



Jerry Dillard Rowzie

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He was born in Alexandria, VA, on July 13, 1939, to Dillard H. and Elizabeth M. Rowzie. He was a graduate of Annandale High School and The George Washington University where he earned a BS in Accounting.

Mr. Rowzie was employed 35 years with the Department of Defense. For 30 years he worked at the Defense Logistics Agency at Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA, as a systems analyst on major computer systems. He began his computer career in 1958 at Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company in Washington, DC. There he worked on the company's first computer system, the mammoth IBM mainframe computer. He found the work fascinating, and in 1965 left Acacia to join the Federal Government at DLA, where there were greater challenges to provide supplies for our military troops worldwide. He retired from Defense Information Systems Agency in 2000 then joined Lockheed Martin Corporation in the same career path. He retired in 2005 from Lockheed Martin to wage his valiant battle with terminal lung cancer, which was diagnosed in April, 2004.

Jerry was an avid sports fan who had an unbelievable knowledge of sports trivia. He loved the teams in Washington, DC, especially the Redskins, Senators, and Nationals. Beginning in the 1970's he was very involved in the early development of girls' soccer in the Washington metro area. He coached his daughter Jennifer's Braddock Road Cougars girls travel team for many years which included two national championship appearances.

His passion in life was his family and he was his children's and grandchildren's biggest fan. Most weekends and vacations he could be found on the sidelines of a sporting event or in the audience of a concert. His unique gift of encouragement helped to form a special bond with each of his grandchildren as he shared experiences and participated in their development. He loved to travel and he and his wife visited friends and family even after his cancer diagnosis.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carol Rowzie; four children, Pamela DeBell (John) of Centreville, VA, Nancy Schoonmaker (Renny) of Grand Rapids, MI, Jennifer Kern (Matt) of Weddington, NC, and Jay Rowzie (Cathie) of South Riding, VA. Survivors also include 13



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grandchildren who loved their “Pop” dearly.

Relatives and friends may join us at a graveside service at Lovettsville Union Cemetery, 12930 Lutheran Church Rd., Lovettsville, VA, on Saturday, August 27th at 10:30 am to be followed by a memorial service at 1:00 pm at Cedar Run Community Church, 13560 McLearen Rd., Herndon, VA, 20171.




Events

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Service

 **Saturday**, August 27, 2011


 10:30 AM ET

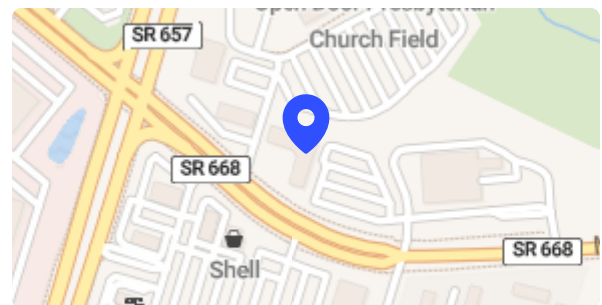
 Graveside

Service

 **Saturday**, August 27, 2011

 1:00 PM ET

 **Cedar Run Community Church**
13560 McLearn Road, Oak Hill VA





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Frank Titus lit a candle in honor of Jerry Dillard.

Jerry, I was just informed that you passed. I thoroughly enjoyed working with you at DLA. RIP, brother Jerry.

July 5 at 4:49 AM



Anonymous posted:

Home run! Great slugging with that asenwr!##imported-begin##Dalton##imported-end##

October 22 at 7:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am deeply saddened to hear about Jerry's passing. I wish all of the family well. I am sorry I could not attend the service. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cindy Johnson (Keys)##imported-end##

September 2 at 6:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

Liela and I were sad to hear of Jerry's passing after his hard fought battle against his illness. Our condolences to Jerry's wonderful family and friends. We met Jerry and his family in the early days of the Washington Area Girls soccer league. Knowing and working with Jerry in youth soccer was a great pleasure and years of fun. Since those early days, we occasionally saw Jerry and Carol on the soccer fields rooting their granddaughter on. We would talk about how those Braddock Road Cougars used to do it. Jerry had an amazingly positive attitude as he fought a hard battle against his illness. Jerry, thanks for being you. It was our privelege to know you. Rest in peace. Andy and Liela Onorato##imported-begin##Andy and Liela Onorato##imported-end##

August 27 at 5:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

Carol Anne, when I think back on the people who have influenced my life, I can't help but think of Jerry. It's an honor to have lived in his world and he is a great example of what it means to be a man - whether as the spiritual leader of your family, loving husband to you, or faithful father and grandfather to the kids. Though I can't be there Saturday, my thoughts will be with you and the Family.##imported-begin##John Adams##imported-end##

August 26 at 8:46 PM



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Anonymous posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you with peace, hope, and comfort during these days.##imported-begin##Scott & Sheila Stewart Family##imported-end##

August 25 at 3:56 AM



Anonymous posted:

Carol and Family:I am so sorry to see Jerry lose his most difficult battle with cancer and know in my heart that he is now watching over us all. I will always remember the fun times with you and Jerry and the kids during outings and holidays ... great fun and lots good family bonding. Also remember our surprise joint birthday party at your house in the garage ... neither of us really ready to admit our ages. Jerry is a timeless reminder that gentleness and a loving manner is what is missing in our world today ... he now is in a better and peaceful place where all is loving and a smile is for eternity. Sparkey also sends his love from doggie heaven. God Bless you Jerry and your whole family. We'll dearly miss you.Jim,Mary & Keys Family##imported-begin##JIm & Mary Keys & Family + Puppies##imported-end##

August 24 at 10:36 AM



Anonymous posted:

Words can never express my sympathy and love for Mr. Rowzie and the entire Rowzie family. I am heartbroken that I can't be with you all on Saturday, but please know my thoughts will be with you the entire day. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Kim Boone##imported-end##

August 24 at 7:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jerry Rowzie was a wonderful, kind and generous man. I am so grateful that I had the privilege of knowing him through his amazing family. What an amazing legacy he has left through his children and grandchildren. I am praying for their comfort, and for Carol's--God is near to the brokenhearted. My love and affection to you all.##imported-begin##Judy Nelson##imported-end##

August 24 at 7:06 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We are praying for your family and that you feel the peace that only the Holy Spirit can give.##imported-begin##Ken & Sherri Meines##imported-end##

August 23 at 12:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Nancy and Family,I am sorry to hear of your loss, but am praising God with you that your father, grandfather and friend is present with our heavenly father.##imported-begin##Colleen Smith##imported-end##

August 23 at 5:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am praying that God would be your close comfort and friend durring this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mark Kotlarczyk##imported-end##

August 23 at 2:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

We send our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Carol and all the family.Jerry was a kind and positive person who made all those he met feel his care and concern for each one. Go Redskins- From a Giants fan.##imported-begin##Fred and Martha Kern##imported-end##

August 22 at 1:23 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry Dillard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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