



# TRIBUTE TO DANNY

## FROM A LONG TIME FRIEND

**September 15, 2023**

Brother Willoughby was a good friend over many decades. I met Danny in the mid 1970's... When the Spirit came upon brother Willoughby, I remember he would take a step backward and seemed to give a kick with his foot and then take off forward with a shout dancing before God! It was his shout of victory before his God!...

Regarding the the things we enjoy in life, Danny loved hunting and fishing. He taught me things about the outdoors that have stayed with me through the years. We hunted and fished together. He really was a great outdoorsman....

Brother Danny departed this life on September 4th which was Labor Day. At the time of his departure he discovered another day that has to do with labor. It was a different Labor Day. In Revelation 14:13 we are told, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." On Labor Day 2023...the angels came and brother Danny was introduced to a world where there is no more sickness. No more pain. No more sorrows. No more worries. Yes, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for now Danny's labors are a thing of the past and he now rests in the presence of God!

When I saw the video clip of brother Danny's body being escorted from the hospital it brought tears to my eyes...The casket was draped with the flag of the United States. Danny was a veteran from the Vietnam war...prior to this moment, when he breathed his last breath, Danny was escorted by angels from his hospital room to the Paradise of God in the third heaven. There was no American flag to go with him on this trip...But as brother Danny left this world he had a different flag...Yes, Danny left this world under the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ who gave His life so humanity could truly be free, free from sin!

Our prayers are offered to the God of all comfort. That the comfort and strength of God may bring peace and solace to sister Wendy and her children. Brother Willoughby has finished the race, he finished his course, he kept the faith. The crown of righteousness, eternal life, awaits him.

In closing I address my final words to my friend of many years, brother Willoughby:  
"Danny Willoughby, dear friend, dear brother in Christ, beloved husband and beloved father...we will see you at the next station...New Jerusalem!"

Sincerely,

**Joseph Gutierrez**

