



## Randolph Wilson Burk Jr.

June 7, 1938 - April 9, 2019

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Randy (and his 2 best friends) several years ago. As President of From Roots To Wings, I found out that Randy was living in his truck, along with his father and son dogs, who he loved. He was homeless, but thanks to the owner of Exxon at Isabella and Rt 50, Randy had a place to park, with access to a bathroom. As a Korea war vet, Randy was entitled to benefits and the VA rep had tried to get him into housing, but he was adamant that he would not give up his beautiful Dachshunds, who were family. During the 2+ years I knew Randy, I and our volunteers would bring him hot food, clothing, toiletries, snacks and yes, even dog food and treats. Randy never took anything he didn't need - he said that someone else might need it more than he did. Randy always had some interesting or funny stories, and talked, on occasion, about his wife, who died a few years back. I have always said that there is no valid reason for someone to be homeless in our country. Randy was a homeless veteran, one of the many thousands and thousands who have slipped between the cracks; men and women who served our country and were told that they would be taken care of. Randy's life was filled with hard work, loyalty to his country, love for his wife and for the two beautiful dogs who became his family. Randy has nothing to be ashamed of in having been homeless; the shame is that he was allowed to become homeless in a country where there is such wealth and riches. The shame is with the system that let him down. I will always remember Randy's smiling face, easy conversation and love for his dogs.

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