



## Colan Dee Ratliff

November 5, 1947 - March 10, 2025

Colan Dee Ratliff, 77, passed away unexpectedly on March 10, 2025 at his home. He was born in Burnsville W VA on November 5, 1947.

He was predeceased by his parents Dee and Helen Ratliff and sister Deanna Thomas.

He is survived by his sisters, Lisa Parish and Pam Hadel, of Greenville SC. Brothers in-law Allan Parish and Sam Hadel of Greenville SC, Matt Forger of Chatsworth CA, Gary Forger of Tucson AZ and sister in-law Theresa Forger of Liverpool NY. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

His wife Grace Ann (Forger) of La Plata MD, daughter Anna Antoine of White Plains MD, Sons Nathan Ratliff and his wife Holly of Mechanicsville MD and Ethan Ratliff of La Plata MD. Granddaughters Brooke, Lorelei, Hayden, Harper Ratliff and Evangeline Antoine and grandson Michael Antoine.

He served honorably in the US Marine Corps from 1968 – 1971. He was a Vietnam Veteran.

His pride of service in the US Marine Corps is being carried on by his three children: Lt Col Anna Antoine, Sgt Nathan Ratliff and Sgt Ethan Ratliff.

He was able to pursue his passion of Naval history and constructing museum quality ship models during his forty-two-year career with the Department of the Navy.

Colan was a proud member of the Smallwood Village Aquatic Club and served as its president from 1993 – 2002.

As his children were competitive swimmers, Colan was very active in the SO MD swimming community.

In his later years, he enjoyed spending time with his six grandchildren. It gave him immense pleasure to be surrounded by them.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society in his honor. Please visit <https://www.nmcrs.org>

Services will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 100 Village St. Waldorf, MD on Monday, March 24, 2025 with Visitation at 10:00 AM and a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. At a later date, Colan will be interred at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery on Oneida Lake in Cleveland, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Cleveland, NY

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church  
100 Village Street  
Waldorf, MD 20602

## Memorial Mass

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We were all quite shocked to hear that Colan had passed away. I remember him as a kind, funny, smart and caring person who always made time for family. He will be very much missed. Garry Forger

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**Garry Forger** - March 18, 2025 at 06:06 PM

MG

“ Grace and family, I was so sorry to hear of Colan's passing...he was an amazing human being and such a character...my late husband Chris and he were such good friends going back to high school, and I am grateful that the two of them were able to get together many times over the years... I will miss his friendship on facebook and will have a piece of pie for breakfast the morning after Thanksgiving in his honor...God bless you all and give you peace.

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**Martha Galeota** - March 15, 2025 at 10:21 AM