



Roy Frank Swartz

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Roy Frank Swartz, originally of Fredericksburg, VA and now of Leesburg, VA, passed away suddenly on April 9, 2018 at the age of fifty-one.

Roy was born in Japan to Charles B. Swartz and Kazuko Tamaya Swartz. He graduated from Courtland High School in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington, received a BS in Finance from California State University, Sacramento, and a Masters in Management Information Systems from George Washington University (School of Business). Roy was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of twenty-six years Sharon Turner Swartz, brothers Virgil Swartz of Fairfax, Virginia, Matthew Swartz of Chesapeake, Virginia, sister Rachel Duff of Fredericksburg, Virginia, his father Charles, and numerous nieces, nephews, and young cousins that know him as 'Uncle Roy'. He was preceded in death by his mother who rests in Denver, Colorado.

Roy was active in athletics as a youth, as a member of the all district Babe Ruth baseball team that participated in the 1985 state championship playoffs and earned eight varsity athletic letters at Courtland High School. He was a member of the 1982, 1983, and 1985 State Championship Football Teams there, as well as an All-District Basketball honoree. Roy enjoyed traveling with his wife, spending time with his family and friends, and was an automotive and motorcycle enthusiast.

A celebration of Roy's life and reception for family and friends is planned for 1:30 pm, Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Evergreen Church, 19619 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, Virginia 20175.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the American Heart Association at the link below.

http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR?pxfid=289294&pg=fund&fr_id=1030

Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com



Events

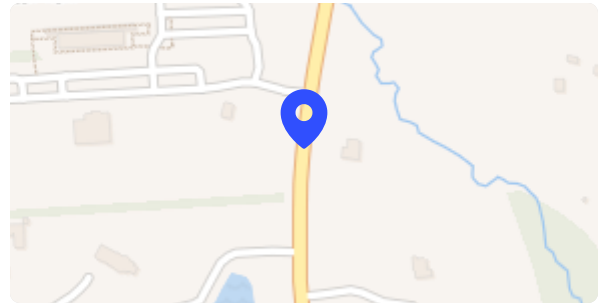
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Service

 **Saturday**, April 21, 2018

 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET

 **Evergreen United Methodist Church**
19615 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg VA





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RB

Rick Beggs posted:

I think I have known Roy only about 13 years, he was always in a good mood, very sorry to hear this

April 24 at 1:26 PM

CF

Charles And Lois Freeland posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Roy Frank Schwartz. May he have eternal peace. We, Bill and Lois Freeland, were neighbors of the Schwartz family for over 13 years in Fredericksburg. Our son, Billy Freeland was a friend of Roy's from about the fifth grade through high school. Bill and I did not get to know Roy as well as one would have thought because we both, like Roy's father, worked in Washington, DC and was off early in the morning and arrive back home many times at dusk. Roy while in high school was quite an athlete and was always practicing. Roy was who he was because he had a strong loving Mother and a wonderful and supportive Father. All the Schwartz children were kind, loving and respectful of all others. God be with you in your love. "In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:4). We will pray for you all to feel the peace that passes all understanding in knowing Roy is safe in the tender arms of our Lord. Love to you all, Bill and Lois Freeland-

April 19 at 3:45 PM

BW

Barbara Wiley posted:

Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of Roy's passing. I hired Roy at MCI sometime around 2003???? I left the organization in 12/2004. Annually around the holidays I would get a lovely email from him wishing my family and I a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. My husband passed away in 12/2012 and this was Roy's note to me: Hello Barbara, Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers... No one can ever put themselves in one's shoes during times like this, because we all handle things differently and situations/circumstances are all different... but, what I can say, is remember the good times and always think positively. I lost my Mom 22 years ago and not a day goes by where I don't remember and thank her for everything that she did for me in my life... she was the most important person in the world to me and still is... and I speak w/ her every day. Much love to you, Rachel and Eric. Time will pass and the hurt will subside and the love and remembrance will always be there until your paths cross again... I hope that 2013 is blessed for you is a good year! V/r Roy Swartz I will miss Roy. He was a kind and a joy to have on my team. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sharon. May your memories bring you laughter and a smile to your face instead of tears. Barbara Wiley

April 17 at 5:04 PM



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GM

Gordon Mclean posted:

Hi, I'm Gordon Mclean. I was lucky enough to have Roy working on my team over the past three years. Every year at Thanksgiving I reflect on the year and look for things that I'm thankful for. On our weekly team meeting at Verizon I would share with the team that I was very thankful for all them. How we support each other, share our knowledge and bond as a team. It was a discussion that Roy seemed to like very much. Shortly after the meeting ended I received this email from Roy. Good morning All, I hope that this email finds you well and that you had a good evening. Wishing everyone all the best this Thanksgiving and holiday weekend! Thank you all for all the things that you do! I am fortunate to work with each and every one of you. Ya'll help me to be the best person that I can be. The 'scope' of our interaction may be limited to mostly 'work', but we spend so much of our time at work...thus, these interactions/experiences inevitably impact who we are...even in our personal lives. The good and bad interactions will come and go...and even if we don't know it at the time, they help to define us as individuals. Thank you all for your support, assistance, criticism, praise, but most importantly – for being a part of my life's journey and the positive impact you have made. I feel blessed to know you and really do believe that I am a better person for having worked with and with knowing all of you. All the best to you and yours and be sure to give thanks and to share the love...and if travelling, please have safe travels.-- V/r Roy SwartznSAP/vSAP Functional IT TeamRoy was a very kind, respectful and caring man. My condolences to Sharon and the Swartz family.

April 16 at 9:32 AM

CN

Christine M Turner Nilsen posted:

I am deeply saddened and so very sorry to hear that my son-in-law Roy has passed and is now in heaven. ..It is heartbreaking to know that my oldest daughter Sharon has lost her "Roy" ..who was her whole world for 26 years! Roy was a special young man and I will always remember how loving he was with Sharon and all of the family, and how his smile would light up a room! ..He had a special place in my heart and I will miss seeing him, and how he called me "Ma" ..and miss knowing that he is not with Sharon.. I would like to send very special heartfelt condolences, love and prayers to Sharon, Roy's entire family and to all of his friends. Roy was an honorable, polite and an honest family member... God Bless You Roy ..May You Rest In Peace .. Love, Hugs and Prayers.. Christine M Turner

April 14 at 12:44 PM

KD

Kim Brown Donaldson posted:

So sad to hear about Roy. My family lived across the street from the Schwartz family on Lincoln Dr in Waverly Village for many years. They were great friends to us. We have very fond memories of Roy and also of the family. Our deepest sympathies to your family. Roy was always extremely kind to me and my family. In Sympathy, Kim(Brown) Donaldson, Savannah, Georgia.

April 14 at 7:41 AM



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Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Swartz family.



April 14 at 4:26 AM



Jill Bevan posted:

I idolized Roy and his basketball playing in high school but remember him most for the depth of his kind heart. Grace to the family in this great loss. Jill Bevan

April 13 at 3:29 PM



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RS

Rodney W Schmisser posted:

Late Sunday night, January 22, 2012, I suffered a 'cardiac event', which for any 49-year old male is a rather significant, life-changing event - a wake-up call, so to speak, where perhaps you first confront your own mortality head-on. When I returned to work, Roy was one of the first people to reach out to me, sharing his story, providing his support, and I remember to this day our talking on the phone like two veterans sharing our own personal war stories....Roy deeply touched the hearts of so many people across Verizon. His emails were almost legendary -- you could be having an absolute bear of day and Roy's email would come across your screen, "Good day, Rod, I hope that this email finds you well and that you are having a nice day..." An eternal glimpse of sunshine boring a hole through your dark cloud... The old adage "you catch more flies with honey than vinegar" was always Roy...I know I never wanted to let him down.Roy shared stories and photos, he sent birthday emails -- he was one of those people who made you proud to work alongside them -- he was the warm human face and spirit within what can be at times a very impersonal corporation. He cared about the people he worked besides every day, in seemingly everything he did. Roy will truly be missed, but his mark on many of us will never be forgotten. We were simply lucky to have been touched by his life...Rodney Schmisser -- colleague, member of the 'VZ heart club", sharer of vacation photos and proud recipient of many, many emails from Roy that always made me smile..

April 13 at 10:55 AM

SN

Steve Nilsen April 19 at 2:56 PM

So sorry for your loss Sharon. Bonnie and I send our condolences to you and all of the family. Steve and Bonnie Nilsen

CT

Cheryl Taggart April 15 at 6:03 AM

I was saddened to hear of Roy's passing and express my deepest sympathy and condolences. Our team at Verizon in Florida worked with Roy on a daily basis. He brought a wealth of knowledge with him, willingly shared it with others and is irreplaceable. We are honored to have worked with him and he will be sadly missed.Cheryl Taggart, Verizon colleague

FS

Frank Sealy April 14 at 5:21 AM

To the family of Roy, a few decades ago I had the pleasure of meeting and the Swartz family and coaching LL football in Spotsylvania County Va. it was a wonderful experience coaching the Boys and meeting the entire Family. My prayers go out for strength and peace in memory of all the joy Royhas given.R.I.P.Roy

RA

Rachel Allen April 13 at 11:38 AM

I could not have said it better. Rod, everything you said about Roy is so spot on. He was so kind and always a shining light. I am saddened and I will truly miss him.Rachel L Allen - also a Verizon colleague



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Anonymous sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Swartz family.



April 12 at 7:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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