.

After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, in 1973 Dan joined the South Carolina Highway Patrol serving as a patrol officer in Orangeburg and Aiken counties. In 1986 he moved to South Carolina Law Enforcement Division ("SLED") before retiring in 2001 as a Senior Special Agent. During those years SLED recognized Dan's professionalism by assigning him to

protect former Senator Strom Thurmond when the senator would come home to South Carolina from Washington, DC. After retiring from SLED, Dan returned to law enforcement in 2006 with the South Carolina Ethics Commission, where he served as an Investigator before finally retiring in 2016.

Although Dan was a larger-than-life personality, and a physically imposing figure, he was, nevertheless, the gentlest and kindest of men. If you knew him, you would have a true and faithful friend. All who knew him will miss his homespun wit and his infectious laugh. Throughout his life, both professionally and personally, he lived the Marine motto of Semper Fidelis.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents and his brother David B. Choate. He is survived by his wife of over 30 years Charlotte A. Choate, and by his son Nick DeRoller (Amanda), his beloved granddaughter Ava, of Aiken, SC, his brother Sam Choate (Martha Jean) of St. Simons Island, GA, his niece Sally Fox (John) of Atlanta, GA, and his nephew Jack Choate (Caitlin), and great nephew Red of Los Angeles, CA.

The family will have a private interment. A celebration of Dan's life will be held later.

If friends are so inclined, Dan would encourage you to donate to cancer research to advance the work to find a cure for Multiple Myeloma. Finally, Dan and Charlotte would like to thank the wonderful physicians, nurses, and other caregivers at Augusta Oncology, Georgia Cancer Center, and St. Joseph's Hospice.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Laura Edith Leon lit a candle in memory of Daniel Foster "Danny" Choate*



Laura Edith Leon - December 14, 2024 at 09:38 AM

JW

“ *Teresa, my thoughts and prayers are with and your family. Deepest condolences to each of you!*
Jan Giesel Williams

Jan Williams - October 09, 2024 at 03:07 PM

TH

“ *Posey Funeral Directors*
Laura E
Laura
Teresa Hodge

Dan was my brother-in-law for over 30 years . He had an amazing ,larger than life personality! He touched so many lives . There was no middle of the road for Dan ,he stood up for the people he loved and cared about .

He loved his family more than anything. Especially his beloved granddaughter Ava .

This world lost a good man , he will be missed . 🥹

Teresa Hodge - September 26, 2024 at 02:35 PM

ZJ

“ *Officer Choate pulled me over for speeding back in the early 80's. He was very nice and professional. I also remember Buddy Carr, DJ at WBBQ made lite fun of him on the radio. RIP Officer Choate.*

Zane D Christopher Jr - September 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of The loss of Danny. I always enjoyed talking with him and Laughing at his Tropper Stories. Miss you Cous. Hug Grandma Kate for me. Bobby Choate*

Bob Choate - September 25, 2024 at 08:22 PM

MM

“ *R I P Danny,great memories from BHS days ,prayers for family*

Mark Mobley - September 25, 2024 at 12:04 PM

CP

“ *RIP, Danny. Condolences to the family!*

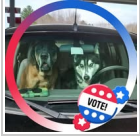
Carol Smitherman Powers - September 25, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *Uncle Dan & little Darrien*



Laura E Leon - September 24, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *What a great person and what an amazing life*

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *May all your wonderful memories comfort you during this heartbreaking time.*”

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 05:24 PM



“ *To The Choate family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.*

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 05:20 PM



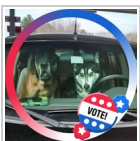
“ *“Nothing on earth can make up for the loss of one who has loved you.” Dan we will always love you*

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 05:15 PM



“ *I know that words are inadequate at a time like this, but I wanted you to know how very sorry my family is for your loss*

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *“Your Dantouched so many lives for the good.”
I’m very grateful that I had the opportunity to know Dan ”*

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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Teresa Hodge - September 23, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DE

“ *Daniel Foster Choate has a son Daniel Foster Choate JR. A grandson Nathaniel Choate and great grandsons Jaxson Choate and Ryland Choate.*

They send condolences.

Deborah - September 23, 2024 at 02:16 PM



Danny was very proud of Dan. Thanks for writing this.

