



## Roger James Vallecorse

October 31, 1938 - September 2, 2021

Roger Vallecorse, 82, of Morrisville North Carolina passed away on September 2, 2021, at UNC Rex HealthCare of Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born on October 31st, 1938 in Buffalo, New York to James and Emma Vallecorse.

Roger graduated from high school in 1957 and went directly into the Navy, serving the country he loved with honor and dignity for four years on the USS Johnston. His affection for the Navy never ended. He wore his Navy baseball cap until the day he died. After his stint in the United States Navy, Roger moved back to Buffalo, earned his bachelor's degree, and fell in love with his wife of 55 plus years, Karen. Together they raised two children, Lynnette and Brian. We were fortunate to have had him as a father, a mentor, a teacher, and friend.

Karen and Roger moved to Rochester, New York where Roger began his career in human resources, eventually becoming the Chief People Officer at Champion Products and later Curtis Burns before retiring to pursue his real pleasure.....ravenous reading.

Roger was a loving husband and father, a loyal friend, the kind who read nightly to his dying best friend, a selfless son who looked after his mother, and a committed member, deacon, and elder of various Baptist churches from

New York to North Carolina. He was a Godly man with an upright moral compass and impeccable ethics. He instilled in his children the importance of living principled, upright lives.

Roger was charming and outgoing. He was impish, with a twinkle in his eye that let you know that he was up to some kind of mischief. He loved to laugh and debate and talk about his favorite subject, American History. He was amused and besotted by the pluckiness of West Highland White Terriers. He was a die-hard Buffalo Bills fan and an aficionado of Penn State Football and he took his golf game very, very seriously.

His greatest joy in life was being a grandfather. His two grandsons, Samuel and Sutton were the pride of his heart, the apples of his eye, his two greatest joys in life.

We all will miss him but we know that he is with Jesus. "When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!"

He is survived by his widow, Karen (Larson) Vallecorse, his son, Brian Vallecorse, and daughter-in-law, Amy Vallecorse, by his daughter Lynnette Vallecorse, his cherished grandsons, Samuel and Sutton, nieces and nephews, more friends than one could hope to have, and last but not least, Ollie the Westie, his treasured terrier."

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Emma Vallecorse, and sister, Joyce Elaine Vallecorse.

He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Good Hope Baptist Church, General Fund at this link. <https://goodhopechurch.org/give/>



# Cemetery Details

## Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

6628 Good Hope Church Rd  
Cary, NC 27519

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Hope Baptist Church - Family Life Center  
6636 Good Hope Church Rd  
Cary, NC 27519

## Funeral Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Roger is my Cousin who is every wonderful tribute written and more.  
His presence has been so strong here( in Ky), I sent a short email .  
No reply.  
Momentos ago , awakened by overwhelming presence I checked obituaries reluctantly.  
My sincere condolences to Karen and dear Children and Familia.  
God Bless All.  
Diana V Simpao

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**Diana Simpao** - September 19, 2021 at 01:21 AM

WL

Many fond memories of Roger & Karen over the years. Years attending college together as well ministering together in Rochester! Our love and prayers go out to Karen and family!  
Walt & Donna Lapp

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**Walt & Donna Lapp** - September 20, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Mr V always greeted me with a smile and "Hey Mertle, what about those Nittany Lions this year?!". I am so thankful that a few weeks ago I heard "Hey Mertle" and got one last squeeze. He always knew how to draw people in and make them feel welcome. He will be missed tremendously but never forgotten. His legacy lives on and his stories will be told for a long time. I'm sure he is chatting it up with all of his heroes and maybe even JoePa.

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**Merritt Jones** - September 06, 2021 at 08:45 PM

BS

“ Roger Vallecorse was such a godly role model to anyone that knew him. He had such a "larger than life" personality, but also one of the most respected "man of GOD", I have known. Until probably the last year, we enjoyed sharing on FB our political thoughts, humor and hopes for AMERICA. There were even a few fun, " mini" conversations at church. The thing most important about Roger is he made it clear his allegiance was to his SAVIOR and his family. Roger's precious wife Karen is equally respected and loved. I pray that Karen and family will feel GOD'S PRESENCE and COMFORT today and all the days to follow. We will sincerely miss Roger's physical appearance, but know we will one day see him again. What a great guy !

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**Betty Scruggs** - September 06, 2021 at 09:27 AM

DS

“ Mr. V (as I would call him) was a delight to know. Every time I would visit Amy, we always took a visit to see Mr. and Mrs. V. What an honor it was to sit and visit with him at his home only 2 or so weeks ago. We laughed, talked about this crazy world we live in, listened to him read some of the poetry he'd written and even sang together while his sweet wife, Karen played the piano. Little did we know he'd be meeting his maker soon after our time together. I still have a slip of paper Mr. V wrote to me during a harder time in my life. It said, "In HIS time". And that's exactly what God did. He took him on to Heaven in His time. One of my favorite memories of Mr. V was when he would ask, "When did you know?" speaking of when did you know that Brian knew Amy was the one for him. We would love to share our personal experience of when we "knew" it was a done deal. I loved how he loved his family and especially my dear friend Amy. He basically dated her along with Brian making sure Brian didn't screw anything up. What a special man he was and what a legacy he left. He will be missed but thanking the Lord he is with Him now in Heaven!

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**Dolly Seckman** - September 05, 2021 at 07:14 PM

JN

“ Was honoured to have Roger as a father in law, he cared deeply for his family and was a great roll model, so sorry for your loss, he leaves a big hole on this side that cannot be filled, but I know he's waiting to greet us on the other side

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**JON NEAL** - September 05, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JH

Roger was a friend, Christian brother, fellow Veteran, and role model who led by his example of excellence. Roger's statement was that he wanted to finish his life in service to our Lord in a strong manner. His service as an Elder provided that desire. May Karen and family secure the peace from God knowing that Roger is with our Savior. In Christ, Jerry Hamm.

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**Jerry Hamm** - September 06, 2021 at 05:40 PM

SP

“ Roger was a honest, caring and loving man, who always put his Lord and Savior Jesus first and his family second. He was a blessing to all who knew him and was a joy to be around. He's now resting in the arms of Jesus! I was honored to know him and look forward to to seeing him again in heaven.

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**Sheree Pratt** - September 05, 2021 at 04:43 PM

JN

“ I’ll never forget how welcoming Roger (aka PupPup as I’ll always know him) was to me from the first time I spoke to him. He was very proud of his heritage and I remember him asking me if I was Sicilian b/c of my hair when we met. It was a start to a fun and joking relationship I always had with him. Pretty sure I had him thinking I was Sicilian for a while since he was Italian. We had fun talking about crazy people and teasing each other over politics. He was so impressed with me when I told him he was born on the day of the Reformation. I remember his face b/c he asked me if I knew the significance of his birthdate and he thought I’d say Halloween. He was always so kind to my precious Mama, who is now in Heaven, when they volunteered for the grandkids together and saw each other at events. He always called her Victoria even though her name was seriously Vickie. I imagine when he entered the gates of Heaven and saw those he knew before him, he might have waved “Victoria!” We always laughed and joked when we saw each other. I saw the love and pride he had in his family. He was so supportive and at everything he could attend. He loved you all so much and was so proud of you. He was a special man on this earth but now he is with our Lord and Savior in Heaven. Vallecorse Family, know you had a strong Patriarch who was so proud of you Karen, Brian, Lynnette, Amy, Samuel & Sutton. What a special legacy you have to remember and carry on. Rest on Jesus, knowing PupPup is not suffering, he’s in paradise at perfect peace, and you will see him soon and be with him forever in Christ. He is not gone, but passing through, and you will see him again. Find your strength in Christ until that day.

*Love and prayers to each of you. - Jenna Nunnery*

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**Jenna Nunnery** - September 05, 2021 at 01:22 PM

AV

“ You treated me like a daughter from the start. I'll miss your funny personality, deep talks, words of wisdom and the pride you had for my boys, your beloved grandsons. You leave a great hole on this earth but I can only imagine the entrance you gave heaven and the socializing you are doing right now. You would love all the stories being told about you and the affirmation pouring in - I bet you are beaming up there. Thank you for everything. I love you.

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**Amy Vallecorse** - September 04, 2021 at 01:46 PM

KP

You'll be missed "Monk". Knew him since High School. I can still hear that laugh and the obit was correct about that twinkle in his eye. It was always there. He told me once that he couldn't date me because I talked and laughed like his good buddy, my brother 'Bud'. My Mother adored him. Such a sweet guy. RIP Sweetheart (in later years he called everyone "Sweetheart". I told him it was because he's forgotten their/my name.)

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**kathleen porter-nielsen** - October 31, 2021 at 02:04 PM