



Rodney Gene Custer

June 7, 1937 - March 20, 2021

Rodney (Rod) Gene Custer (83), of Heathsville, VA, passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, March 20th in Leesburg, VA. He is survived by his wife, Sara (Sally) Custer; his children, Christine Parmeter (Paul) and David Custer (Theresa). He is reunited with his son, Stephen Custer (Yvonne) his mother, Mary Custer, his father, David Custer and his brother, David Custer. He is survived by his brother, Jeffrey and his sister, Jackie. Rod is also survived by his ten grandchildren: Caroline, Sarah, Wes, Nick, Kevin, Stephen, Brandy, Cierra, Kenny and Heather, as well as ten great-grandchildren.

Rod was born on June 7, 1937 and grew up in Dunlo, Pennsylvania where he met his wife, Sally. He joined the US Marine Corp in 1955 and spent three years in the Corp. He left to marry Sally on August 19, 1958 and moved shortly thereafter to the Northern Virginia area to work and raise their family. Rod was a printer by trade working for government services. He retired in 1992 and moved to Heathsville, VA. where he and Sally built a beautiful home on the Chesapeake Bay.

Rod loved living on the water. He enjoyed boating, cruising, attending auctions, driving his four-wheeler and watching movies to all hours of the night. He never quite shook off the "night shift" hours he worked for so long. He loved to buy cars at auction and would get a new vanity plate every time his bid won: "My Bid 1, My Bid 2, Last Bid." He absolutely loved ice cream, Mountain Dew, pistachio nuts, crabs and oysters! Bandit was his canine partner in crime for many years living down at the shore. They spent good times together.

Rod liked to say that SO (sew) was what you do with a needle and some thread, and WELL was a hole in the ground that sometimes ran dry. He had a dry sense of humor and a grumpy demeanor, but he was also extremely tenderhearted and that's what everyone loved about him. Whenever asked where he was going, Rod would say, "I'm going to Pittsburgh!" This is just something he said when he wasn't really going anywhere. If you don't see him when you get to Heaven, he's probably in Pittsburgh. Rest in Peace, Dad/Rod.

Please do not send flowers. Instead, consider making a memorial donation in Rodney Custer's honor to the Alzheimer's Association by following this link. https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=47784&mfc_pref=T&47784.donation=form1&32112.donation=&_ga=2.209010962.1868823834.1616442741-1040355909.1616442741

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Loudoun Funeral Chapels - March 23, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ Dear David and Family. We are thankful we met Rod . I am watching the loving service. No one can replace a Father's Love.

Pretending we are there to hug and be with you. Love,Carol & Shorty

Carol /Shorty - March 23, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Such a lovely service. I can only smile when I think of Rod, he always made me laugh. Such a blessing to have Rod and Sally touch my life. Hugs, kisses and prayers to the Custer family. xo xo Arleen

Arleen Meyer - March 24, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ Our sincerest condolences, prayers and thoughts are with Sally, Dave & Theresa and the rest of the Custer Family. We got to know Rod and Sally on their visits to Wisconsin and enjoyed our time being included in Custer family activities. Rod's service was very nice as well. God bless you all. Love Tom & Cheryl.

Tom & Cheryl Thomsen - March 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Sally and family: We just found out about Rods passing. So very sorry !!

We all send our love and prayers and ask that God surround you with his loving arms and give you comfort. Louise Strayer Sinnott and the Strayer family.

Louise Sinnott - March 24, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ I am so thankful I was able to visit with Uncle Rod and Aunt Sally a couple of years ago. One of my favorite memories of Uncle Rod is during Christine’s wedding. A few of us were in the parking lot after the ceremony getting ready to go to the reception. David decided to toss his sport coat in the trunk. Of course once the trunk shut he realized the keys to the car were in the coat. As we all stood there dumbfounded, Uncle Rod pulls a janitor sized key ring full of keys out of his pocket and begins looking for a Ford key. It took a minute or two, but he found one that matched and popped open the trunk. Once again, we were all dumbfounded, this time with big smiles on our faces. Rest In Peace Uncle Rod. You will be dearly missed.

Meribeth DeBarto - March 23, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ Great memories of Thanksgiving family gatherings at Uncle Rod and Aunt Sally’s house. Uncle Rod was a master turkey carver. Deepest sympathy to the Custer family.
Love - Chris, Ashley, Mason & Brinley Bang

Chris Bang - March 23, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ Rod will be missed by many and remembered by all as a caring and giving man. His love of family was always first. He loved the water and was a charter member of the Sunrise Hunt Club on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. If you ever needed a tool or a part, you could just about guarantee he’d have an extra or give you the one he had. He was a great boss and one hell of a friend. Rest In Peace Marine!
—BODA

Bob Simmons - March 23, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ Remembering all the wonderful memories of sweet Uncle Rod. He was always so special. I loved going for boat rides with him. He taught me to water ski and how to carve a turkey. We will miss him, but the memories will stay with us forever. God be with you all at this very sad time. Our hearts are with you.
Love,
Denise and Bill

Denise Smith - March 23, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ To Sally, David, Christine and your entire family. I am a dear friend of Theresa and Dave in WI. I have met Sally and Rod a number of times on their joyous visits here. I am so so sorry for your loss and send my condolences and prayers to your entire family. May God be with you.

Nancy Lewis - March 23, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Love you, Dad. I'm really going to miss you. Thanks for all of your love and support over the years. Thank you for welcoming me into your family and thank you for raising a wonderful son. He's the best husband and father a girl could ask for. He's a "mini-me" of you in countless ways. You will always be present in him. Rest In Peace, dad and give Stephen a hug for us. Until we meet again.



Theresa Custer - March 23, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Sally&fred lit a candle in memory of Rodney Gene Custer



sally&fred - March 23, 2021 at 09:41 AM



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Nancy Lewis - March 23, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ So many memories of Uncle Rod...driving cars, water skiing, boating, carving turkeys, watching ball games and laughing. We love you all. With Deepest Sympathy,
Debbie and Bill

Debbie Bang - March 23, 2021 at 09:24 AM