



## Joseph William Rotz

June 29, 2011

Joseph William Rotz Joe, 67, peacefully joined his Lord and Savior June 29th at his home. Born in Newport News, VA, he was the son of the late Joseph and Clara Mae Rotz of Wichita Falls, TX. He considered himself to be the most blessed man to have had the privilege of sharing the last 33 years with the love of his life, the former Natalya Hall.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Natalya; two daughters, Jennifer Rotz Jeff of Prospect Harbor, Maine, Kathryn Burnett Rob of Franklin, Maine; stepson, Stephen Guercio Laurie; stepdaughter, Suzanne Lewis Stacy; 7 grandchildren and his sister, Jackie Baker Jack of Benton, Kansas; four sisters-in-law and their families, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Joe retired from the US Navy in 1985 after 22 years, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam and as a search and rescue diver during the Grenada invasion in 1983. He also retired from the Communications Dept. Radio Shop of the City of Portsmouth in 2009. He was a member of Sweethaven Baptist Church, and the Fellowship Bible Class, whose many prayers carried him through some difficult days. He was a former member of Bethany Baptist Church in Portsmouth. The family would like to thank the staff of Stark Oncology and the MediHome Hospice for their compassionate care during his illness. Additionally, much gratitude to the morning coffee group at Dunkin Donuts on Western Branch Blvd for their friendship and support in his last months.

Funeral service will be Saturday 11 am at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens Chapel by Pastor Cary Borkert. Visitation will be Friday from 6-7pm in Loving Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry for your loss. My prayers for you during this very sad time... I will include you in my prayers all through these coming years. May you find strength in your faith that someday you will be reunited with Mr. Rotz.  
Please take care of yourself...##imported-begin##Angelita Carino##imported-end##

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July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Natalya,  
  
From the Sykes family, I am so sorry to hear this. I just got back to work today and I forwarded the info to Nancy. Please give our love to all of your family from mine. Take care.##imported-begin##Paula Abbott##imported-end##

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July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. How wonderful that you had 33 years together. Much love,  
Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Sykes Vadersen##imported-end##

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July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Natalya,  
  
My deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May warm memories flood you with sunshine.##imported-begin##Carman Goben##imported-end##

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July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My dear friend Natalya, Joe was a wonderful person for the few times that I met him. I recalled one memory, when we were returning from a TDY trip and Joe met you at the airport with flowers. I was thinking, that is a wonderful man who loves his wife. Since, I had no one meeting me at the airport with flowers LOL.. You and Joe were truly blessed with a lot of years of marriage. These days, marriages and love doesn't last, but you and Joe did. My prayers will always be with you. Love, Yvette###imported-begin###Yvette Jefferson###imported-end##

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July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm very sorry. Know that I have you in my prayers. Love you dear friend.###imported-begin###Cinda L. Pack###imported-end##

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June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to see you are no longer amongst us Joe. This is a sad day for us all. I will always remember the lunches we shared with Eugene and Dave in the radio shop. May you be in peace. J.J.###imported-begin###Joanne Fury###imported-end##

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“ Natalie - my heart goes out to you and your family. Have peace and take care of yourselves.###imported-begin###Terri Ellrich###imported-end##

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“ *Natalya, Thinking of you in this time of Great loss. Joe was a Great Guy ,He had to be to put up with our Family for so long . Sorry I can't be there ,but I love you guys and I will see you when I come back home to visit. Love Todd and Ty.##imported-begin##Todd N. Ferguson##imported-end##*

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