



Roy Franklin Friend

April 24, 2025

Roy Franklin Friend, of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed away peacefully on April 24, 2025, at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family.

Roy was born on October 8, 1943, in Cumberland, Maryland, to Floyd Friend and Regina Moore. He later moved to Baltimore, where he would begin a journey marked by hard work, deep patriotism, and an unwavering devotion to family and friends.

Roy proudly served his country after being drafted into the Army on April 6, 1965. He spent 13 months in Vietnam as part of the Army Artillery Branch, then completed his active duty with the 2nd Armor Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Sharpshooter (Rifle) Medal. After receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1967, he continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1971.

Following his military service, Roy built a long and respected career with Fairlane Inc., beginning as a head bowling mechanic and later becoming the East Coast Supervisor for ten bowling centers. After 25 years, he retired — but not for long. Roy began a second career with Home Depot, working at the first store to open in Virginia, where he stayed until his final retirement in 2021.

Above all his accomplishments, Roy's greatest pride and joy was his family. He was the steady foundation for generations — a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who led with love, kindness, and patience. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. Whether it was cheering them on, offering advice, fixing something with his skilled hands, or simply listening, Roy made sure each of them knew they were deeply loved and cherished.

Roy had an incredible gift for conversation, able to strike up a heartfelt chat with anyone, anywhere, leaving everyone he met a little happier than before. His laughter, patience, and deep-rooted kindness brought light to every room he entered.

Roy is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Sandy; his three children, Pamela Friend of Woodbridge, VA, Andrew Friend (Danielle) of Fredericksburg, VA, and Nicole Dunkle (Michael) of Ohio; ten beloved grandchildren — Andre, Kyliee, McKenzie, Alex, Hazel, Gracie, June, Allie, Chris, and Scott — and four cherished great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his faithful dog and best friend, Sammy.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 4-5pm and the service is from 5-6pm at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA. Interment will be held Monday, May 12, 2025 at 2pm at National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico.

Roy's legacy of love, service, and joy will continue to live on through the family he so deeply cherished and the countless lives he touched along the way.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Service

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico
18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Love, Ali & Craig Geist purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



Love, Ali & Craig Geist - May 06, 2025 at 08:29 PM

BF

“ Beth, Taylor, Steve, Norma, and Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



Beth, Taylor, Steve, Norma, and Families - May 06, 2025 at 08:20 AM

JS

“ Jacqueline S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Franklin Friend.

Jacqueline S. - May 05, 2025 at 06:41 PM

LF

“ Love - Mary, Chris, Eric and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



Love - Mary, Chris, Eric and family - May 05, 2025 at 04:36 PM

JJ

“ Jay, Dale and Kathy, Floyd and Janet purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



Jay, Dale and Kathy, Floyd and Janet - May 04, 2025 at 11:36 AM

KF

“ Kathy Ferguson purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



Kathy Ferguson - May 03, 2025 at 05:59 PM

KF

“ Kathy Ferguson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Franklin Friend.

Kathy Ferguson - May 03, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



May 02, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roy Franklin Friend.

May 02, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



May 01, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roy Franklin Friend.

May 01, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ A couple of mixed nuts, Marsha and Karen purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.



A couple of mixed nuts, Marsha and Karen - May 01, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.*



April 30, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.*



April 30, 2025 at 09:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roy Franklin Friend.*



April 30, 2025 at 07:12 AM



“ *Pam, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family during these tough times. Your dad sounded like a wonderful man as your family called out his hard work, deep patriotism, and an unwavering devotion to family and friends. Hugs from North Dakota.*

Brekka Kramer - April 29, 2025 at 08:19 PM