



Jerry Dwayne Dillon

July 25, 1966 - July 8, 2024

Jerry Dwayne Dillon, age 57, of North Tazewell, Virginia, passed away at his home on Monday, July 8, 2024.

Jerry, born on July 25, 1966, in Williamson, West Virginia, was the son of the late Hogan Oran Dillon and Doris Jean Chafin Dillon. He dedicated his life to the underground as a tunnel miner and a licensed explosive expert. His journey took him across the United States, and he was a proud member of the labor unions. His talent was unparalleled, as he held seven world records, including the remarkable feat of tunneling through the earth's fault lines without triggering any earthquakes. His work was so deep off the coast of California and Hawaii that he had to decompress when returning to the surface. He was such a devoted worker, and after an injury that caused him to retire, he decided to take up gardening and woodworking to stay busy. He loved his family and was a devoted husband, father, brother, and grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Vickie Regina Torres, and a niece, Crystal Regina Torres.

Those that remain to carry on his spirit are his:

Loving wife, Deborah Dillon

Children: David Michael Ochsner, Chance Matthew Ochsner, Nicole Marie Shook, Jerry Dwayne Dillon, Jr., Dustin Dillon, Devlin Dean Dillon, and Jesse Dillon.

Sisters, Doris Contreras and Cora Mazur

Nieces, Adrianna Correa and Anna Contreras

Grandchildren: Jackson Shook, Bryce Oettinger, Grant Shook, Zaelynn Dillon, and Daisey Mae Dillon.

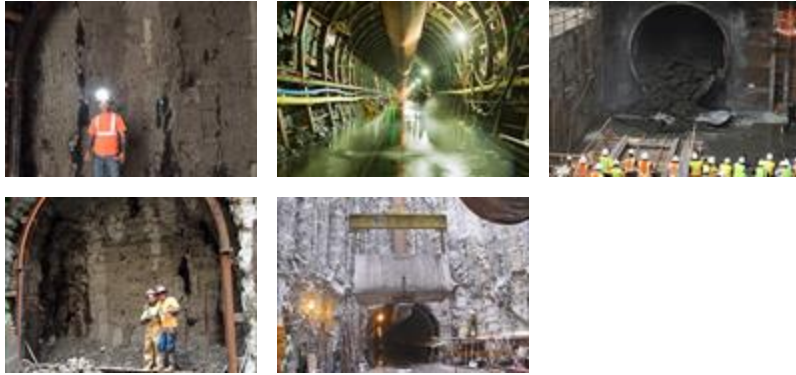
Jerry had previously decided that he wanted to be cremated with no services and his family is honoring his wishes.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, Virginia, is handling the arrangements. We invite those who wish to express their sympathy and share their memories of Jerry to do so online at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com. Your words will be a source of comfort and support during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ I can't believe it's been a year. I miss you so much sometime. My heart feels like it's gonna break into two how am I gonna figure life out without you?



Deborah Dillon - July 31, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JF

“ Long story short: I was asked if I could sink a 35ft. shaft and I told the boss with the right people yes. Who he said ? I replied Jerry Dillon and Kenny Keel, it was done, best dam drillers and powdermen I ever knew. Went to check on them one evening and they were fighting (they grew up together), I got out of the man cage and said " the bickering has got to stop".....well it was a lifetime joke. I saw Jerry a few years back here in Florida because he took out the time and I loved seeing him and sure enough we laughed about it. Rest well my friend and God Bless....

john finn - July 17, 2024 at 03:52 PM

RE

“ Jerry was one of a kind. We instantly hit it off when he came to Oregon to refine the sunset tunnel after a catastrophic collapse. He was the consummate professional. He had this dog that hated everybody but he took to me after a while. Jerry will be missed. Never forgotten. Always honored respected and loved

Rex - July 14, 2024 at 11:23 AM

SN

“ My how time seems to come and go so quickly... We often dont know when it is the last time we will see one another again. That for some of us, our lives take us some great distances from one another. .. My greatest memory, of you comes up when I hear someone mentioning apple pie. It brings me right back to when you asked your aunt if she had something sweet to eat and she gave you a piece of apple pie. I still can hear you say, "hey Bird, where did you get this apple pie ~ its damn good I'd like to pick one up before I head back home." Then the look on your face when she told you It could not be bought, that I made it. It was one of the first pies I made from scratch! I hope you get to rejoice with family and friends who have gone ahead of you... Give aunt Doris a hug from me, peace, love and blessing ~ your cuz Sera

Sera Nolan - July 13, 2024 at 11:52 AM

JB

“ I came to know Jerry at the New Irvington tunnel in the bay area. Jerry was my shifter there . We encountered tons of water and many fault zones. Jerry and his crew never backed away from the fight man against nature. Jerry was a miners miner. Sadie always tells the story of when Jerry let her set off a round. We will never forget you Brother. Love you both Sadie and Jack

Jack Bowling - July 11, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dillon



TonyanEdgar Wicks - July 11, 2024 at 08:05 AM

DC

“ I will miss our calls before on my way to work



Doris Dillon Contreras - July 11, 2024 at 06:18 AM

KK

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Kenneth Keel - July 11, 2024 at 04:00 AM

LH

“ Jerry was one of the kindest and funniest people I have ever known. His ability to tell a funny story was so great! He treated me like family and accepted me as his wife's best friend. When Debbie and I would have a falling out, it was Jerry who brought us together again. I loved him like a brother in law and he will be very missed. Rest in peace Jerry. God needed a funny angel and he chose you. Love Lisa

Lisa Harris - July 10, 2024 at 07:27 PM

DD

“ 21 Years Ago My Life start with an amazing man he changed my life in so many ways. I never knew someone can love you with so much dedication and so much hope trust and loving their heart every single day from writing me poems to making me smile every single day cannot tell you how much I will miss you, how much I miss you making me coffee and even doing the dishes. I love you forever.



Deborah Dillon - July 10, 2024 at 06:53 PM

WM

“ Jerry Dillon was the reason that I got into tunnels. He got me my job, and changed My whole life made a better person out of me. He's a good brother and and I hate that he got taken away early. My condolences to the family my love, Bill Miller.

William Miller - July 10, 2024 at 06:53 PM

RK

“ Rus and Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dillon



Rus and Kelly - July 10, 2024 at 06:32 PM

CH

“ *Debbie: so sorry for the loss of Jerry.*

What a wonderful union you both shared. So much care and loving.... So giving to our families. Your journey is marked with so many accomplishments.

You know better than we . We were so proud to know him. The moments in your home, your porch, your backyard with the cane corsoes. The walks on your beautiful wooded and hilly grounds.

The conversations and sharing of dreams. Jerry loved you and bragged about you so much....

Your joint decision to bring his mom, Doris, into your home, as her health was failing... , was so special.

You traveled many roads together and shared so many good times. These you will cherish forever: Jerry wants it this way.

A great man, life, journey, and so much more.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of it!

Much, much love: Cheri and Dan Hogan.

Cheri Hogan - July 10, 2024 at 06:28 PM