



Loranza Rooker

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In Loving Memory Loranza Rooker

Sunrise October 18, 1936 to Sunset April 9, 2016

Loranza Rooker was born in Columbus, Ohio on October 18, 1936 to Jerry and Mattie Anne Rooker. His parents passed away at an early age and he was raised by his loving grandmother Fannie. He was the oldest of 4 siblings. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio and graduated from St. Charles High School and Ohio State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. He loved football and loved to brag about the Buckeyes. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Hawaii. He married the love of his life, Janis Rooker and their love was a true love story as all who knew them watched it unfold in front of their eyes. The two had a deep love and respect for one another. Mr. Rooker was employed at Western Electric and retired from Alcatel Lucent after 30 years as Director of Telecommunications Technologies. He and his wife travelled the world and his favorite travel destination was Marina Del Rey, California because he loved the ocean. He and his wife retired in Lewes, DE to be near the beach.

Loranza had a passion for life and shared his wisdom with all that he encountered. He was charismatic, and a true leader and visionary. He loved spending time with his children and family. He was a jazz buff and his favorite artists were Miles Davis, Billie Holiday, John Coltrane and Sara Vaughn. He even infused his love and knowledge of jazz into his family and friends. His favorite hobbies were photography, cooking, watching westerns, wine tasting, sipping Single Barrel Jack Daniels, gardening, painting, creating wood sculptures, and discussing world events. He made the best broccoli soup and had an infectious laugh. His favorite saying was "It is what it is make the best of it!"

He received many awards in his professional career and was the leader and organizer for the National Alliance of Business Persons for 8 years traveling around the country recruiting



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promising young professionals acting as liaison for the business sector and potential hirees. While in the Army he received The Good Conduct Medal and was cited as an Expert Marksman and Sharpshooter.

He was a member of the Sussex County Parkinson's Education and Support Group.

On April 9, 2016, after a 9 year battle with Parkinson Disease, Loranza passed away at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, Delaware in the early morning hours surrounded by his loving wife, children and sisters-in-law. He was 79 year of age. The day before he departed this life, his wife, Janis, looked out the window while sitting with Loranza to see a beautiful rainbow and said "look at what my baby sent me".

Loranza Rooker is survived by his loving wife, Janis Rooker, and children: Brent, (Wendy) of Columbia, MD, Brant Lamont of Washington, DC, Eric, of Seattle, WA and Kelly Daniels (Peter), of Reisterstown, MD; Grandchildren Bryce, Giselle, Skylar, Brant Jr. Maliyah, Dominic, Dimitri and Tyisha. Other loved ones include brother Herman Rooker, sisters-in-law: Carolyn Vaughan, Elvie Younger and Francine Taylor as well as brothers-in-law: H. Stanton Taylor, James Larry Vaughan, John Younger and Guy Lucas.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jerry and Mattie Anne Rooker, Grandmother Fannie, and Sisters Theodosha Walker and Loretta. He also leaves to cherish a host of nieces, nephews and close family friends who loved him dearly and will always miss him.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 16961 Kings Hwy. Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 1:00 PM.

Donations in his honor may be made to the Sussex County Parkinson's Education and Support Group, P.O. Box 56, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Mr. Rooker's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, DE.

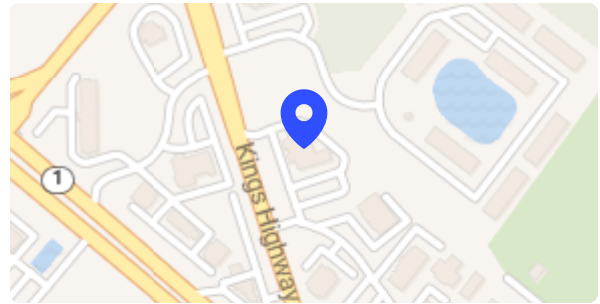


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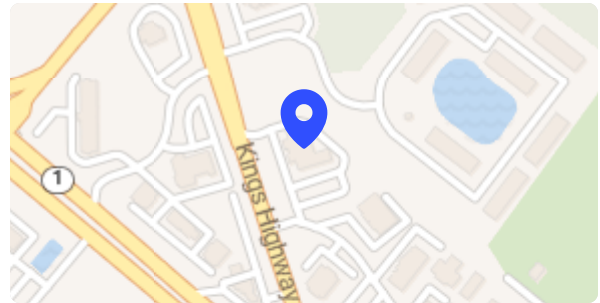
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, April 30, 2016
- 🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- 📍 **Atkins-Lodge Chapel - Lewes**
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 2 at 4:52 AM



Zachary Cross posted:

Uncle Lo was a great man. He has left a big influence on my soul and mind. I am happy to have had him in my life. Zachary Cross

April 30 at 10:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Rooker family.



