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Rolland C. Esque (R.C.), 69 of Cornelius left this physical world February 7, 2016. He was born February 3, 1947 in Logan, WV to the late Carmel and Hazel Esque, and was proud of his family heritage in coal country. He served in the US Air Force from 1965 until his retirement in 1986. When requested by the Air Force to participate in Operation Desert Storm, he was proud to serve. By achieving a Bachelor's Degree for Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma, RC realized a life- long dream.

As a child in West Virginia living the life of a coal miner's son, he and his brother, Charles Henry, developed their true sense of honor, family, and commitment. He was always a happy boy playing hard and fast, sometimes more dangerously than his mother would have liked if she had known. Their life was not a lavish one, but all he knew was that he had a large family who loved and supported him. As Daddy would always say about his childhood, "we were dirt poor and didn't know it."

He endeavored to be a good mentor, brother, father and grandfather, coaching sports teams, even going in to "harm's way" as a Little League Umpire. He proudly attended dance recitals, plays, parades and riding lessons for his children and grandchildren. He loved engineering Pinewood Derby cars, ill-fated camping trips, helping with homework, and being part of the fun with his family and friends. Grandpops, as he loved to be called, was an all-around happy, positive, gentle person.

RC was quick to smile and humble with his advice. He was passionate in his love of the game, baseball and football, that is. Come game day in early fall he would don his Cleveland Browns lucky hat and various shirts to promote his team win or lose. Spring was all Cleveland Indians.

The love of books and all things science fiction started as a small child with a simple story about aliens and reaching for other worlds. It made him an avid reader and collector of books. RC



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couldn't pass a book store, garage sale, or book rack without scanning the selections. He secretly fanaticized about flying to the moon and other galaxies. He spent many hours with his children and granddaughters studying the stars.

Since the 1970's he was fascinated by computers and video games. He taught us programming and later tried to build a color x-ray machine in our living room. Later in life with his son, Michael, he discovered the computer gaming world. He was delighted to connect with people around the world on-line, and taunts from 9 year olds, near and far, were never better received.

He left us with a wonderful legacy of father, brother, and grandfather. His greatest legacy was husband. I will miss his gentle touch, the calming effect of his words, the voice of reason in the chaos of living, and his unending capacity for humor, wry as it might have been. He faced each day with a smile, I will miss that smile, my best friend, confidant, and dearest love.

Survivors include his wife Deborah; sons, Brian Esque and wife Rebecca of Davidson and C. Michael Esque and wife Kimberly of Moore, OK; and grandchildren, Kendall, Parker, Olivia and Addison.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Kathleen Esque, brother Charles Esque. parents, Carmel and Hazel Esque, and father figure, Paw Paw to his children, Lloyd Ellis.

The funeral service will be held at 5:00 PM Saturday, February 13 in the chapel of James Funeral Home in Huntersville with Rev. Rick Felts officiating. A reception will follow in the community room of James Funeral Home. Inurnment will be private at Salisbury National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family. www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com



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SW

Susan Mullins Wolford posted:

I grew up with RC in Whitman, WV. We used to wait for the school bus close to their home. I am sorry for your loss. He was a nice guy growing up and from what I read he never changed. I loved his mother, Hazel, and stepdad, Lloyd. We went to church together for many years.

March 15 at 4:25 AM

KM

Kathy Marston posted:

My heart hurts for all of you, as I think of the loss you have had. But, I know that R.C. and Chuck have already had quite a few tee times! Love ya, Kathy

February 13 at 4:23 AM

JD

Jean & Tony Dolschenko posted:

Jean and I are very sorry to learn of RC's passing. I first met RC at Tinker AFB about June of 1977 when 552nd AWACS first formed. A year later we transferred to Keflavik Iceland. RC and I worked the same shift almost all that time in Iceland. He was always a happy soul and knew how to brighten any day, even when we had to work in -50 degrees F, recovering aircraft at midnight. One night, going home from work, we got stuck in a blizzard, abandoned our vehicle and had to literally crawl to my house for the night. We partied through it. On return to the US, we were going to Tucson, AZ and the engine of one of our vehicles blew out in Tulsa, OK, about 100 miles from OK City. My family and I greatly appreciated Debbie and RC's hospitality. They put us up for almost ten days while waiting for a replacement engine. We will always cherish the good times and bad, we all lived through. Years come and go and seems like yesterday, we saw you last time, in Southport, NC, but turns out it was nearly ten years ago. It's hard to lose friends of so many years, but we'll never forget them. Our condolences to you and family. Please don't hesitate to call on us for anything we can do to help you through these rough times.

February 10 at 6:11 PM

DP

Dreama Esque Peters posted:

Thinking and Praying for you Deborah and Family in your time of sorrow, R.C. will be sadly missed by all of us. We all enjoyed RC when he visited us (Claude and Hazel and us girls). We will always remember RC as a fun loving and family man when he visited. I will never forget RC chasing me as a little girl at Earling. Praying for you and your family RC will be missed sadly

February 10 at 3:58 PM



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AE

Aet posted:

To the family and friends of Rolland Esque, I am sorry to read of Rolland's (RC) passing. I hope all your happy memories will help you through this sad and difficult time. May God's promise of a paradise, where no one will say "I am sick", where death will be swallowed up forever and where we will be reunited with our dead loved ones who are in God's memory, be a source of comfort to you. (Isaiah 33:24; Isaiah 25:8; John 5:28, 29; Psalm 37:11, 29) Again I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. AET

February 10 at 8:11 AM

BE

Bob L. Esque posted:

Words cannot describe the feeling in a person's heart when they are told of a dear relative passing. I did not get to see much of R.C. except at Grandmaw's when they had dinner for all. It seems that we never get the things done that maybe we should have but there WILL BE A GREAT REUNION SOME DAY!! The memories will live forever in the hearts of the loved ones that are grieving. With deepest reverence and sympathy Bob L. Esque

February 10 at 8:07 AM

JE

Jessica Esque posted:

Now the stars shine a little brighter. I will miss watching him tell stories to Charles III. Charles always had to be by Uncle Rc when he visited. He used to tell me all about his grandchildren with the biggest smile on his face. He will be missed so much.

February 9 at 9:06 PM

AT

Angela Esque Thornhill posted:

Hurts my heart.. Uncle RC was a sweet and kind soul.. I hate that I didn't get to visit more with him.. So sorry for this loss... niece, daughter of brother Charles Henry Esque Sr.

February 9 at 2:12 PM

JE

Jeanette Esque posted:

Breaks my heart. I loved him as much as a sister could. Such a wonderful person. So generous and kind. He loved life and his family. If you got to know him you can count yourself Blessed. Love to all, Jeanette Esque sister in law, wife of his brother Charles Esque Sr.

February 9 at 7:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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