

**Danny Smith Glover**



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Suffolk, VA

06.03.1946 - 03.20.2020

As the sun rose on March 20, 2020, Danny Smith Glover left this world peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Born June 3, 1946 in Suffolk, Danny was the loving son of Odom Smith Glover and Myrtle Powell Glover. He was a 1964 graduate of Holland High School where he was a star on the football and baseball fields as well as the basketball court. A highlight of his talent was playing in the annual Pine Bowl, an event that also featured his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 52 years, Sally Sue Smith Glover. Leading the way for Danny as he was growing up and throughout his life was his inseparable older brother, Charles D. Butch Glover. Danny was also blessed to have two sisters, Velna Griffin and Jeane Brown.

After high school Danny embarked on the next chapter of his life which included a combination of hard work and education. He worked his way through Old Dominion University and graduated in 1973, earning a bachelor's degree in business. His time at Old Dominion is remembered by car pool rides with good friends, making dean's list and filling the entire first floor of the KA house with sand for a beach party. Also while a student, Danny enlisted and served his country in the National Guard. During his time in the National Guard he was a qualified sharpshooter and met lifelong friends.

Leaving Suffolk, he and Sally relocated to Richmond where Danny continued his education and began working in the trucking industry. Their time in Richmond resulted in a master's of business administration from University of Richmond as well as two adoring children, Lisa Carol Glover and Charles Ryan Glover. When their time in Richmond came to a close, the family moved back to Suffolk. In 1977, with a single truck and a few trailers, Danny and his brother Butch started two family trucking businesses, GTL Transport Co. and Glover Trailer Leasing. Their dedication and approach of putting others before themselves created the foundation that has allowed both businesses to continue to thrive in the family name. In his 43 years in the industry Danny was respected for his work ethic, honesty and commitment to the trucking community. He served on numerous boards and committees through different organizations including Port of Virginia, Tidewater Motor Truck Association and Virginia Maritime Association.

Danny had many interests and passions. Most notably was his association with International Scouts. He was a founding member and Virginia director of Southern Scouts, an organization created in 1996 dedicated to the preservation of International Harvester vehicles. Among many best-in-show awards and trophies, his crowning achievement was receiving the Ted Ornas award in 2011 for his 1964 Scout 80 model. That award, named after the original designer of the Scout, was presented to Danny by the granddaughter of Ted Ornas at the Scout Nationals competition in Springfield, OH. His 1964 Scout restoration is also featured in the International Scout encyclopedia. He was proud of his many awards, however his greatest joy was fixing Scouts for other family members to own. His love of classics was not limited to Scouts, he had an affection for any good-looking car with a strong motor. He liked being on the water. He helped his father build a boat and he once waterskied the entire span of the Nansemond River from the James River Bridge to Constant's Wharf in downtown Suffolk. He also enjoyed exploring uncharted roads on his Harley-Davidson, restful weekends in the Outer Banks and discovering the next best place to eat. He was a loyal supporter of his alma mater Old Dominion Monarchs and since high school held the utmost respect for his Duke Blue Devils basketball team.

As he moved into the last phase of his life, his greatest pride was undoubtedly his four grandchildren, Henry and Ruby (Charles and Kim), Sarah and Grace (Lisa and Stephen Keith). He was a faithful fixture in the stands at their baseball games, sitting sideline at their basketball games and front and center at their dance performances. He also met two very special individuals during his final days, Jae and Tracey.

All who knew him were better for it. Danny had an infectious smile and a great laugh coupled with a sharp sense of humor. He was the main attraction in any room, could fix anything and gave the best advice. His was truly a life well-lived.

Services will be private. R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Johns Hopkins Interstitial Lung Disease Clinic to support the development of new treatments for pulmonary fibrosis. Condolences may be registered at [RWBakerFh.com](http://RWBakerFh.com).

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## Guestbook

**David White**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
01:51pm

Danny was a dedicated and respected servant to his industry and our port. His leadership will be missed in our community and by me personally. I could always count on Danny to provide practical and insightful advice in friendship and with humor. My deepest sympathies to the family and it is my hope all those close to him will find solace in the fond memories of better times spent with Danny. - David

David White

**WILLIAM BRINKLEY  
[Fred]**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
01:53pm

Danny was a great friend. He was a great supporter of the Bethlehem Ruritan Club. Sally Sue, Lisa, Charles and family cherish the years that you had together. He was really a International Scout and truck enthusiast. I will miss talking to him. Praying for your comfort. Fred and Janet Brinkley

WILLIAM BRINKLEY [Fred]

**Greg Edwards**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
01:57pm

I've worked for The Port of Virginia for 27 years, and Danny, and GTL Transport, have been a part of my career since day one. I cannot count the number of events, conferences and meetings that we attended together. Danny was strong, fair, passionate, committed... He was a GREAT PARTNER. He would tell you the hard truth and then help you find a way to address the challenge you were facing.

