



George William Runyon

January 16, 2016

Obituary of George Runyon

George William "Toby" Runyon, 74, died peacefully at The Villages Regional Hospital, The Villages, FL on Saturday, 16 January 2016 after a struggle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Toby was born 17 December 1941 in Monaville, Logan County, West Virginia.

He enjoyed life to the fullest and especially The Villages where he was an avid golfer. He was active in various military groups and an active member of North Lake Presbyterian Church.

He attended Marshal University and The University of Maryland where he earned his Masters Degree in International Studies.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army for 25 years earning the rank of LTC. He served 2 tours in Viet Nam and 2 assignments in Heidelberg, Germany then returning to Washington, DC where his last assignment for 5 years was on staff at The National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, DC. After his retirement he worked for Titan & L3 in Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD in the field of military robotics for the battlefield.

He was united in marriage to Martha Janet "Jan" Edwards on 8 October 1972 in Chester, South Carolina, who was the love of his life for 43 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Floyd and Elizabeth Wooten Runyon of Monaville, West Virginia and 2 brothers James S. Runyon of The Villages, FL and Donald R. Runyon of Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Toby is survived by a brother, Ivan Lee (Rissie) Runyon of Logan, WV and sister-in-laws Pamela Runyon of The Villages, Shirley Runyon of Lewisburg, WV and Mary E. Farrell (Richard) of Charlotte, NC. Nieces Victoria and Heather Runyon of Logan, WV, Jennifer Runyon and Amy Runyon Meadows of Lewisburg, WV, Alex F. Wadsworth of Raleigh, NC; and nephews Vincent Runyon of Naples, FL, Brent Runyon of San Jose, CA, Dwayne Runyon of Logan, WV and Andrew Farrell of New York, NY.

There will be a Celebration of Life service at North Lake Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics of Logan County West Virginia, P.O. Box 1348, Logan, West Virginia 25601.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

Tribute Wall

TR

“ There is not much one can say at a time like this...is never enough time with the ones we love. Although, time is very kind in making the sadness easier to overcome. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Tom & Blanca Riley - February 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Jan, our sincerest condolences, you are in our thoughts and prayers. from Chris (Honor Flight)

Chris Trainque - February 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am deeply sadden on the loss of Toby. Toby was a great person who I enjoyed chatting with on my visits to your house. May your fond memories of Toby help you with this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joyce Cover###GESTURE###

Joyce Cover - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

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Joyce Cover

Joyce Cover - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

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Joyce Cover - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Jan: You may not remember me,as you've lived away from Toby's family for many years, but I am his 1st cousin. Butch used to call me Popeye, if you ever heard him refer to me that way. I was so sad & shocked to hear of Tob's death. I know though you have memories & the hope of seeing him again in Heaven someday & that alone will be a great comfort to you. My Mother, Joann Bumgarner, & my family extend our deepest sympathy & prayers your way, as well as the remaining family.

Diana (Bumgarner) Browning - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Jan - Remembering the life of someone so special, there are just no words. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Gary and Cinda

Gary and Cinda French - January 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Jan, We would like to add our condolences with the loss of your dear husband. As you had prepared to go to Freedom Point for a new phase in both your lives, his passing away will be felt even more. Anke and I wish you a lot of strength in the coming period to deal with his loss. With warm regards, Anke and Anton

Anke and Anton Brok - January 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ It was good having Toby as a friend. Heartfelt prayers are with you.

Dee Adams - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dear Jan. All of us at Honor Flight are thinking about you and pray that God will grant you strength and guidance. In friendship, Penney

Penney White - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Jan, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss our traveling buddy. Our home is yours. Love, Patti and Greg

Patti and Greg Merimee - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jan, Arlene & I would like to pass on our Condolences to You. Jan, if for any reason you should need assistance or simply a shoulder to lean on, please feel free to contact us! God's Blessings to You, Jim & Arlene Meyer

Jim & Arlene Meyer - January 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FI

“ Jan, My prayers & deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. Fran Into

Fran Into - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Jan, words may not sufficiently express the sorrow we feel at the loss of Toby. He was a man who inspired us by his genuine love and care for you and his family, a true leader indeed. We will sadly miss him and our prayers are with you at this painful time. Love and Blessings, Guri and Wayne

Guri and Wayne Glass - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ . Toby was a boyhood neighbor, classmate, friend, and later in life a fellow veteran who will be dearly missed. I have fond memories playing basketball using his garage as a backstop in Monaville, WV and participating in other sports from "little league" thru high school in Logan, WV. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Ron Taylor - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Toby will be deeply missed by our entire Bible Study group. We feel blessed to have known him for such a long time, and we feel a profound sorrow that he is no longer physically in our midst. But we take joy in the fact that he is our "brother in Christ" and our Lord promises that one day we shall see him again.

Dorie Carnahan - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Toby was always dear to me in my heart. One of my favorite classmates. We had a lot of fun in school. Rest in peace dear friend.

Carol Scalf Ferrell - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Jan & Family Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. George was a true American Hero and the freedom and liberty we enjoy today is due to his courage and dedication to Duty, God, and Country. How privileged we all are to have known him. Although he is no longer with you, he will remain in your hearts until you meet again. John 3:16

Gary Kadow - Villages Honor Flight - January 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ George William Runyon

January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Jan, my heart goes out to you in the loss of your dear Toby. Please know that I am praying for you to have the strength to get through these hard times. You are loved! Hugs. Debbie Diroff (your Honor Flight Family).

Debbie Diroff - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Jan, Thinking of you and sending prayers and hugs your way. I am so sorry for the loss of your dear Toby.

Debbie Diroff - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ What an amazing career! Service to his country was a huge part of his life and we say thank you to both of you. You were the love of his life. We will always be here for you. Sandi and Jerry

Jerry and Sandi Garkey - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *My memories will Last forever. Our trips and songs that we shared will always be in my heart. I know you will love this final trip to heaven. Your friend always. Fred.*

Fred Colvard - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM