



John Rife

March 4, 1950 - May 3, 2008

John Howard Rife, 58, of Tazewell, Virginia passed away Saturday, May 3, 2008 in Roanoke, Virginia following a sudden illness. He was born in Tazewell, Virginia and was the son of the late 1st Lieutenant Cecil E. Rife and Hazel Yost Rife Hammitt, both former Tazewell, Virginia natives. He was a graduate of Tazewell High School Class of 1968, a Southwest Virginia Community College graduate, and also a graduate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He was the Chief Financial Officer at Downard Hydraulics in Princeton, West Virginia. He was of the Presbyterian faith and attended Mary's Presbyterian Church in Tazewell, Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Augustus and Rhoda Rife, formerly of Buchanan County, Virginia; his maternal grandparents, F.F. and Louanna Yost, formerly of Tazewell, Virginia; Uncles, Crockett, J.W., and Howard Yost; and an aunt, Doris Jean Yost. Those who survive him are Brother Hassel E. Rife of Gratton, Virginia Aunt Hallie Melvin of Tazewell, Virginia Uncles Robert L. Yost and wife, Gwendolyn of Tazewell, Virginia Bruce E. Yost and wife, Frances of Bluefield, Virginia Very Special cousin, Wesley Hunter Melvin of Bluefield, Virginia A special four-legged companion, his dog, Bud Several cousins also survive. Funeral services for John Rife will be conducted at 2:00pm Monday, May 5, 2008 at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, Virginia with the Minister Danny Whitt officiating. Interment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Wayne Yost, Jr., Michael Melvin, Shannon Melvin, Robbie Yost, Robert Yost,

Richard Lee, and Keith Christiansen. Honorary Pallbearers will be Employees of Downard Hydraulics and the 8th Critical Care Unit Staff at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Friends may call from 6:00pm until 8:00pm Sunday evening at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, Virginia.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Rife*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *John Rife*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Many times John and I have talked about this in a jokeing way. But now reality as hit, and its very hard to deal with. I hope that you his family can find peace in god. John was the only true friend I had he has talked with me many time and helped me with problems. Just the way John has done with all of you his family. I feel like part of his family. John made me feel that way. John will be missed but never forgotten he will live in our hearts and minds.
We love you John*

David & Ann Jordan - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hassel,

*I am so very sorry about your brother.
You have all my love, sympathy and prayers.*

*I am sorry I will not be able to be with you tonight. I will be with you
in my thoughts.*

If you need me for anything, just let me know.

*Love you
Von*

Von Yost - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ To John's family,

*I worked with John for many years at Cumberland/Dominion Bank. I
was his banker when he worked at Cermaic Technology. John was
such a happy person to be around. Always enjoying work and life.
He will be greatly missed.*

The family will be in my prayers.

Matthew Irvin - May 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM