



Billy Dale Truss

July 14, 1959 - July 22, 2016

Billy Dale Truss, age 57, of Waldorf, MD died suddenly on July 22, 2016 at Carolina Beach, NC.

Born on July 14, 1959 in Dallas, TX, he was the son of the late Raymond Franklin Truss and the late Ruth Shockley Truss. Billy was a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy from 1976 until his retirement in 1999, having served on the USS Blue Ridge and the USS McDonnell with time in the Persian Gulf. He then went onto work with DELTA Resources for 14 years. He loved crabbing, hunting, scuba diving, fishing, golfing, his dogs, his Harley Davidson motorcycles and football, especially the Dallas Cowboys. During his Navy career, he traveled the world over.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Truss; one son, Johnathan Wayne Truss and wife Casey; one daughter, Jennifer Jean Truss; one stepson, Kyle E. Gawthrop; one stepdaughter, Ashley Marie Gawthrop; three brothers, Robert D., David and Jimmy Truss; one sister, Debbie Truss; and three grandchildren, Jaiden, Malaya and Skylar.

Friends received on Monday, August 8, 2016 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD, where Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 12:30PM, followed by Interment at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway,

Cheltenham, MD 20623 at 1:45PM with full Navy honors.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of his four-legged kids, Merlin and Forrest, to the National Canine Cancer Foundation, Inc., 13835 N Tatum Boulevard, Suite 9-448, Phoenix, AZ 85032 (<http://www.wearethecure.org/friends/wipeoutcancer>).

Online condolences may be made at www.raymondfuneralservice.com.

Cemetery Details

MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Friends Received

AUG 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
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AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Dale Truss*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Billy Dale Truss*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Dale Truss.*



August 07, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Billy was a really great uncle growing up, he's taught me a lot as a kid and when I were a teen. He'll be missed until my time comes. May god look over his kids and grandkids*

Daniel Truss - August 03, 2016 at 12:30 PM

AJ

“ I've worked with Billy for 8 years and have always been amazed at his knowledge and expertise. He was always available to help whenever needed, a true "go-to" guy. Through the years, we've had many interesting conversations and most of all lots of laughs. He was always honest and frank and I appreciated that about him. I loved hearing about his diving adventures, fishing with John, vacations with Kay and family stories. He was more than colleague, he was "my buddy Billy" and I'm going to miss him, RIP my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the family

Angela Johnson

Angela Johnson - August 02, 2016 at 11:43 AM

JS

“ Jerry & Cindy Schauer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Dale Truss.



Jerry & Cindy Schauer - August 01, 2016 at 11:18 AM

PA

“ I had the Honor of working with Billy and becoming friends with him when we worked at AOT. We were forever kidding each other about our Navy Career, and the adventure both good and bad we shared. Billy was always talking about his son and daughter and was a proud Dad as they grew into adulthood. I believe we had our most fun supporting the NAVSEA's Surface Ships program. Billy was a true friend in my book, who would go out of his way to help if he could. I remember after my Stroke and Quad By-pass; he rode his bike over to visit us at our River House. It had been a couple of years since we had seen each other, and had a great visit. The next weekend, he rode to our seafood place, and picked up dinner for him, my wife and I. What a wonderful surprise, but that was Billy. My biggest regret is that I will not be able to ride with him and enjoy his wonderful humor. I have lost a good friend and wonderful Shipmate. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Billy and Family.
Paul Yates



Pau - August 01, 2016 at 06:55 AM

NM

“ We both had the pleasure of working with Billy during his time at DELTA. Billy was always willing to lend a hand and his expertise to ensure that projects were completed correctly and on time. He mentored both senior and junior staff and cared not just about the work but also about the people on the team. I remember one particular team mate Billy mentored. When he realized that this team mate was not able to be home for a holiday, he included the team mate in his family's gathering. Billy's consideration and regard for both his team mates and his family were very touching. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tony and Natalie Arbuckle

NMA - July 31, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy Dale Truss.*



July 29, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ *Billy and I have been friends for 14 years. We worked together at NAVSEA in his early DELTA years and stayed in touch. He was a funny guy, a compassionate guy, a hard working guy, a GO TO guy. You could always depend on Billy Truss!! For Billy's family, you must all know how special of a man he was. He always made me smile. I will miss him.*

*Rest in Peace my friend,
Doug Knowles*

Doug Knowles - July 28, 2016 at 10:58 AM



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Mark Ryan - July 26, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ I just met Billy last week diving in North Carolina. We hung out in the kitchen Thursday night while he cooked dinner, steak and peppers. We talked about diving and dogs, a passion for both of us. He told me about his wife, and how you guys liked to ride to wineries on his motorcycle. Billy was a very kind man, and I am privileged to have spent time with him his last few days. His love for his family was evident when we spoke, and you have my deepest condolences.
Christina Prochownik



Christina Prochownik - July 26, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark Ryan - July 26, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



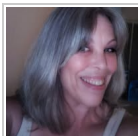
Maria Proestou - July 26, 2016 at 04:16 PM

AG

“ I will remember Billy fondly. He was a straight shooter who told it like it is. But, if you ever needed his help, he would be there to freely share his ideas and expertise. I especially got to know him during 2013-2014 when he assisted in the development of a major office database. His help was invaluable and we had some good laughs in the process! Rest in perfect peace, Billy.

A.B. Garrett
WNY
Washington, DC

Ava Garrett - July 26, 2016 at 03:30 PM



“ Kay, I am so sorry about your husband. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Jeanine Robinson

Jeanine Robinson - July 26, 2016 at 03:14 PM

JD

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Billy's family. May God give you peace during this difficult time.

Jeff Dwigins - July 26, 2016 at 01:17 PM

PB

“ Peggy Berthod lit a candle in memory of Billy Dale Truss



Peggy Berthod - July 26, 2016 at 12:51 PM

JG

“ I've known Mr. Truss all my life for the most part. His daughter and son went to the same elementary school and middle school. My dad and Mr. Truss also worked together on occasion during their time in the United States Navy. I knew him as a loving father and a friend. He subscribed to tough love because he knew the type of world we lived in. He taught his kids to be strong and self reliant. He gave what he could in the hopes that it made everyone's life a little bit better. When I was struggling in my 20's and on the outs with my own family, Mr. Truss gave me a place to call home. He helped me get on my feet. He was and is a great man. I say is because his legacy lives in those of us he touched and helped. Through our actions we honor him. While there is sadness and loss, there is always light and love. God bless you all and my prayers and love are with you all. - Jeremy

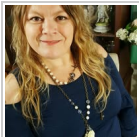
Jeremy Guthrie - July 26, 2016 at 12:07 PM

DH

“ Darlene Holland lit a candle in memory of Billy Dale Truss



Darlene Holland - July 26, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ He felt like a family member the first time I met him. He was my cousins love, rock, and partner. He remembered everyone and everything. Asked about my family's well being. Amazing person and cousin He is. Kay, his children and step children our hearts go out to you. Jackie and Matt.

Jackie Schauer-Long - July 26, 2016 at 11:31 AM

PL

“ I've known Billy for a little over two years now and one thing that always struck me about him is the passion he showed with everything he did. Always tinkering with stuff and coming up with creative solutions was something he was great at. He was always talking about his pups and it was obvious that his love for them was high on his priority list.

Billy's love for diving was also something that was obvious when he was around other divers. He would always talk about his shark encounters and underwater adventures, sharing his experiences with new and seasoned divers alike. Some of my best memories surround diving with Billy.

Till we meet again Billy.

Paul Lenharr - July 26, 2016 at 09:34 AM

VB

“ As a Lieutenant assigned to plan ship industrial work in the Shipyard in Yokosuka Japan, I worked with Billy in his capacity as the Ship Material Readiness Officer for 7th Fleet's Command and Control Ship, USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC19) from 1992 to 1995. Years later Billy supported me when I retired from the Navy as a senior program manager at Naval Sea Systems Command in the Navy Yard. Always the consummate professional, Billy excelled in getting the hard work of the US Navy done right the first time. He was a leader who cared about his sailors and civilians and by leading by example always got the most from the teams he led. He will be sorely missed by all those that knew him, that worked with him, that loved him, and that sailed the high seas with him...Thanks for the friendship and the memories Billy. You were a wonderful shipmate. May God Bless and Keep your soul in eternity and May God give comfort to family and friends who deeply grieve your loss.

Vance Brahosky - July 26, 2016 at 06:58 AM

PC

“ Kay, Jennifer and Jonathan, I was saddened to hear that Billy passed away yesterday. I first met Billy when he supported me in at least two program offices at NAVSEA. He quickly proved himself able and willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. When I retired he even took it upon himself to put my shadow box together.

I did have an opportunity to talk to Billy about three months ago and he sounded like he was doing great. I'm glad I did have that chance to circle back with him.

Billy was a true shipmate and he'll truly be missed. Every good Naval Officer has great Chiefs behind him and I always considered Billy to be one of my best, even if he was dressed as a contractor!

Please accept my condolences.

V/R Paul A. Cruz, CAPT, USN (Retired)

Paul Cruz - July 25, 2016 at 01:08 PM