



Gerald Ruckman

November 5, 2015

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gerald Montague (Monty) Ruckman on Sunday, November 1, 2015. A resident of Edinburg, VA and a well-known businessman in the community, Monty, also fondly known as "Roastmaster" and "Senior Chief," served over 20 years in the US Navy and now leaves behind a legacy associated with one of his greatest passions in life—coffee. He was the Owner of both Cabin Creek Roasters and Jackson's Corner Café and took great pride in bringing some of the best brews to the area. He enjoyed sharing his passion and educating everyone he met; regaling them with roasting tales, discussing new and exotic blends, or offering up a cup of his infamous roast "The Full Monty." He served as a mentor and touched the lives of so many in his 62 [too] short years. You could often find him filling the air with laughter as he cracked a joke, and his charismatic charm would put a smile on the face of just about everyone he met. Monty is survived by his wife Vicki; his three daughters - Stacy Arnold, of Williamsburg, VA, Ashley and Mackenzie Ruckman, of Wilkes-Barre, PA; his two sons - Michael Seal of Woodstock, VA and Brent Seal of Ashburn, VA; his three granddaughters, Stacy's daughters, Alexis, Makayla, and Sophia; as well as his faithful sidekick Chief. Friends are invited to share in a celebration of his life this Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Swover Creek Brewery located at 4176 Swover Creek Road in Edinburg, VA.

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Vicki, I'm not good with farewells. My heart is saddened to learn of Monty's passing my memories of my "Marlboro Man" my "Johnny Cash" I hadn't made the time to get out there to the café and this is yet another reminder to make sure you tell the people you care about you do and do it often. Lady I Love you and think of you often.

Thomasina Perkins-Washington - December 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Vickie and Mike, You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of Monty. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers. May God give you strength during this difficult time.

Judy Daugherty - November 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Words cannot describe the sadness we felt learning the news of Monty's passing. He was a mentor and friend. He will be missed very much. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Dan, Cindy, Andrew and Will Morgan - November 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Monty at the Harrisonburg Farmers Market. I will forever remember the time I spent with Monty drinking a cup of his coffee and shooting the breeze. I'll miss you Monty. You and your family are in my thoughts Vicki.

Reber Cribb - November 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My goodness, what a loss. I have lost a great friend. RIP Monty.

JACK Biller(Fireman Jack) - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“*Monty will forever remain one of the greatest gentlemen I had the privilege of knowing. His enthusiasm for life and laughter were truly inspiring, making it an enjoyable experience to simply be in his presence, and I am blessed to have known him. My most heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to his loving family and dearest friends.*

Tammy Bergbauer - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“*Vicky, I am so sorry to hear about Monty. My condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Linda Suter - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“*Vicky, Amy and I were so sorry to hear about Monty. We want to extend our deepest, heartfelt condolences. Monty was always a joy to be around and we were so happy when the two of you got together. The world and you lost a shining star. We continue to hold you dear in our thoughts and prayers. If ever there is anything we can do, don't hesitate to let us know.*

Dave and Amy Allan - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*Vicki, So sorry to hear of Monty's passing. I have lost one-half of the best landlords ever. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Marian Brooks - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dear Vicky- a big hug to you! I stopped by your store Tuesday and saw the note on the door. I had no idea I the seriousness. Take care. I'll see you and Michael soon.

Bettina Kingree - November 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Vicki, I was so sorry to hear of Monty's passing, and am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking about you and the boys during this great loss.

Donna Carrasco - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Vicki, I am so sorry to hear of Monty's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you deal both with the celebration of Monty's life and your own grief in losing and missing him. Betty Hoge (formerly with the Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center, now with the Central Virginia SBDC in Charlottesville)

Betty Hoge - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Vicki - I am so stunned to hear of your loss. It was just recently that we were "jabbing" at each other about coffee shipments to Jim and invoices..... and "where DOES all that coffee go?!!!" He was himself, a VERY SPECIAL BLEND! Daill

Daill Day Hyde - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ So sorry Vicki. I will miss my friend very much. We had the best times together at events and just sitting around chatting. Just know he made many people's lives better.

Dan Iantonio - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Served with Monty and he was a hell of a man and shipmate. Gave me my first job after I retired from Navy with SEMCOR. He touched a lot of lives and will be sorely missed by many.

Bob Brasher - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our heart goes out to you and your family in this hour of sadness.

Margaret & Harry Stevens - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Oh how I'll miss seeing him all the time!! He will be missed and definitely never forgotten. Great boss and friend. My deepest condolences to you, Vicki, and the entire family. Love Kelikirby

Keli Kirby - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I will greatly miss my good friend Monty. He was one of the most kind, caring, and funny people I had the fortune of becoming friends with. I'm certain he's up there now trying to convince God to upgrade his coffee shop with Cabin Creek's Full Monty, truly making the place heavenly. Rest in peace my friend for you may be gone but your spirit will always be with us. Sam

Sam Samimi - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My condolences to Vicki and to Monty's children. Monty has left you guys too soon. I pray that as time passes you find peace and the sharp pain of his unexpected loss gets less. I am saddened that Monty has left us. I loved talking shop with him and sharing goat locker stories. I also respected and envied that he found his passion, and left the DC rat race to pursue his art of coffee roasting. Monty and his fine brews are truly going to be missed.

Miriam Smith - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Monty was a breath a fresh air and touched every life he met with love and laughter! He was much too young to leave us! I am praying for your family and sending my sincere condolences.

Mary Jo Scott - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I am so sad to learn of Monty's passing. Such a fun and talented man. My husband and I remember him fondly. Our heart and prayers go out to the family in this difficult time. Love, peace, and comfort to each of you.

Penny adams - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Farewell to a great friend and gentleman. I'm truly blessed to have served our great nation and Navy with Monty and will greatly miss him. My prayers are lifted up to the Lord for his continued grace and mercy to the Ruckman family. Mike Graham

Michael Graham, CAPT USN (ret) - November 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM