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Roy Jerel Ritchie, age 78, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family, on February 15, 2025. He was born in Gaithersburg, MD, on December 6, 1946, to Ruby Fay and Berlin Roy Ritchie. Roy graduated from Gaithersburg High School in 1965, where he was passionate about art and enjoyed playing football. Roy moved to Frederick County in 1975 and lived in Woodsboro since 1983.

Roy served with honor in the U.S. Army for six years, as a member of the 27th Infantry Regiment, Wolfhounds, part of the 25th Infantry Division. A proud Vietnam veteran, he earned numerous awards, including the Combat Infantryman Badge.

As a mason and master bricklayer, Roy worked for many years with Kettler Brothers before transitioning to public service with the Montgomery County Government, where he served for 20 years. He also continued to work in his trade through self-employed side jobs. Roy took great pride in his work, viewing it as both a craft and an art.

A skilled and resourceful man, Roy was known for his handiwork. He built custom furniture for his home and family, from bookshelves to TV stands to bed frames. Even his fishing boat was a testament to his craftsmanship.

Roy had a deep love for the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening, which provided countless meals for his loved ones. His home was filled with his proudest hunting trophies, including deer, pheasants, and ducks. Family fishing trips were a favorite pastime, and Roy cherished those moments on the river.

A gifted cook, Roy was known for his signature dishes, including delicious deer meat stew and homemade fish nuggets. His green beans with potatoes and ham, prepared in his pressure cooker, were a favorite at every family gatherings.



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Roy had a special love for coin collecting, and he made a point of gifting his children and grandchildren with coins on every birthday and Christmas.

His thoughtful nature extended to all who knew him.

Roy's legacy will live on in the hearts of his three children—Shannon, Eric, and Ryan—and his nine grandchildren. He was the eldest of seven siblings, survived by Linda, Alice, Ray, and Berlin Jr., and preceded in death by his sisters Barbara and Donna, as well as both of his parents.

Roy was a devoted son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He had an enormous heart and found joy in spending time with those he loved. His passing leaves a profound void in the lives of his family and friends, but his memory will be cherished forever.

A private celebration of Roy's life will be held by his family.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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