



## Scott Zearley

October 3, 2022

Scott Zearley, a 65-year-old handsome wine and occasional scotch connoisseur who loved to read any historical book, passed away October 3, 2022, after a lengthy illness related to his cancer diagnoses. He is survived by Jennifer, his wife of 27 years.

He earned his living as an imagery analyst until his recent retirement. His latest challenge was fighting dozens of battles with his nemesis, and a hideous evil called cancer. He always said, "I have cancer, cancer does not have me." He won a few battles, lost a few but the war raged on. He was tirelessly willing to go that extra mile to get well. He will always be his wife's hero to which she was able to be his caregiver until his very last breath. He loved his doctors and shared his love and trust with each one who cared for him, even though each one of them called his diagnosis complex and complicated and yet went out of their way to ensure they could fight right next to him. They have attempted everything they learned that could help and applied it. That helped him stay with us and continued this fight for over ten years. Thank you, doctors!

Friends and family knew his kind spirit, brilliant mind and as a man skillfully educated in photo analysis. Scott was known for his dedication to his craft and made sure the world knew his brilliant mind could use these skills that routinely helped defeat our enemies. He was a fine Marine who was a good

shot, strong-minded, and with a body that was strong-willed. Plus, he felt dedicated to doing it right the first time. To his wife, he was a hopeless romantic. Flowers for no reason, learning to cook, and drives to theme parks or northern Virginia vineyards just to have lunch. To her he had a quick wit, sharp tongue and long, entertaining stories about life as a Marine, and that one time at racing school where he learned to race open-wheel cars in England. He so wanted to race at least one time in Formula One! He loved to tell these stories often, and she knows them by heart.

A small memorial service will be held starting at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2022 (Veteran's Day) at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd. in Woodbridge, Virginia 22192.

In lieu of flowers, it was his wish that everyone who remembers him to support the Camp Lejeune Toxic Water campaigns and to help the push on any existing and new legislation to establish proper care for Veterans affected by this issue. For those strong-willed folks that can donate blood, please do. (He said to make sure to bring a sandwich if you donate). If you cannot donate blood, donate your time and energy to help the toxic water survivors and cancer centers around the globe towards fighting this evil nemesis that still roams amongst the living. Semper Fi, Gunny. Your wife loves you and know you are dearly missed.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

DN

“ I just found out about Scott's passing. I served with him in the 1980s and 1990s. We were roommates for a while. He stood up for me when I got married. He was a most interesting friend, with endless stories of his Midwest youth, his adventures as a Marine (among which was an Embassy guard in Finland and supporting the intervention in the Balkans). Not only was he a Formula 1 fan, he was also a proficient flight simulator pilot. And a respected imagery analyst. The ancient Greeks and the Vikings (Scott would have been a good Viking) believed that as long as a man is remembered, and people tell stories about him, that he was not gone nor lost. I will keep telling stories about Scott. He loved Jennifer with all his heart. I lost touch with them, and I wish I could have been there to help or at least provide a little comfort.

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**Darrell Nolen** - February 27, 2024 at 07:17 PM

KP

“ I am sorry to hear of Scott's passing. He was my first cousin and although I didn't get to see him very often after he was an adult, I did spend a lot of time with him as a child. He spent every summer with our family and he was very close with my brother. Both of them use to tease me relentlessly. He was a great guy and I know he is in heaven with his mom, my mom and dad.

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**Karen R Pressley** - June 01, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ **Scott Zearley**

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January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

JE

“ I found this in Scott's things when I was woking at his desk, and appeared to be unfinished:  
" A survivor does not become a survivor without first being damaged. When you have had a glimpse of Hell, Heaven becomes all the more beautiful. The life of another only becomes precious when you have accepted how fragile life really is. A survivor is someone who has been damaged, yet still picks themselves up and finds a way to go on..."

Jennifer - November 18, 2022 at 08:06 AM

MZ

“ Mrs. Jennifer Zearley lit a candle in memory of Scott Zearley



Mrs. Jennifer Zearley - November 14, 2022 at 12:18 PM

HJ

“ Scott's smile, laugh and passion for life and Jen will stay in our minds and heart forever. He gave the good fight and, in the process, reminded us of grace and kindness to all.

Hans Jerrell - November 11, 2022 at 08:23 AM

HS

“ Henry Cerro and Mary Stolmeier purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Scott Zearley.



Henry Cerro and Mary Stolmeier - November 09, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Scott Zearley.*



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November 07, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ *RIP Scott - a true hero in my mind for many years in the past and even more in future. An achieving marine for our country, a loving husband of Jen, a fearless fighter of cancer, and such a kind and inspiring soul for many of us who fortunately got to know him.*



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**Qun Zhang** - November 05, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Jen-I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. Sending strength and comfort to you at this time. -Jolana Williams*

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**Jolana Williams** - October 20, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *I am reminded of the song "No scars in Heaven" by Casting Crows and while Scott lived a full and happy life as best he could with cancer, always so loved and cared for by his amazing wife Jennifer, his friends and family, and everyone he met, he is now living his best life without any pain or suffering in Heaven....he is now cancer free. Scott didn't have it easy with his illness but I always remember him happy and loved. Prayers for Jennifer, he was the love of her life and she was his rock through it all.*

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**Kathy Spainhower** - October 19, 2022 at 01:43 PM

JE

“ 10 files added to the album Scott's World



Jen - October 17, 2022 at 07:44 PM

JB

“ Scott was a solid man. I met him many times during my DAU years and was always impressed by his passion for life and his wife. He will be missed. The world lost a good soul.

Jacob Bohr - October 17, 2022 at 07:00 PM

KO

“ Scott was my loving and caring uncle, unfortunately I only got to meet him 2-3 times. He was one of very few people on this planet who could accomplish anything he thought was good for his soul and good for the world. I wish I could have seen him one last time but if god was calling him then I understand. we will miss you uncle Scott!!

Kyle O'Leary - October 17, 2022 at 01:30 PM

MR

“ RIP Marine AMEN 🙏 Semper-Fidelis

MSgt Mark K. Ault USMC Ret. - October 16, 2022 at 04:25 AM

LE

“ I only had the pleasure of meeting you once, Scott, but I feel like I know you from Jen’s stories. You fought long and hard. Godspeed!

Leesa - October 15, 2022 at 08:23 PM

J(

“ Twink - I seriously don’t remember how we coined the Twinkle Toes moniker for you but you were always a good sport about it. I’m proud to have served with you and to be considered a friend. You’ll be missed by many.

Jo Arnold (Goodrick) - October 15, 2022 at 05:29 PM

MC

“ Scott, you will be dearly missed! You were a great Marine, imagery analyst, and person. You made me laugh and kept a smile on my face. Semper Fi and RIP!!

Mary Cessna - October 15, 2022 at 02:54 PM

JO

“ Well, whenever we deployed from MCAS Beaufort, SC, Scott would be like Jeff I need a spotter at the gym...he would throw around a lot of weight & I didn’t, so we would have to switch the plates back & forth...then my damn Alphas wouldn’t fit...I probably have forgotten more IA information that he taught me over the years we were at the squadron...Semper Fi, Scott, until Valhalla!!

Jeff Oakes - October 15, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BB

“ Scott buddy you will be missed never saw you with out a smile on your face and love in your heart.  
Brian

Brian Bohr - October 15, 2022 at 12:34 PM