



Dwight Cross

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Dwight Shaw Cross, Jr. 84, of Huntersville, died January 7, 2015 at his home. He was born on February 3, 1930 in Mecklenburg County to the late Dwight Shaw Cross, Sr. and Edna Beasley Cross. Dwight graduated high school and then graduated Junior College from the Oak Ridge Military Academy. He attended the General Motors Institute in Flint, MI. He was a pilot in the Air Force from 1951-56 and was a 1st LT in the 437th fighter group in Oxnard, CA. After returning home from service in 1956, he went to work for his dad at Cross Chevrolet, which he later owned. He retired in 1999. He served on the Huntersville Community Council, coached little league ball for 13 years, served on the Huntersville Town Board and was Mayor Pro Tem.

Survivors include his wife Hazel Caulk Cross; sons, Dwight Shaw Cross, III "Rusty" (and Angela Todd) and Thomas Max Cross "Tommy", all of Huntersville; sister, Jo Cross of Flat Rock; niece, Lisa Aldred; grandchildren, Dwight Shaw Cross, IV, Elizabeth Cross Rector (and Charlie Rector) and Mattie Evan Cross; as well as his dog, Chevy.

Memorials may be made to Oak Ridge Military Academy, 2317 Oak Ridge Rd., Oak Ridge, NC 27310 or Novant Health Hospice, PO Box 33549 Charlotte, NC 28233 or the charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Saturday, January 10 at James Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2 PM Sunday at Huntersville Presbyterian Church with Rev. David Brown and Rev. J.E. Wayland, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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



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Elizabeth Rector posted:

Often times I think of my late grandfather. He was an amazing father, grandfather, friend, boss, cohort, and sometimes partner in crime..(not really!) My heart is so filled with love reading these comments and memories you all have posted. Thank you for sharing and please continue as new visitors to comment. I'd love to hear your memories!To whomever posted about the videos... This was TOO FUNNY! He was the best at recording all my recital's, games, birthdays and such! The nineties were a funny time. As the cam corder's got smaller, the videos stopped!! lol :)

October 18 at 8:15 PM



Hugh Campbell posted:

I was surprised to learn of Dwight's passing. It should be noted that he was a great aerobatic pilot in his Pitts Special. He performed in airshows all over the south. In 1970 he taught me aerobatics in his Citabria. He was a true friend and will be missed by all.

July 25 at 2:14 PM



Frank & Laura Sancineto posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of sadness.

January 10 at 5:29 AM



Linda C. Alden posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you over the loss of Dwight. He was such a wonderful man and a great inspiration to everyone that knew him.

January 9 at 5:45 AM



Butch Malone posted:

I'm heart broken,, I don't even know where to begin, Dwight had a huge influence in my life and my family's as well, he gave me a chance and I took it... He treated me as though I was family, the airport the shop where he gave me a job I cherish those memories everyday!! He was a good man. Tommy, Rusty and Jeanette my heart pours for you... Rip and gods speed

January 8 at 11:50 AM



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TC

Terry Cox posted:

So very sorry to hear of your loss. He sure was one heck of a pilot.

January 8 at 5:54 AM

CT

Charles Thomas posted:

I have lost my Best Friend and Brother Quiet Birdman.....since the mid 50's we both enjoyed our Children and our Flying...first his PT-22 and my 1939 J3 Cub, we flew wing to wing all over until we went to his Chitabaca((DARN i CAN'T SPELL IT) AND MY 175 Cessna..... he taught me many things incl formation flying.... I was his forward pilot who did the support for him many many airshows in the SE...He was a great Air Show Pilot....often too daring but successful and a favorite to the crowds..I witnessed them all....except the ROCK ??? Their two sons should have their middle name as mine as Jane and I practically raised them in their early ages....We both loved them.....too bad be out lived me....Charles Thomas

January 7 at 6:53 PM

CB

Curtis & Freida Buckner posted:

Jeanette, Tommy and Rusty,We are so sad at Dwight's passing. We will miss his warm welcome and smiling face... He's flying with the angels now. Were here for you if you need us.

January 7 at 4:41 PM

RR

Robert H. Ranson, Jr. posted:

Jeanette, Rusty and Tommy. I am saddened to hear about the passing of Dwight. I know he will be missed by all of you, but I will miss him too. I have very fond memories of my favorite Little League Baseball coach. He and others spent thousands of volunteer hours teaching kids like me the fundamentals of baseball. I also remember some special vacation times with your Family to Ocean Drive, SC. I also remember Dwight would get out his movie camera and record various kid birthday parties in the neighborhood and other fun events. I still have one of those he made for my parents on my 4th or 5th birthday.I also remember my first airplane ride with Dwight. Man...was that some kind of amazing thing for a little guy. I know Dwight worked hard at everything he did. I believe he made our community a far better place to live and I am honored to have known him along with all of you. Hugs to all of you.

January 7 at 3:10 PM



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CB

Curtis & Freida Buckner posted:

Jeanette and family so sorry for your loss. Dwight was a fine man and good friend. He will be missed.

January 7 at 1:00 PM

WW

Wendy Chastain Wise posted:

I am so sorry for your loss

January 7 at 11:15 AM

BW

Beverly Dean Woods posted:

Jeanette, Rusty and Tommy. So sorry to hear. let us know if we can do anything. Love you Cousins!

January 7 at 6:46 AM

CD

Cindy Davis posted:

A poem loved by many pilots.....High Flight
Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,
I've topped the windswept heights
with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.
Pilot Officer
Gillespie Magee
No 412 squadron, RCAF
Killed 11 December 1941

January 7 at 6:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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