April 29 at 2:46 PM



Anonymous sent a Secret Garden Basket to the Rooker family.



April 29 at 2:20 PM



Tonya Hudson lit a candle in honor of Loranza.

I cared for Lo for many months leading up to his last few days. He was always a happy, energetic man who put a smile on my face even at my worst times. I was so blessed to be a part of his life and his family's. Though he was a man of few words to me he always spoke his mind. He was such a huge part in his family's life and its sad to see he is gone. But he will live on in the many lives he has touched including me.
~Tonya Hudson



April 27 at 12:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Rooker family.



April 27 at 4:36 AM



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Rooker family.



April 27 at 4:16 AM



Richard Mcfaul posted:

I worked with both with and for Lo Rooker. He was smart, energenic, fair, decisive, passionate, and compassionate. And sometimes fun. He was a pioneer in many respects and a great role model. I always admired and trusted him. Richard McFaul

April 26 at 7:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Rooker family.



April 26 at 6:51 AM



Allison Funds lit a candle in honor of Loranza.

I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Rooker's passing. I worked in a doctors office and became attached to him and his wife. Their love inspired me and always had kind words. Mrs. Rooker you have the best angel now! Allison Funds



April 21 at 3:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rooker family.



April 18 at 6:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Rooker family.



April 18 at 8:14 AM



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Jodi Skocypec posted:

I am so thankful to have witnessed the love story of Lo and Janis. I will truly miss Lo and his infectious laugh. It was an honor getting to know him.

April 18 at 6:20 AM



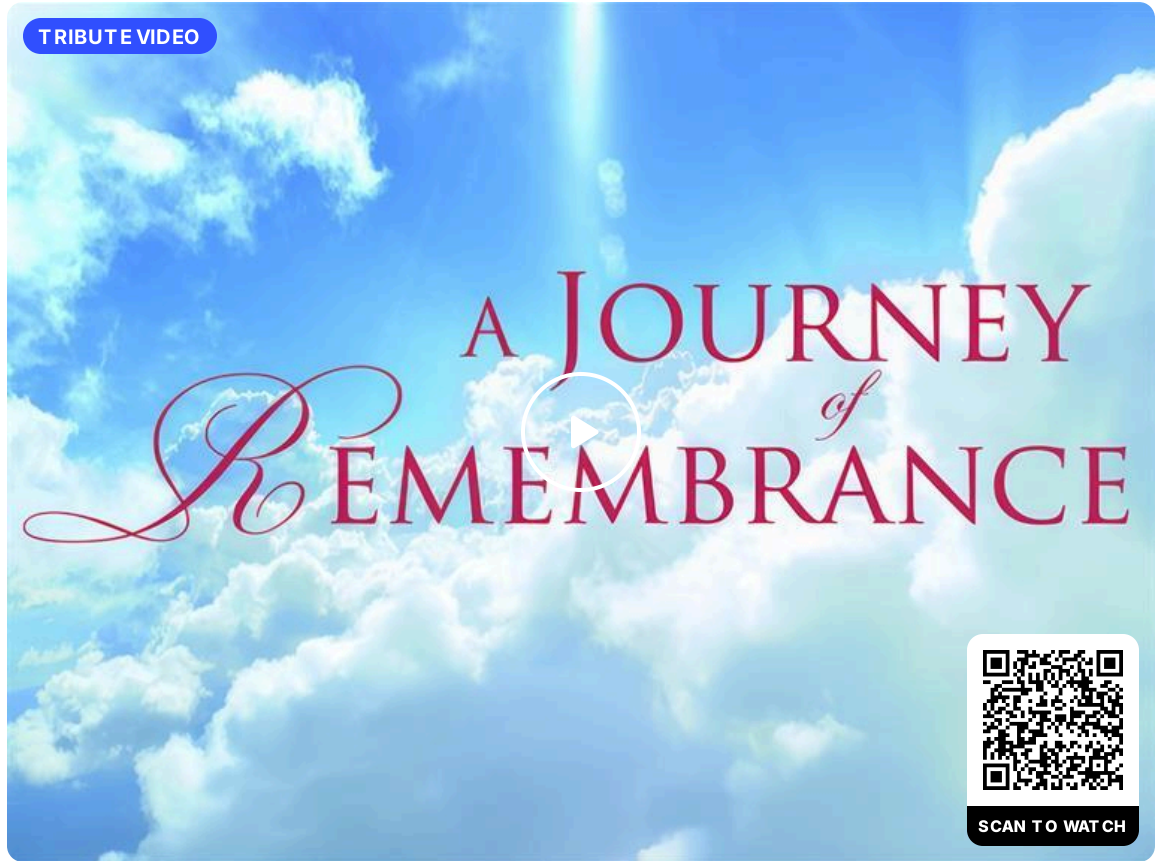
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Loranza by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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