



# Donald L. Rose

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**D**onald L. Rose, age 78, of Bridgeville, DE, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 11, 2013 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 26, 1934 in Bridgeville, son of the late Jessie James and Florence (Stewart) Rose.

Mr. Rose spent his life dedicated to family and work. He was employed by T.S. Smith & Sons for 55 years; he started working in 1957 and worked as a mechanic up until he could no longer get out of bed due to his illness. Mr. Rose served his country with the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1956 during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Rose was a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA), Moose Lodge #1728, VFW Virgil Wilson Post #4961 and American Legion Nanticoke Post #6. His interests included stock car racing in his younger days, NASCAR racing, and attending auctions. He loved deer hunting which he discovered in 1957; he never missed a season until 2012. His favorite pastime of all was spending time with his family; he loved making people laugh as he loved to see people smile. He never had a bad day himself so he took pleasure in brightening everyone's day. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and uncle.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Geraldine (Hastings) Rose; his step-son Ricky Absher of Laurel, DE; three step-daughters: Vicky Hollis of Bridgeville, Darlene Dahling of Bridgeville and Wanda Baker of Harrington, DE; seven granddaughters: Angela Heck, Niki Russell, Danielle Hollis, Amanda Hollis, Lori Beth James all of Seaford, DE, Valerie Showell of Beaufort, SC, and Deanna Baker of Lincoln, DE; five grandsons: Jonathan Absher of Seaford, Joshua Dahling of Bridgeville, Gregory Baker of Greenwood, DE, Brandon Baker and R.J. Baker both of Harrington, DE; eight great-grandchildren; his nephew and great-nephew Alton Rose, Jr. and James Rose, both of Bridgeville; his niece and great-niece Jackie Rose and Rhonda Franz both of Hurlock, MD; and several other nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, January 18, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE. Friends may visit with the



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family at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment with military honors will follow the service at Bridgeville Cemetery, Bridgeville, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the NRA, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 or to American Legion Nanticoke Post #6, 601 Bridgeville Highway, Seaford, DE 19973.

Please sign Mr. Rose's online guestbook at this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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LJ

**Lori James** posted:

Poppop, It has been some days now since you have passed. I want you to know mommum is ok. Your baby (Graysen Edward Lee James, the Lee is for you of course) is coming soon, I know how much you loved seeing that growing belly. You would have loved your gun salute. I am so proud to be able to carry on your honor with my military service. Such a great man you were and I will always be proud to be your grand daughter. Love you poppop. see you again!

January 28 at 8:00 PM

DA

**Darlene** posted:

Donald you were a great man never complaining not once through this whole ordeal. So very courageous you were in fighting this battle. You were a very kind hearted man with the biggest smile. I will forever have you in my heart and I want you to know mom will be taken care of just as she was when you were here. You were a awesome husband and provider to her and for that I am grateful. Love you forever!!!

January 16 at 8:00 PM

DB

**Deanna Baker** posted:

You will always be thought of as a great man who always had a smile and was good to everyone you met. Sorry I didnt have alot of time with you in my adult years and I will truely miss you.

January 15 at 8:00 PM

RD

**Rev. Doug** posted:

To Donald's family: May the peace of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be yours as you reflect on Donald's passing.

January 14 at 8:00 PM

RF

**Rhonda Timms Franz** posted:

When I was little you would pick me up so high, you were my superman who could fly. You always give me a hug and kiss, this i will forever miss. I am glad you loved me, for I love you too, I thank god for an uncle like you.

January 13 at 8:00 PM



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HM

**H.T. Miller** posted:

Donald, even though I haven't known you long I already knew that you were a great man with a big heart. I told Wanda several times I wished I knew you sooner to hear more hunting stories and share some laughs..you're in good hands now my friend..love you

January 13 at 8:00 PM

GB

**Gregory L. Baker Jr.** posted:

Poppop I miss you already . I really wish we got to spend more time together. You are a great man and a great role model in my eyes. If only more men were like you, the world would be a better place. I love you very much and you will always be in my heart!

January 13 at 8:00 PM

WB

**Wanda Baker** posted:

Donald, you will forever be in my heart. You were the best dad. You always looked out for me. Im going to miss your smile and your laughter.

January 13 at 8:00 PM

GM

**Gene, Summer, Devynn, Dylan, Danyell Melvin** posted:

Wawa, we are sorry for you and your family's loss.

January 13 at 8:00 PM



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