Danny Glover leaves a significant legacy. The Port of Virginia, and the Virginia trucking industry, are stronger because of his tireless efforts. I will always remember, and speak of, Danny with admiration and respect.

Greg Edwards

Greg Edwards

**Tommy L. White**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
02:01pm

A friend and gentleman, I am a better person for knowing Danny.

Tommy L. White

**Roger Giesinger**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
02:38pm**

Faye Copeland said , in the 70', I want to introduce to my best friend and a great person. It was Danny. Forty five years later he has been a friend to me and to so many others. Danny was a silent leader in the Port of Virginia but made such a difference in its success. I, with many others, will miss Danny. God Bless and be with his family.

Roger Giesinger

**Tracy Gregorio**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
03:18pm**

I had the privilege of meeting Danny through our association with Virginia Maritime Association. We were assigned to meet with Virginia delegates and senators on Port Day 2019. It was my first time and Danny had represented our community many times. I remember coming home and telling my husband how much I learned from Danny. I learned about the trucking industry and he shared many of the complexities. He was a true southern gentleman that cared deeply for his employees and customers. I'm glad our paths crossed the last 12 months through VMA. He will be greatly missed as an effective leader in our community. My husband and I send our deepest condolences to his family.

Tracy Gregorio

**Ted Lepski**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
03:41pm**

I will greatly miss my dear friend. June and my prayers are with and for the Glover Family. God bless you all.

Ted Lepski

**marguerite frier**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
03:45pm**

Dear Mrs. Glover and Charles,  
I enjoyed reading this brief summary of Danny's life, I admire him so much and considered him a mentor. May your many memories of Danny help to sustain you at this most difficult time. I will always remember Danny fondly and have wonderful memories of many times spent with him supporting the local trucking community. He leaves behind a wonderful family and I know you will all be a great source of comfort to one another.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

marguerite frier

**Brenda and Doug Kincaid**

Sat, 03/21/2020 - 05:10pm

To all the members of the Glover family we send our sincere sympathy. Danny's obituary told the story of his remarkable dedication to his family, friends and his work. We hope your memories of his love and accomplishments will bring you comfort! We have you in our hearts and prayers.

Brenda and Doug Kincaid

**Bennett Moe**

Sat, 03/21/2020 - 05:21pm

It was always a pleasure to see Danny at International truck shows and events. He always had a smile and a kind word to share. The IH community will miss him.

Bennett Moe

**Susan Cesarski**

Sat, 03/21/2020 - 05:35pm

Condolences to the entire Glover family. . Including the GTL family. . My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone. . Joe Cesarski 's Family 🤔

Susan Cesarski

**Frieda Cales**

Sat, 03/21/2020 - 05:43pm

I sit here and think of all the memories you, Sally, and I have. You have loved Danny for so long and I know how difficult it will be for you and the rest of your family. Just know that you are not alone and you are loved. Please get in touch with me if I can help.

Frieda Cales

**Martha Sniw**

Sat, 03/21/2020 - 05:50pm

My thoughts and prayers are with the Glover family. Wonderful memories and the love of friends and family will bring you peace and comfort.

Martha Snow

Martha Sniw

**Larry Mackey**

Sat, 03/21/2020 - 06:22pm

I lived in Virginia. 15 yrs and had the privledge of working for Danny for 8 yrs.He was the best boss I ever had ,just a joy to work at GTL . I was saddened when I got the news up here in Wisconsin.Prayer for the family. Rest easy friend.

Larry Mackey

**Jr Lassiter**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
06:45pm**

I worked with Danny for 38 year it sadden me to get this news Friday.He was a great leader and a great friend ,He will be miss by all that knew him RIP my friend .Prayers for the family.

Jr Lassiter

**Mike Samuels**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
07:07pm**

Many of us in the trucking community cut our teeth with the help of a Glover ....whether it be Butch or Danny. Danny always provided the insight to a clearer path..... Hard and Fair with Integrity is the way I will remember Danny. To his family I can only thank you for sharing him with us all.... he will be missed greatly. We are all better people for knowing him. God Speed Danny.

Mike Samuels

**Lynnette Aydlett  
Willis**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
07:19pm**

My thoughts and prayers of comfort for all of the Glover family.

Lynnette Aydlett Willis

**Chris asbell**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
07:33pm**

Danny was a good person. I'm happy to have had the opportunity to know and work for him occasionally. He will be missed. Prayers to the family.

Chris asbell

**Martha H Anderson**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
08:01pm**

I was glad to read about his amazing life and contributions. Sally Sue was a classmate of mine and I am praying for her and the rest of the family. May God grant you His peace through Jesus Christ.

Martha H Anderson

**Wayne McFatter**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
08:37pm**

Sally, I was shocked and sorry to hear about Danny, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of great loss. I know you will miss him dearly. Please let me know if I can be of any help. Thinking of you, Wayne

Wayne McFatter

**Bruce Shealy**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
08:39pm

The International Harvester collector community lost one of it's greatest ambassadors. Danny was as fine a man as you could meet. He was gracious, kind and thoughtful, if you had Danny as a friend, you really had a great friend. I was proud to call him mine.

Bruce Shealy

**Mike Richardson**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
08:53pm

Danny was a gentleman and very passionate about many things in his life. I always enjoyed talking to him and always had a smile and a handshake that made you feel special and be called a friend. Dixie Regionals won't be same. Godspeed and until we meet again my friend.

Mike Richardson

**Wayne Hopkins**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
08:53pm

It's so very true ..... anyone who knew Danny is better for it ..... all of us in Southern Scouts have lost a great friend and supporter. God rest you my friend.

Wayne Hopkins

**Barry Brooks**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
10:29pm

I have worked at GTL for 22 years. Danny was more than a boss, he was a man of great integrity and had compassion for others. He will be greatly missed by a lot of people including myself. I am grateful to have known him and will always remember him.

We send our sincere sympathy to the entire Glover family, THE BROOKS FAMILY

Barry Brooks

**S.R. Rountree**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
10:49pm

Though it has been many years since I have seen Danny, it seems only yesterday working after normal hours trying to get ready for another run, patching something or fixing something to keep the trucks and trailers going.

He was the best boss one could ever want, always helpful and full of good advice.

Condolences to his family.

S.R. Rountree

**Claire Morris**

Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
10:53pm

I was so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with his family.

Claire Morris

**David W Murphy**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
10:57pm**

We have lost a family member and a Legend in our Industry. Sad times for anyone that's known Danny.

David W Murphy

**Tom Eck**

**Sat, 03/21/2020 -  
11:56pm**

I was saddened to hear of Danny's passing. It was an honor to work with Danny. Danny always lead by example on how to treat people no matter who you were. You'll be missed. RIP Danny. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Tom Eck

**DeAnna Murphh**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
12:34am**

First my boss. Then my friend. I owe where I am today to the Glover brothers. As a single mother, they took me in and taught me all I know about trucking. They brought me in to a place where I was able to make some great relationships, including my truck driving husband and our child. Danny was an amazing, forgiving and wonderful man. Smarts that most can't match. Love that anyone is blessed to have felt. R.I.P. my sweet friend. I love and will miss you.

DeAnna Murphh

**Brenda Stephenson**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
07:48am**

Sally and family, I was saddened to learn of Danny passing. Such a special guy. Many memories of you and Danny. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Brenda Stephenson

**G.S.and Lola  
Cornwell**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
09:43am**

Ms Sally and family, Danny made such a difference in so many lives. I came to GTL in 2005, looking for a stable company to lease my truck to and our first meeting was exactly what I was hoping for.....hence 15 years later, I and my family are still grateful to the man that reached out and gave me the opportunity I needed. Through the years Danny was always there if I needed to talk ,needed advice or just wanted to drop in his office to say hi. Our hearts go out to the family, I will always cherish the last visits I had with him. Gone now to be with our Lord, but never forgotten. Love to the family.

G.S.and Lola Cornwell

**Eason and Martha  
Lilley**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
10:02am**

We first met Danny at the charter meeting for Southern Scouts in 1994. Danny and Sally enjoyed the Scout Community and put up with all of us!! Danny and I would bounce questions and ideas to each other about Scouts. It was truly an honor to know Danny and to be able to call him a friend. Danny you were loved and admired by many and will be missed.

Eason and Martha Lilley

**Beverly Ward  
Yeoman**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
10:07am**

Sally, I was saddened to learn o Danny's passing. It has been a long time since I have seen either of you but remember all of the fun times we shared when we were young adults. i always thought so much of Danny and how kind he was to me all those years ago and even when I would see both you from time to time. What an amazing life he had. You were sweethearts from the time I can remember. My heart goes out to you, Butch and your children and grandchildren. I know how special he was to all of you. With heartfelt sympathy. Love, Beverly

Beverly Ward Yeoman

**Roger Vann**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
11:01am**

Sally, We will be praying for you and your family for your lost. Danny and I played a lot of sports together. I remember those Pine Bowl games as well. I have not kept up in recent years, except when we had multi-class reunions, but he will surely be missed. We hope to see you at the reunion in June.

May God Bless you and your family.

Roger & Patsy

Roger Vann

**Ashley Witt Rice**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
11:28am**

Mr. Glover was such a sweet man with a loving family. Keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers. Praying for peace & comfort during this difficult time ♥.

Ashley Witt Rice

**Eley Vann**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
12:43pm**

My memories of Danny are him graduating high school the year after we moved to Bethlehem Court. He was pretty nice to all the younger neighborhood kids. And I thought it really neat that my neighbor was later marrying my fifth grade music teacher.

Praying for you and your family.

Eley Vann

**Keith Helton**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
02:42pm**

Danny was an honorable man. He gave us such good guidance and leadership during the most difficult times. He was a valuable friend to so many of us. We will greatly miss him. Praying for the Glover family.

Keith Helton

**Beth Polson**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
02:45pm**

A life well-lived! My deepest sympathy to the entire family and to his many friends and business associates.

Beth Polson

**Mike Carr**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
02:51pm**

To Sally and the entire Glover family. Danny took a chance and hired me as a driver in 2003 though I had little experience. He paired me with another driver for awhile then put me in my own truck. If I made mistakes, he explained them to me. If things were going right I didn't see him much but I knew his door was always open. Things really worked out for both of us because I retired from GTL 15 years later. Danny was more than a boss. He was family. That's just the way he treated us. He will be missed.

Mike Carr

**Vicki Carr**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
03:22pm**

Sally, Charles & Lisa (and families), Butch (and family): Wow! How do I tell you how much Danny will be missed? I've been with GTL for 12 years and I feel so fortunate to have known Danny and all of you. I knew right away how much family meant to him whether it was kinfolk or work family. He was so personable with everyone, always able to talk about any subject. I could always hear the excitement in his voice when he spoke of his family, the Scout vehicles and sporting events. I have learned so much about business and accounting practices through his own knowledge and supervision. A very intelligent man and I tried to learn as much as I could. The businesses he and Butch built together have provided a reputable service for the local communities and beyond and a reputable place to work. It's amazing how much he accomplished in his short life. So many memories to cherish.

Vicki Carr

**Rose Carter**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
06:00pm**

Sally, Butch and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss! We will miss his kindness and contagious smile. We hold dear our memories! Praying for all of you, through these difficult days. May God give you peace and comfort. We love you all!

Wayne and Rose

Rose Carter

**SANDRA CHANDLER**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
07:28pm**

Expressions of sympathy are extended to Sally Sue and the family. Chuck and I thoroughly enjoyed sitting with the of you last year at the HHS Class of '64 Reunion and catching up. RIP Danny.

Sandra and Chuck Chandler

SANDRA CHANDLER

**Thomas Taylor**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
07:40pm**

Fresh out of high school.. Danny and Butch.. hired me !!!.. Started out scrubbing tire rims to ending up running the shop... long hours...late nights... best damn days of my life... I TRULY MORN THIS GREAT MAN'S PASSING... I CRY... he treated me like a SON !!!... I'm CRUSHED !!!!

Thomas Taylor

**Dennis and Annette  
Hale**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
08:02pm**

Our prayers and condolences to the Glover family. May God continue to strengthen you in your time of sorrow. Find peace in knowing that God will be with you always. Mr. Glover will be truly missed.

Love

Dennis and Annette Hale

Dennis and Annette Hale

**Greg Casper**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
10:58pm**

My prayers are with the family Danny was a good man very smart and hard working man he will be missed.I bet him and Eddie Winslow are up to something up there.

Greg Casper

**Ricky Lassiter**

**Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
11:08pm**

My CONDOLENCES goes out to GLOVER family and businesses, I had worked with Danny for 20 years.He helped my and me family. I will miss him....

Ricky Lassiter

**Anthony Lassiter**

Sun, 03/22/2020 -  
11:25pm

To the Glover family,businesses and friends, so SORRY for your loss ,I remember when Danny started fixing the Internationals and we were talking ,He said,"I'm looking for some but I can't seem to locate some any at this time ,I said Danny on my way to NC I saw some in people's yards in the woods and you know He had a big ole smile on his face.The next thing I knew he was bringing back on his trailer,and did what He had done and restored it back to the original form...I'm going to miss him....

Anthony Lassiter

**Dwayne Paschall**

Mon, 03/23/2020 -  
05:55am

My prayers go out to the Glover family. Danny was a great friend and will be missed. He was definitely loved and respected by the trucking community in Virginia.

Dwayne Paschall

**Parker Oil & Propane**

Mon, 03/23/2020 -  
08:17am

We are so sorry to hear the loss of a great man. We at Parker Oil & Propane extend our deepest sympathy to you all.

Parker Oil & Propane

**Norfolk Marine  
Terminals, LLC**

Mon, 03/23/2020 -  
08:38am

We at Norfolk Marine Terminals extend our deepest sympathies to the Glover family. Danny was a kind and wonderful man. He will be truly missed. May God's peace be with you all in this difficult time.

Norfolk Marine Terminals, LLC

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