Bob Choate - September 26, 2024 at 05:30 PM

JH

“ *I am thankful for Mr. Choate’s service to our nation in the United States Marine Corps and his career service in law enforcement. It is men like Mr. Choate that served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.*

Jeff Hoefs - September 22, 2024 at 04:20 PM

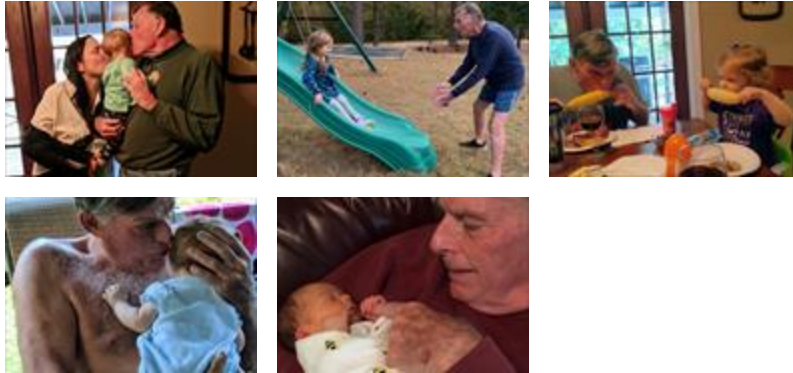
TM

“ *Over the many years, I trusted Danny as a real friend. I am honored to have called him my friend. Tommy Moore, former state Senator.*

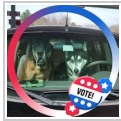
Tommy Moore - September 21, 2024 at 11:49 AM

AD

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Amanda DeRoller - September 21, 2024 at 11:15 AM



Dan was a wonderful Grandpa to Ava.

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 04:39 PM

JT

“ I met Danny when he was a SC Highway Patrol Officer and I was a high school student on a Vol. Fire Dept. Danny would stop by the Fire Dept. from time to time and talk to other members and me. Danny was a good man, great to talk to and a great SLED Investigator Danny was the SLED Officer that investigated my shooting in 93 when I worked for North Augusta Public Safety. Danny always had a smile.

James Turner - September 21, 2024 at 06:33 AM

CC

“ “No finer a friend. No worse an enemy”. Semper Fi and Godspeed Big Brother. Cain

chuck cain - September 21, 2024 at 12:30 AM

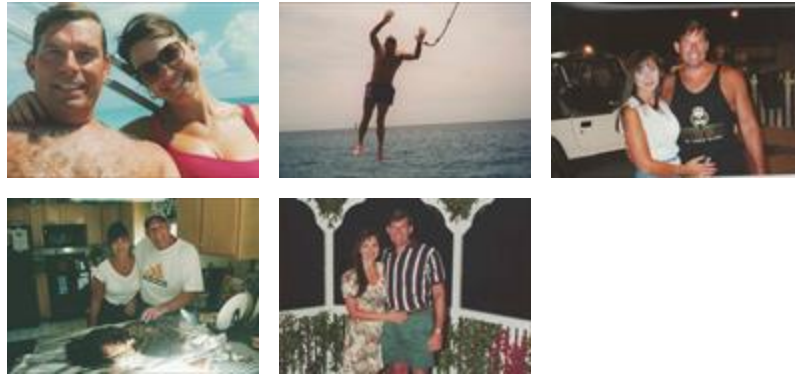
WO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Danny's passing..Spent a lot of days working together and he was all business . My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

wallace owens - September 20, 2024 at 07:59 PM

LL

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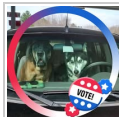


Laura Leon - September 20, 2024 at 06:21 PM

LL

He was a man with so many wonderful stories.

Laura Leon - September 20, 2024 at 06:23 PM



We were very fortune to know Dan.

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 04:42 PM

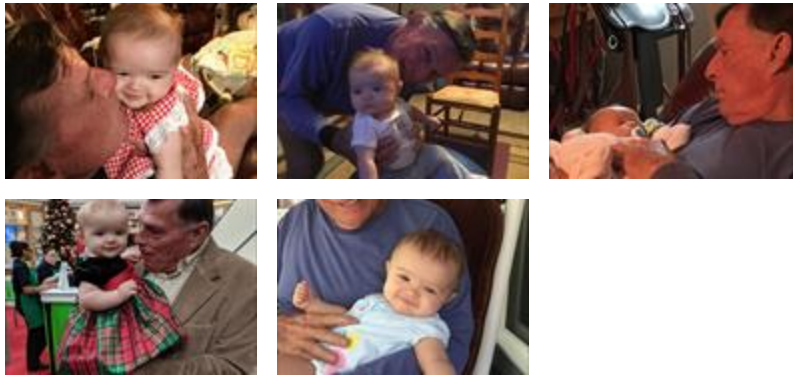
AK

“ I smile when I think about Danny. Growing up, he would stop by Mema’s and she would light up. I use to love listening to their conversations about their days of growing up. When she became sick and passed, he was always there for me. He encouraged me and I will cherish his random texts and conversations about life. He gave brutal honesty when it was needed too. He loved his family so much and to hear this larger than life man talk about the little girl that could bring him to his knees was precious. I know that heaven is much sweeter and protected now with Danny there. 🙏❤️🙏

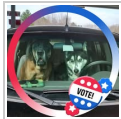
Amy Lyons Kelly - September 20, 2024 at 06:01 PM

ND

“ Beloved Paw Paw



Nick DeRoller - September 20, 2024 at 05:58 PM



He had a happy smile when he was with Ava

Laura E Leon - September 23, 2024 at 04:44 PM

PH

“ I knew and worked with Danny for many years as a S.C. Trooper and in other various law enforcement capacities. He was a great police officer and close friend. You could always count on him to be there when the going got rough. He loved his family and I'll miss him. My deepest condolences to you Charlotte and family. He was one of a kind!!

Judge Sheridan (Danny) Lynn

Retired S.C. Trooper and Aiken County Magistrate

Pattie Hannan - September 20, 2024 at 10:37 AM

NE

“ Danny was a wonderful person, great friend, and the best at his profession. I always knew he was there if I needed him and his loyalty to his family and friends is unmatched.

May God wrap his loving arms around the family and friends.

Rest in peace my friend...Beth and Nick Evans

Nick Evans - September 20, 2024 at 09:23 AM

EH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Danny was a special friend. Through the years in law enforcement he was great backup, friend and brother. Rest in peace Danny. 🙏

Ernest Hooks - September 20, 2024 at 08:12 AM

DG

“ David M. Griffin
Belvedere SC

David Griffin - September 20, 2024 at 07:51 AM

PH

Danny was a friend of mine for over 50 years. We were SC Troopers together for many years. He would do anything for you and was always there for you when policing together.

He loved his family and I'll miss him.

My deepest condolences to you Charlotte.

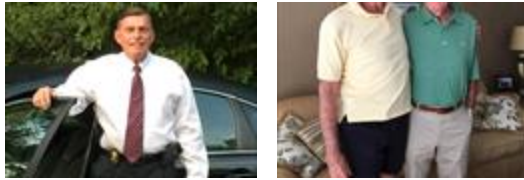
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Pattie Hannan - September 20, 2024 at 10:22 AM

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Charlotte Choate - September 19, 2024 at 06:07 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Charlotte Choate - September 19, 2024 at 06:05 PM

PS

“ *Danny was very close to his family my mother his cousin loved him and so did mama Kate Aunt Ruth and Uncle John. I know that they were happy to see him again. He's riding horses in Heaven now.*
RIP Danny

Patti Hamilton Shirey - September 19, 2024 at 05:05 PM

TI

“ Team IAL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Foster "Danny" Choate.

Team IAL - September 19, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel Foster "Danny" Choate.



September 19, 2024 at 03:58 PM

SW

“ Thoughts and prayers to Dannys' family and friends. Worked with Danny when he was working the Aiken area for the SCHP.

Sandy Wagoner - September 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM

LT

Charlotte, I am so sorry for your loss.

Lorraine Thomas-Leonard - September 20, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MT

Sammy and MJ, so sorry for your loss. I've missed running in to you at SI since Connie and Tom moved to Augusta. We lost Tom but Connie lives at Brandon Wilde in Evans. We have come a few times to SS. One of our grandsons works for the GJGA and has put on a couple of tournaments there.

God bless you, and May God bless Danny's family 🙏
Mary Murphy Tabb

Mary Murphy Tabb - September 21, 2024 at 04:23 PM

BE

Charlotte my condolences to you and your family. I am sending prayers To each of you to ease the pain of the less of Danny. He was a good man and he will be missed. He was dear friend to Rodger and me.

Becky Edmonds - September 26, 2024 at 11:50 AM