



Marvin Ross Tolley

September 27, 1937 - May 17, 2021

Marvin Ross Tolley passed away, peacefully, on May 17th from a terminal illness. He was born in Tazewell, Virginia in 1937, grew up in Anawalt, West Virginia, and attended Gary High School. After graduating from high school, Marvin served his country in the United States Army Security Agency. Marvin built a successful career at the Chinet Company, serving as the area manager for North Carolina, South Carolina, and East Tennessee. In 1988, he was transferred within Chinet to Florida as the Area Manager for the state until his retirement in 1999.

Marvin, affectionately known as Grandpa and Papa for the better part of the last 30 years, was a loving husband to his wife, Joanne, a loving father to their blended family, and the best grandfather and great grandfather to a bunch of young ones, some of whom aren't so young anymore.

Marvin spent the early years of his retirement traversing nearly all 50 states with Joanne in their beautiful motor home, making a plethora of friends, memories, and cherished trips with family. As life slowed down, Marvin settled into life in Winter Springs, FL, cheering on his many grandkids and kids, enjoying watching their lives unfold, and the blessings with which Joanne filled his days.

Marvin, Dad, Grandpa, Papa, neighbor, friend, regardless of how you knew

him, one thing was consistent, his heart, and the love he gave to the world around him. Outspoken, funny, and filled with crazy memories and stories, he always led with love and wisdom, gave selflessly to those around him, and will forever be remembered in our hearts.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Joanne Tolley, daughter Donna Corriher and grandson Travis, daughter Sandra Verley and grandsons Daniel, Matthew and Vincent(Tiffany), daughter Kathy Paschal(Keith), grandson Alexander, granddaughter Jessica, and great grandchild Isaac, daughter Carolyn Holley(Phillip), grandson Tommy , granddaughters Brittney(Austin) and Brianna, son Paul Wood(Kathy), granddaughters Courtney and Shaye, daughter Linda Ebersole(Taylor) and grandsons Mason and Hilton(Autumn) and great granddaughter Hazel, his brother Arnold Douglas Tolley, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents Hazel Pauline and Howard Nelson Tolley, his sisters Geraldine Tolley, Mina Jean Tolley, and Freda Parks.

The family invites you to leave your favorite memory of Marvin on the memorial page. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Advent Health Hospice Care of Central Florida, 480 West Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

Tribute Wall

FL

“ I worked with Joanne at BellSouth, on Mercy Drive, in Orlando. It was Christmas of 1992, and Marvin was a Great Santa! "My Honey" (Bill) and I attended! Joanne asked me to sit in Santa's lap, I told her, "No, cuz I know, who he is!" She said it was fine, so I did! I still have the picture, of me sitting in Marvin's, "Santa's" lap!! Joanne and I share the same Birthday!! (11/17) Love you, Joanne!! Happy Birthday!! Enjoy!!
Frances Leake
(407) 509 2709

Frances Leake - November 15, 2023 at 09:18 PM

TF

“ Marvin (Papa),

Every family trip, dinner, and memory made would not have been the same without you. You were one of a kind and we feel lucky to have called you family and share in these moments with you. Going forward, there will be a void in your place at least physically, but in our hearts, we know that you are walking alongside us as we continue making family memories. Thank you for your love and kindness. You'll always be missed and never forgotten.

The Wood Family - May 24, 2021 at 03:40 PM

EM

“ My family lived across the street from Marvin and Joanne for about a dozen years and we could not ask for a better neighbor. We always knew he was 'keeping an eye on things' as he worked on his jewelry in the garage :) The stories from his youth were fascinating. From growing up in cabins in extremely rural West Virginia to his time as a cab driver in St Pete. My favorite story was about the time he picked up Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Roger Maris in his cab during spring training (around 1960). They thought they should get the ride for free. Marvin didn't see it that way and told them so. They, in turn, got him fired. Damn Yankees! God bless you, Marvin. You were a character remember.

Ed and Barb Masessa - May 22, 2021 at 10:12 AM

CK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Kroot - May 21, 2021 at 07:02 PM

CK

“ Uncle Marvin always had a big ole smile. He had the biggest heart, was very thoughtful and caring, always had wisdom to share, and had a great sense of humor. I am really going to miss my Marvin hugs.

Carolyn Kroot - May 21, 2021 at 06:04 AM

KW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kathy Wood - May 20, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DO

“ *Dear JoAnne and Family~*

We are so very sorry for your loss. Marvin was an amazing individual---a generous, caring person to everyone and a stranger to no one. May he rest in peace.

From our first meeting, he graciously welcomed us into your home....whether it be for a single Denise as an overnight guest on vacation or to us as a married couple with husband Lou, Marvin treated us like he knew us forever. He was so easy to get to know and told such funny stories. And, you both were the ultimate hosts when it came to entertaining.

Marvin, we will miss you. JoAnne, stay strong and take care of yourself. God bless all of you as you make the difficult journey of laying Marvin to rest.

*In friendship and with love and deepest sympathy,
Denise and Lou O'Grince
Philadelphia, PA.*

Denise and Lou O'Grince - May 20, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Marvin Ross Tolley.*



May 20, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *We have cherished our friendship with Marvin and Joanne for several years. Marvin was a happy, outspoken and kind man who will be greatly missed. We are so glad he found Joanne to complement his life during his last 30 years. We always remember him saying: "We have had a GREAT life together!"... RIP, dear friend.*

Lonnie and Liliana Newsome

Liliana Ostertag-Newsome - May 20, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *So sad to hear about Marvin. We have so many great memories from our rv days. A light went out in the world*

bobby and rita - May 20, 2021 at 03:44 PM

CR

“ Donna, Sandy and Kathy.....Carl & I are so very sorry to hear of your precious Dad's passing. I have so many great memories of our families time together and cherish each one. Butch had the most infectious laugh and beautiful smile that you would always feel deep inside when you were able to witness it.

Please know that we will be praying for you all during this difficult time and each of you are loved so much. May those wonderful memories, in the coming days, bring you some laughter and peace. God bless you sweet girls!!!!

Much Love, Carl & Pam Robbins

Carl & Pam Robbins - May 20, 2021 at 03:24 PM

RA

“ We have always cherish our friendship with Marvin and Jo Anne. We will always have the memories of traveling in our motorhomes together. Our motorhome group nuts, enjoyed his stories and his laughter. We will always remember him.

Rita Alexander - May 20, 2021 at 12:13 PM

LG

“ JoAnne (aka mom), my deepest sympathies on the loss of Marvin. He was always so kind, always offering to give me some type of camping gear and I always enjoyed our conversations about motorhomes, towing and all that fun stuff. His smile, laughter and humor were infectious! He will be missed and my family will continue to send you and the rest of the family prayers for peace, comfort and strength. Hugs and love to you always. Linda Gibbs

Linda A Gibbs - May 20, 2021 at 11:46 AM

NB

Butch was a big man with the biggest heart, infectious laugh, love of good foods and the greatest love for his family.

I consider myself lucky to have been a part of his family and beautiful wife. Gary (his cousin) and I enjoyed our visits to Florida and spending time with Joanne and him.

We were all married about the same time which made our relationship special.

I loved my conversations about jewelry, glassware, antiques, and fine liquor with Butch among other things!

Joanne, you brought so much joy and love to Butch. Thank you for the loving care you provided.

We love you both. Our hearts are broken.

Prayers and sympathy to this wonderful family.

Nikki Blackburn - May 21, 2021 at 06:52 AM

DC

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Donna T. Corriher - May 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

CW

“ Papa,

To have a loving grandfather, friend, and a role model all wrapped up in one is truly a blessing. I cherish the memories I made with you while growing up, and the deep interest you have taken in my business and career success, and the young woman I have become. Thank you for your wisdom, crazy stories, and wide-open heart. I carry each of them with me every day, and hope to continue passing them on to those around me so that your bright legacy continues. Although a little different now, I still feel your love and support and know that they'll keep us connected until we are able to meet again. I love you as big as the sky, Papa.

Courtney Wood - May 20, 2021 at 10:43 AM

DC

“Daddy was the hardest working man I've ever known. My earliest memories of childhood revolve around moves - new houses, new friends, new cities - all in his quest to provide for us the best way he could. When the coal mines shut down in Anawalt, he moved us to Florida where he took a job the very next day, loading watermelons onto a truck for 7/11. In July. We spent a good deal of my childhood in Gulfport, where we fished, for fish and conch, went to the beach for entertainment, and kept the roads hot visiting family further south and north in West Virginia. I've amazed at how his second marriage continued those connections to more new family in Florida and West Virginia. Life indeed is a circle, and his was full, with family who loved him, new and old.

Living in two different states made it difficult to see each other often in the recent years, but we spoke on the phone every Sunday, rehashed memories and stories from the past, and he never tired of the retellings. He had two jobs for most of his life, three for some of the time, visited over twenty countries through work or the military, and became a prolific writer in his later years. His last words to me over the phone on Sunday night were to share an idea for a new short story. It will be hard one to write.

I'll share a few pictures, as the days go by.

Donna T. Corriher - May 20, 2021 at 10:27 AM

AJ

“Joanne has always been a big part of my family's life. She worked with my father. When she brought Marvin into our lives we immediately loved him. I will always remember his smiling face and humor. He loved us all and we loved him. I know he smiling down on all of us and he will never be forgotten.



Anita jackson - May 20, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KF

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you all at this difficult time.
Please know we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Harold & Karen (Carolyn & Phillip)

Karen Fields - May 20, 2021 at 09:55 AM

CH

“ Papa,
I've enjoyed being your #1 daughter for 30 years. I will miss you having my back, telling me how much you love me and that I was your hero. We made so many memories together and as a family. Remember, you said, you want to be on the mound with Tommy pitching. When he's not pitching, I'll save you a seat next to me. Papa you are my hero, my Dad and my friend.
I love you,
Carolyn Holley

Carolyn Holley - May 20, 2021 at 09:11 AM

PP

Lifting you all up in prayer to find peace and comfort during this very difficult time. Good memories are so needed at this time - we're glad you have many to think of!

Rich & Peggy Payne

Peggy Payne - May 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ We were his nextdoor neighbor since 1991. We really didn't get to know him until they came off the road from RVing. About four years ago I found out I had lung cancer and I think he found out about his lung condition about the same time. We were able to bond about that and in his own loving way if he thought I was feeling sorry for myself he would say you just have to get over it John. He always said he was not "religious" but because I was we would have quite a few discussions about it. He told Joanne and my wife Peggy that he could do that because I didn't judge him. We had the same respect for each other politically.

He was my friend during a very tough time in my life and I hope I was the same for him. I will miss going over and talking with him in the garage while he worked on the birdhouses he made for everyone. His passing leaves a hole in my heart.

Rest in peace Marvin. You can breathe easy now. John and Peggy Bristow

John Bristow - May 20, 2021 at 09:11 AM

RS

I am Butches sister in law so have know him since 1954. He was a great uncle to my four sons. My husband drove for Greyhound so Butch stood in when I needed help. Buddy and Butch were stationed at Fort Lee at the same time. When my first baby was born I rode a train to Fort Lee when he was 6 weeks old. Butch met me at the station and took us to house , started a fire and stayed until we got settled. When I left Welch and moved to St. Petersburg where Buddy drove a bus, Butch met met me at the train station. He got Bud into little league which all boys followed. When I had a bad car wreck Butch was the first to be at the scene and took care of boys until Buddy came home. When Roger was a baby I had strep throat and who came over to care for kids until Buddy came home? Butch! And at Christmas time who filled in as Santa's helper on Christmas Eve? Butch! I know if I thought long enough there would be other things he did for boys. My blessings to his family.

Ruth Spriggs

Ruth Spriggs - May 21, 2021 at 02:58 PM