



SGT. HOKE DOROUGH

November 11, 1938 - June 22, 2008



Obituary for Hoke Dwaine Dorough

Hoke Dwaine Dorough, 69, passed away June 22, 2008, in Rockledge, FL, from cancer complications. Born November 11, 1938, in Cordele, GA, he was a long-time resident of Orlando, FL, and moved several years ago to his recent residence in Merritt Island, FL. A loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Hoke loved water activities, fishing and boating, and BBQs with family. A former member of the U.S. Army, Hoke held a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Rollins College. He spent almost 20 years as a police officer of the City of Orlando where he retired as a sergeant. He was also a retired Orange County Code Enforcement Officer. His memberships included Our Saviour's Catholic Church, Cocoa Beach, FL; the Orlando Masonic Lodge; Orlando Police Department Retiree's Association and the Dorough Lupus Foundation and Support Group. He was preceded in death by his daughter Caroline Y. Cochran. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Paula Flores Dorough; daughters Angelia D. Herring of Palm Bay, FL, and Pollyanna Dorough of Orlando, FL; sons John D. Dorough and wife Shayna of Winter Park, FL, and Howard D. Dorough and wife Leigh of Cape Canaveral, FL, and Los Angeles, CA; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Viewing will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 6-8 pm at Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home and Crematory, 101 N. Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL. Funeral services will be Thursday, June 26, 2008, 10:30 am at Our Saviour's Catholic Church, 5301 N. Atlantic Avenue (A1A), Cocoa Beach, FL.

(Ofcs. Chris Newton and Robert Andrews went to Hoke's funeral as Honor Guard. Also, 21 motor officers attended.)

FROM: RICK DE TREVILLE - RICK.DETREVILLE@CNL.COM

Sent: 6/9/2008 10:26:07 AM

Subject: Sgt. Hoke Dorough - Health and Family Update

Hello, thanks so much for your administrative work with the OPD Retirees' Association. I hope you can incorporate some of the below information into your newsletter and/or website. The email below was produced in response to a visit I had this past Saturday with (ret.) Sgt. Hoke Dorough. He's been given two to six weeks to live, and was very insistent that I let his OPD family know how he's doing. Hoke's daughter gave me a 10/28/06 OPD Retirees' Assn. roster, but a number of emails to selected friends have been returned. They include Paul Aiello, Keith Betham, Ed Paden, Richard Mays, and Jim Ray.

Thanks for any assistance you can give.

FROM: RICK DE TREVILLE - RICK.DETREVILLE@CNL.COM

Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:05 AM

Subject: Sgt. Hoke Dorough - Health and Family Update

Our friend Sgt. Hoke Dorough is battling some very serious medical issues. (He was my sergeant when I joined OPD in 1974, and we've remained friends over the years.) After extended hospital stays for the past three months, his chemotherapy and radiation treatment have concluded and he's now resting at his home in Merritt Island, FL. His mind is clear and he's very brave.

What is most meaningful to Hoke right now? He is awed and very grateful for the deep, sincere caring and support that he's received from his wonderful wife Paula, his family and friends. This past Saturday, he spoke of how much he wanted his fellow officers to know that he was very proud of his family. Getting an "update" to his extended OPD family is very important to him. He asked me to share a couple of family items for the OPD Retirees' Newsletter. However, I wanted to write some of you quickly, in case you want to get in touch with him directly.

Hoke especially wants you to know that he is very proud of his children, Johnny, Howard, Angie, and Pollyanna. Johnny lives in Winter Park with a terrific wife and beautiful little daughter. He's got a solid, respected business talent and administers a number of investments in partnership with his brother Howard - "Howie D" of the Backstreet Boys. These include a successful Countryside Suite in Merritt Island and another one in Cordele, GA near Hoke's old hometown, plus several upscale condominium buildings.

Youngest son Howard recently married a caring and beautiful young lady. The Backstreet Boys just returned from concert tours to London (17,000+ in concert) and Japan (over 40,000 fans in stadium). Howard's fellow band members and business manager all voted to postpone their scheduled Africa Tour so Howard could spend this time with his dad. If you know Howard, you are continually awed by his depth of courtesy, kindness and decency.

Angie heads up the family's charitable foundation. It is dedicated to Lupus cure research, in memory of Hoke & Paula's daughter Caroline. Pollyanna is engaged to Patrick, with marriage in the near future! She has a singing career and lives in the family's Orlando home on Eola Drive. (Hoke's Northeast Squad used to drop off reports there while he had dinner with his family.)

"I'd really like some Zellwood corn", Hoke remarked this past Saturday. He talked about boiling it and sharing with friends and family. I pledged to get him a crate. Sorry for the short notice, but if some of you would like to travel over to Merritt Island this Saturday afternoon around 3:00 pm for a "corn boil" and fellowship with Hoke, please let me know ASAP. NOTE: This has not been coordinated with his wife. However, I'd like to determine if there's an interest from OPD friends before I set this in motion.

Hoke loves you all, and especially his police department. He is an inspiration to those around him and you will enjoy talking with him and sharing memories.

Let me know if you (and spouse if you'd like) could visit and share a meal with him in Merritt Island this Saturday afternoon for a couple of hours. Also, please forward this email to friends of Hoke.

Best regards, Rick

CHARLES RAHN - charles@averyprivateeye.com

Sorry to hear about Hoke, I worked with him when he was in communications as a shift sergeant. He is a good man. Charles Rahn

FROM: GILL LINEBERRY - GLINEBERRY@SATX.RR.COM

I talked with Hoke on June 10 and he is very weak and a little difficult to understand. Gill Lineberry

FROM: RICK DE TREVILLE - RICK.DETREVILLE@CNL.COM

Sent: 6/22/2008 5:36:47 PM

Subject: Hoke Dorough passed away Sunday morning 6-22-08

Hello Guy Ann, Hoke Dorough's daughter Angie called this afternoon to report that Hoke passed away at 9:00 am this morning in Brevard County. He was under the care of Hospice.

Early last week several members of his family drove him to his beloved Georgia in a recreation vehicle. However, by Thursday his health had failed so rapidly that they returned and he was admitted to the hospital.

As you know, several of his fellow OPD officers spent Saturday, June 14, with Hoke at his home in Merritt Island. Fred Walsh brought their police academy picture and presented it to him.

The funeral is set for this Thursday, June 26, at the nearby Catholic Church, with viewing and time with family the evening before. I'll let you know when I get the locations and times.

Thank you for your kind coordination of this information.

Best regards, Rick de Treville - Orlando Police Dept. 1974-1984

FROM: RICK DE TREVILLE - RICK.DETREVILLE@CNL.COM

To: Frank Repass and copy to Fred Walsh, Guy Ann Sheffield

Sent: 6/22/2008 6:06:30 PM

Subject: Hoke Dorough passed away Sunday morning, 6-22-08

Hello, Frank, a few minutes ago I emailed the information in the below email on Hoke's passing to Guy Ann. I wanted you to have the information as well.

The funeral is this Thursday morning at 10:30 at Our Saviour's Catholic Church on AIA in Cocoa Beach. Viewing is Weds. from 6-8 pm at Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home, 101 N. Brevard Ave. in Cocoa Beach. Hoke and his family truly appreciated your visit. Thank very much to you, Fred, and Diane for sharing with him. Best regards, Rick de T

A Hoke Story

By Mike Tyson

It was about 1972-73 prior to Church Street Station or MagLites. The point will come. I was fairly new investigator in Youth Section and had the evening shift. A call went out reference an armed robbery of a skuzzy little bar in that block of Church St. just west of the railroad and a patron was chasing the robber down the street with a pool cue.

I just happened to be around the corner and spotted them heading toward me south on Garland. I exited the vehicle and drew down on the robber and he complied with dropping the gun but would not get down on the ground and kept trying to walk away.

While watching him, the patron with the pool cue picked up the gun and it went off. He came very close to getting shot!! But he put it back down. Meantime a couple of patrol units arrived and three or four officers surrounded the robber. Thinking they had him taken care of, I turned my attention to the gun on the ground by the "patron." Next thing I see is the robber taking off back toward the railroad, with 3-4 officers in chase. Well, this all transpired in about 30 seconds.

Hoke had responded to the area and was on foot along the railroad and buildings on south side of Church. I think he was a new sergeant at the time. As this was pre MagLite days, Hoke carried a flash light about three feet long that must have held about a dozen D Cell batteries.

It could burn a hole in someone like a laser beam.

Yep, robber met Hoke at the corner of the building and next thing you know it was raining D cell batteries all over downtown Orlando. Guess the robber accidentally bumped into it with his noggin. This time robber was indeed on the ground. Uniform scooped him up and we helped Hoke gather up the dozen or so batteries that went flying out of his Laser bat, I mean... flash light. Yup those thin metal things just won't take the punishment like a good MagLite but Hoke sacrificed it to get the job done.

I guess he could have still had enough of it left to make a normal three cell but I believe he bought a new mongo torch of some type. Good Man, good officer. The end.

Michael Tyson, Sgt. Retired 1993.

A HOKE DOROUGH STORY

By Bill Lutz

A Hoke Dorough "saved me from great bodily harm or worst" story....In the late 1960's and early 1970's there was a group called the *Ring Eye Gang* that was primarily based in the Carver Court area. About forty years ago, a call was received one night that the gang was looking for trouble and roaming Carver Court armed with bats, sticks, and knives. About 12 officers responded and began to search for the gang in Carver Court walking from East to West.

At that time, I was a rookie patrol officer and while searching for the gang I became separated from the other officers. As the other officers disappeared from view, 14 members of the *Ring Eye Gang* exited an apartment and appeared about 30 yards in front of me and they had realized that I was alone. The gang hated the police and began to close in on me as the leader of the gang, one of the Rawls brothers, made threats on my life as they approached.

Back then, to call for help on the radio meant you had to make it to your car where the radio was safely mounted, and in this case the car was too far. Things looked bleak for me. I began to step back and reach for my revolver, back then we had six rounds in the revolver and 6 non-speed loading rounds on our gun belt, when super hero Hoke Dorough came around the corner of the apartment with his toothy K-9 Dog. Hoke, a Cop's Cop, was visibly upset, his dog was visibly upset also, at the disrespect of the gang leader in threatening an OPD officer and he closed in on the gang with me following his lead. The gang now had the shoe on the other foot and dispersed without comment as they watched their gang leader snatched out of the gang, handcuffed and escorted to jail. I will always be grateful to Hoke Dorough! Bill Lutz, Ret. 1993.

JIM MOORE - jmoore@cfl.rr.com

Here is a picture of myself (Sgt. JA. Moore) that was taken I believe in 1967. Hoke and I were in K-9 at the time and had went to Miami the first meeting and trials for the Florida K-9 Association. We won the team award that is the trophy between us. My dogs name was "Roc" and Hoke's was "Thor"



JIMMY NEAD - Jnead22@aol.com

I remember when I was a rookie and lived in Camilla Gardens off Oak Ridge Road. Hoke lived in Southwood and his brother Tommy lived down the street from me. We all were on the same shift and car pooled to work. We would swing by 20th Street and pick up Charley Petno. We run the wheels off that old Chevy to get to work on time as everyone knew what would happen in those days if you were late.

I always respected and looked up to Hoke as a senior officer and consider him as a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your brother and friend Jimmy Nead.

JUDY GILLETT - kittykatt@cfl.rr.com

Sgt Hoke Dorough was my Sgt in Communications in the late 70's and early 80's. He was wonderful to work for and he had a lot of patience. I want to send my well wishes for Hoke and his family.

Judy Gillett, ret 99

FROM DONNA HOLLERITTER - dhollerer@bellsouth.net

As I told Rick a few weeks ago, I hadn't known Hoke very well, but through the barbecues and luncheons I was able to meet and greet. He seemed like a fine man and from the stories I've heard, a very honorable man. My heart and prayers go out to his family and friends. Be strong and know that he is with our Lord. Donna Holleritter (dhollerer@bellsouth.net) (ret. City/OPD Legal, 2001)

GUY ANN SHEFFIELD - OPDRA@earthlink.net

Like so many of the retirees I've grown to know, I didn't work with Hoke but grew to know him through letters and later with OPDRA luncheons and reunions he like to drive over from Merritt Island to attend. He could have bought computers but didn't seem to like the things, so he got his news via snail mail in black and white. Sometimes I'd wonder if he was receiving them, but just when I'd given up, I'd find out he was reading every one. He'd send me a letter with news every so often to "pay his dues" with updates on him and his loved ones.

He enjoyed keeping up with everyone and when we had luncheons or reunions, he'd try to attend every one he could and bring his wife, Paula. We enjoyed sitting and chatting. He'd keep me informed of all that was going on in his family but wanted to keep it private so I honored his wishes. He seemed a humble and sweet man, very dedicated to those he cared about.

Of course, he did a little bragging but what parent doesn't. He talked about his daughter who had lupus, his other sons and another daughter who sang and of course his son, Howie, but not in a pretentious way... just with pride in his voice. You could tell he was proud of their accomplishments but they could have sung in the church choir and he'd be just as proud.

He was just a super nice man. My heart goes out to the family. I'll miss him, too. I've put in a few pictures I have in my archives.



OTHER TRIBUTES ON THE INTERNET

[AJ shows support for Mr. Dorough during his solo concert](#) [Credits to Reen on LiveDaily](#)

"Just wanted to say that tonight at AJ's concert he asked us to pray for Hoke and in the middle of the concert, we were quiet and some of us prayed included him. It was so emotional somehow... I hope Hoke is doing ok as ok as he can be.

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Yeah he was... he said if we would stay quite for a while it would mean the world to him, the lights went very low and it we all got tears in our eyes was a pretty emotional moment as I already said.

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And I don't know, but before the show he was wearing a purple ribbon and he gave it to Marcus and he said that it was for Howie's dad."

Backstreet Boy Howie Dorough's Father Dies

People Magazine

By Bob Meadows and Kristen Mascia

Originally posted Monday June 23, 2008 04:00 PM EDT

Backstreet Boy Howie Dorough is mourning his father, Hoke, who died in his sleep, PEOPLE has confirmed. He was 69.

Dorough's father, a longtime code enforcement supervisor in Orange County, Fla., had been diagnosed in March with lung and brain cancer. Howie, 34, and his bandmates previously canceled their South Africa concerts so the singer and his wife Leigh, 34, could be with his dad.

"Our family just wants to say thanks for all your prayers for my father, Hoke Dorough. His strong will helped him to fight cancer for the past three months. I was blessed to be able to spend the last month with him and create some memories that I will take with me forever," Howie said in a statement on behalf of his family.

Earlier this year, Howie, in an open letter to fans on Myspace, said his father had grown weaker following radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Still, his father had "been very brave and positive with everything. He is not giving up." In the statement released Monday, Howie added: "This past week my family and I rented a RV and took him to his hometown in Georgia where he had a family and high school reunion of over 50 people. He held on the whole trip and had an amazing time, bringing things back full circle. Unfortunately, within the last few days he took a turn for the worse. He passed away Sunday morning peacefully in his sleep and is no longer suffering.

"Thank you for all the love and support you sent to me and my family during this difficult time. Your kind words and thoughts have been very much appreciated. God bless."

In lieu of flowers, the Dorough family has requested that donations be made in Hoke's name to the Dorough Lupus Foundation, PO Box 110697, Palm Bay, FL 32911. For more info, see: www.doroughlupusfoundation.org.



Howie Dorough Photo by: Goff / INF

FROM: POLLYANNA'S, MYSPACE POST.

We would like to request everyone for prayers for Howie's father, Hoke Dorough. Below is Howie and his sister,

Prayer Chain for our father, Hoke Dorough

As some of you may or may not know, our father was diagnosed with cancer in his lungs and brain at the end of March. In April he went through three weeks of radiation treatment to his brain. Unfortunately the results were very disappointing. The cancer and tumors in his brain have increased. Throughout this time my father has been very brave and positive with everything. He is not giving up and has opted for more radiation treatment to his brain, which is the maximum amount that the brain can tolerate before doing more damage. After he finishes the radiation treatment he has also decided to proceed with the chemotherapy treatment for the cancer in his lungs. There is no cure for his cancer, but hopefully the treatments will contain the cancer from spreading more, which will prolong his life with us. At this time he is physically very weak from the treatments. We believe in miracles and the power of God and I am asking you to pray with me and my family for a miracle for my father, Hoke. God hears us when two or more come together in his name. Thank you in advance for your prayers, love and concern.

Sincerely,

Howie & Pollyanna Dorough



Source:

<http://www.myspace.com/howiedorough>

<http://www.myspace.com/pollyannadorough>

BACKSTREET BOYS - DOROUGH'S DAD DIES

BACKSTREET BOYS star HOWIE DOROUGH is in mourning after his father died in his sleep. Hoke Dorough was diagnosed with lung and brain cancer earlier this year (08). The pop star and his bandmates scrapped shows in South Africa so that Dorough could be with his father. In a statement, the singer says, "Our family just wants to say thanks for all your prayers for my father, Hoke Dorough. His strong will helped him to fight cancer for the past three months. "I was blessed to be able to spend the last month with him and create some memories that I will take with me forever.

"Unfortunately, within the last few days he took a turn for the worse. He passed away Sunday morning peacefully in his sleep and is no longer suffering."

Howie adds that his father spent his final week returning to his native Georgia with his son and family members. Dorough recalls, "My family and I rented a RV and took him to his hometown in Georgia where he had a family and high school reunion of over 50 people.

"He held on (for) the whole trip and had an amazing time, bringing things back full circle."

From: liveDailey Website

To see some other wonderful tributes to Sgt. Hoke Dorough on the internet, go to:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=wQYJFadU4J0>

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=tdxOvVnqsGo&feature=related>

http://youtube.com/watch?v=C_dgg4Y-o40&feature=related

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=2eJQsSfWNXk&feature=related>