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Portsmouth — Roger Paul Woodward, Ph.D. of Portsmouth, Virginia, died July 22, 2008 at Maryview Hospital. He was the son of the late Evelyn Eberwine Woodward and Paul DeYoe Woodward of Suffolk, Virginia.

He was a valedictorian of the 1961 graduating class of Granby High School. He earned a BSEE 1965, MSEE 1968 and PhD 1973 from Georgia Tech. Dr. Woodward was a member of several honor societies including Tau Beta Pi, Kappa Phi and Eta Kappa Nu. He was Eta Kappa Nu's outstanding student of the graduating class of 1965.

After graduation, he co-founded GW Electronics in Atlanta, an electron microscope accessories manufacturer. In 1977 the family moved to San Francisco where he founded Woodward Design, which did contract design and rapid prototype development for venture start-up corporations. In 1996 Dr. and Mrs. Woodward returned to the Tidewater area, settling in Portsmouth and establishing First Ten Angstroms where he was a designer and inventor of surface science instrumentation.

Dr. Woodward was awarded several patents and was the recipient of Research and Development Magazine's award for one of the 100 most technologically significant products of 1992.

Roger's hobby was boating and he loved cats.

He is survived by Patricia Bucher Woodward, his wife of 45 years, a daughter, Angela Woodward of Vancouver, WA; a son, Paul Vernon Woodward of Fremont, CA; a sister, Suzanne Woodward Stephenson and her husband, Jack, of Suffolk, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202. Online condolences may be made at www.lovingfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ I haven't seen Roger since 1962, but I remember him fondly building a fort in his backyard. I had the pleasure of meeting the lady he married. His sister Suzanne was a good friend. I moved to Ohio and I never saw either of them again. Rest in peace, Roger.

Kinter D. Bernard, Jr - January 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Patsy,

This morning, my waking thoughts landed fifty years ago in the married students apartments at Tech, and once my feet hit the floor, the first thing I did was an Internet search for Roger Woodward. I come far too late to offer you any real comfort, but I will still write this in the hope that you see it. I very fondly recall working on our cars with Roger in the parking lot near our efficiencies, our Panama City Beach trip during my summer work quarter, your awe over our infant son, and Roger's graduation when I still had another year at Tech. After your visit to Melbourne, FL where I was working in the early 70s...time and distance simply took their toll on our friendship. I am so very sorry to learn of Roger's passing so long after the fact. He was an inspiring colleague who made hard things at Tech seem simple, always offering graciously a generous explanation. I am proud to have known him and very sorry we lost contact. I extend my sincerest heartfelt condolences.

Ed Spike Guilbeau - December 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so saddened to learn of Dr. Woodward's passing - now almost four years later. I met him at a TAPPI Coatings conference, and subsequently facilitated the purchase of a FTA200 instrument at International Paper back in 1996-97.

Robert D. Solimeno, PhD - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences for Roger and Vern and to their families. They were both friendly "competitors" and I enjoyed their spirit of enjoying their work.

Best regards,

Greg Wills
KSV Instruments

Greg Wills - October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ The following remarks were made at Dad's Irish Wake:

As you know, Dad was smart & hard working. My tongue-in-cheek joke is that Paul got the smart and I got the hard working. Dad was also very idealistic. He tried to do the right thing no matter what his situation was. That idealism informed his life philosophies that he tried to instill in me through his parenting.

He gave me the Opportunity & Responsibility to make the choices that affected my life. Because, as he would say, I was the one who would have to live with the consequences.

As a guideline in making those choices he taught me that money does not equal happiness and therefore shouldn't be given much weight. He said the only things worth going in debt for are: an Education, a House, and a Business. Conspicuously absent from the list is a Boat.

He passed on a love of learning & teaching. He expected me to apply myself to problems, and, by example, taught me the joy that comes from solving problems.

Most importantly he taught me how to treat people: Always with Respect.

When Dad passed away, Mom said: "No one prepares you for this."

In my case, I beg to differ. Dad, and the life philosophies that he lovingly passed on to me, Prepared me for Everything "including this."

I am really happy with my life and I never would have gotten to where I am today without Dad teaching me to listen to my own inner voice while making My way through My very own, Very Precious LIFE!

So standing here today, I just want to say THANK YOU DAD! & CHEERS !!!

Angela aka Favorite Daughter - November 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the honor of working with Dr. Woodward actively in the last year or so and I thoroughly enjoyed the sheer professionalism, exuberance and elaborateness he brought to the complex world of surface science of materials. His knowledge of the theory and practice of CA analysis was nonpareil and it was a true pleasure working with him. He will be sorely missed! Our wishes go out to his family and we hope his soul rests in peace.

Sumeet Bhargava - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Patsy,

I was stunned to see notice of Roger's death in the Tech Topics today. Roger was a great friend at Tech and helped me in so many ways. I remember when you all were married and the great times we had together. I am so sorry that I did not keep up with you all over the years but my flying in the Air Force and time in Viet Nam unfortunately caused a loss of communication. However, I have thought of you all often over the years with great fondness and wonderful memories. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please give my condolences to Suzanne. Roger was a great person and one of the smartest I have ever known, he helped me make it through Tech. I hope you remember me I have gone by Roy since the service.

Roy Bernerd Burnette

Roy Bernerd Burnette - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Patricia,

I was so saddened to read of Roger's passing in "Tech Topics" today. We were both in the Tech EE Department. I worked for Roger in the Engineering Experiment Station the summer of 68 when I first started graduate school. He taught me a lot and I admired him as a brilliant engineer as well as a wonderful person. I will always remember when we called Dr. Shockley at Bell Labs to talk about transistor noise which we were studying. Dr. Shockley had received the Nobel Prize for Physics and Roger really did a fine job of addressing the issues with the great scientist. I was in awe to be slightly in the discussion. I went on to work with Bell Labs in NJ after a PhD in 1971. I will always remember Roger and wish I had been able to see him in CA. I am not surprized to hear of his many accomplismente, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the times ahead.

With great regards,

Bob Brown

Bob Brown - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello,

I am sorry for your loss. I did not know Roger and just now found the web site for his company 1st 10 A. I have looked at many such web pages for the type of instruments he made. I was immediately struck by the pure genius and elegance of his designs and catalogue. He was a very intelligent and insightful person whom will be missed.

With condolences,

Greg

Greg Schueneman - August 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Roger all of my life, as an uncle, and later as an employer - though I would call him more of a mentor. He had a quick laugh, and very positive yet practical outlook on life. I am glad to have known him, and worked with him, and will miss him sorely.

Matthew Bucher - August 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Still can't beleive he is gone. In the next life he is no doubt getting ready for a big boating adventure - perhaps up the Cheasapeake Bay. We will have fun when we get to catch up

Dennis J. Bucher - August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Patricia and family: I worked with Roger in several project at Pulse Electronics, Inc. I remember Roger as a very gentle and kind human being. I shall miss him. My condolences.
Angel P. Bezos

Angel P. Bezos - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger was the perfect role model. It amazes me that I had so precious little time to know him and yet he made such a huge, positive impact on my life. An icon in his industry but he never had an air about him that would hint to his stature. I'll forever miss his amusing stories, his keen insight and his generosity in sharing his abundant wisdom. Wherever he is now, I know he's engineering a way to make the place better!

George Brumm - August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Patricia and family,

Mary Ann and I were saddened to hear of Roger's death from Vernon. We will keep you in our prayers, and hope to join you for the memorial service.

Jack Eure

Jack Eure - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ our thoughts are with you, roger made a lasting impreshion on all of us here at newells boat works, he will always be apart of us

mitch newell - July 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers...it was sad to lose Roger and Jim so close together. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mark & Deb Burke - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of your great loss. Though I only met Roger twice, Suzanne & I were great friends & he was always kind & patient with two silly high school girls. My heartfelt condolences to your family.

Roberta Kerns - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Deepest sympathy from all of us in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Georgia Tech. As an Eta Kappa Nu outstanding senior in 1965, Dr. Woodward's name graces a plaque in The ECE headquarters on campus, the Blake Ragsdale Van Leer Building.

Georgia Tech School of ECE - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We are both very sorry to hear of Roger's loss. We had a great visit with him and you Pat when we visited you folks in California in the 90's. I had hoped that you would have visited us by coming up to Canada in your boat. I had sent Rogers some info re that. Julie and I will be in Lancastee Sept. 1st at Nancy's. Any chance of you visiting at that time? Would love to see you again.

Julia & Earl Bolton - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



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Rennie Richardson - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ The oklahoma, colorado and california buchers remember Roger fondly and will miss him...

Richard Bucher Family - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger has been a wonderful neighbor to me and my wife. I'll miss his charm, his good nature and his scientific schemes to keep the floodwaters from our properties. My condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Matthew Roy - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger and Pat Woodward have been friends of my parents since I was born..then Roger et al moved to SF....we used to stay with them on vacations that was way cool when visiting with my Dad, Dr.WT Mayo...I had the honor of working as a receptionist for Woodward Design before starting at UCSB....I fell in love with SF and moved here to finish my BA,TC, and MA...Roger was a funny guy and always seemed to be intelligently caring to his workers and family. Blessings and Love to the Woodwards!

Sharon Mayo - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ great guy --never a dull comment from him-responsive and listening-solid-tolerant

annah/parker - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger was one of the best people I have known. He knew the world was full of wickedness, but always found something to laugh and joke about. He never complained, but was always happy to explain. He loved life and shared his joy freely. I loved him and I miss him.

Ed Klingman

Ed Klingman - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger and I shared something in common...married to two wonderful sisters, Patricia and Julia.
His southern charm and calm approach to life was wonderful to experience.

William Barlow - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger was my best and longest male friend and at times work partner and even my boss for a while. I loved him dearly, and was so happy to see him looking so good last December when he was out here having fun and business - we had a great lunch and a great talk...I have been shocked to hear that he is gone...but he definitely lives on in my memories.

Will Mayo

Will Mayo - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Patricia, Angela and Paul. I grew up with Angela and my memories of Roger are of a smiling happy man doing what he loved. The world is much smaller without him in it. Big hugs to all of you.
Love, Kathleen & Bert

Kathleen Burke Jensen - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger was my best & only brother in law. I met him in 1961 so I reminded him that I was almost his sister. We went thru many situations together & were always honest with each other. I appreciate those memories and his many kindnesses. Most of all, he took my Dad out on his boat for my father's Last Boat Trip and it was a Great Day for all of us up on the Sassafra. I will miss him.

Julia Bucher - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Farewell to a good friend and colleague of 20 years.

My sincere condolences to family and members of FTA.

Erwin Vogler - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ It is very sad to hear about Dr. Woodward.
I would like his family to know that Dr.Woodward was a significant positive figure in my doctoral degree my graduate study was based entirely on techniques and instrumentation he had designed. Being a foreign student from India, I sincerely value his efforts and will always remember him. With the very best wishes to his family - Anandi

Anandi Krishnan - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your great loss. I will be praying for all of you. Good Luck with everything the future has to offer. Buddy Martin

Floyd.M. Martin,Jr. - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ While I know there's not much I can say which will ease your loss, please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Dr. Woodward was a great colleague. Moreover he was a great friend, who helped guide both my academic study and personal development.

He's already sorely missed.

Paul Cha - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ A wonderful friend and mentor from our days together in California. His energy, wisdom and humor will be deeply missed.

Bill and Portia Owens - July 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM