

Richmond Alan Vernon

April 6, 1953 - September 21, 2018

Richmond Alan Vernon of Upper Marlboro, MD, died Friday, September 21, 2018, in Chestertown, MD. He was 65.

Richmond A. Vernon was born April 6, 1953 in College Park, MD, the son of the late William and Lakie Richmond Vernon. Mr. Vernon was a 1970 graduate of Gwynn Park High School. He quickly entered the workforce with a variety of jobs including line cook, line painter on the highway, and eventually Area Engineer for Wallace Montgomery. He was currently assigned to the State Highway Administration District 2. Richmond enjoyed playing guitar, cooking, and painting. He loved animals, especially cats. Mr. Vernon was also a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Upper Marlboro, MD.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Darlene Vernon, and one brother, Thomas Vernon.

He is survived by his sister, Gwen McLaughlin of Brandywine, MD; one brother, William Vernon of Knoxville, TN; one niece, Elizabeth Wilson (Kevin) and his great niece, Ashley Wilson of England; longtime companion, Marilyn Boyd of Upper Marlboro, MD, and her children, Daniel Boyd, Danette Boyd-Perez, Sharon Panakis, Belinda Taheri; and her grandchildren, Jessica, A.J., Cassidy, Hannah, Tristan, Dylan, Elianna and his cat, Squeaker.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 11am, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 14515 Church St., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to your local Humane Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richmond Alan Vernon*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richmond Alan Vernon*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richmond Alan Vernon*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Assaye Gabre lit a candle in memory of Richmond Alan Vernon*



Assaye Gabre - October 10, 2018 at 06:37 AM



“ *I have known Richmond for over 10 Years, throughout all that Time, Richmond was one of the most logical people I ever met, one of the most honest, with a kind Heart, and A great Sense of Humor. He will be missed by all.*

With Deepest Sympathies,

Michael B O'Malley

Michael OMalley - October 07, 2018 at 03:53 PM

JS

Best of friends throughout Brandywine Elementary and Gwynn Park JR. High. Many great memories shared. See you in heaven brother.

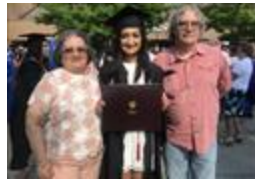
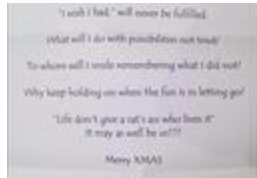
Jimi Simon - August 10, 2019 at 02:06 PM

“ On September 21st, 2018, the world lost one of the most selfless people I’ve ever known. Anyone who knew Richmond knew he was a modest man who always hated the spotlight. But I’m taking a minute to shine the brightest spotlight you can imagine on this amazing man. Richmond was like a grandfather to me since I was born. He and my grandmother Marilyn Boyd have been loving and taking care of one another for the last 30 years. In that time, in his own modest and quiet way, he showed her and our family more kindness, love, and generosity than one could ever imagine. He deserved to live so much longer than 65 years, but what an amazing and meaningful life he lived.

His endless wisdom, quick wit, and huge heart undoubtedly left an impact on everyone who was lucky enough to meet him. He and I shared a special bond. I will always cherish the memory I have of him coming to visit me at Salisbury to take me out to a real restaurant for lunch as a sheltered freshman. I’ll never forget how excited he was to watch me graduate this year. Or how he spent hours helping my mom fix our garage door last year for her on her birthday. Or how often he volunteered to help the poor and the hungry. Or how, when he found out my car needed new tires to make it to California safely, he paid for them without hesitation. Or how he always encouraged me to follow my dream of being a singer when I was little. Or the way he always belly laughed at my corny jokes. Or his hugs. He gave the BEST hugs. One of my favorite gifts he ever gave me was the poem he wrote for Christmas for me last year (one of the many poems he wrote for us on special occasions.) As he wrote, “Life is not for saving but for savoring.” And I think he would say he savored every bit as best as he could.

I knew him as a caring companion to my grandmother, a stepfather figure to my mom, aunts, and uncle, a grandfather figure to me and my siblings and cousins, a handyman, a cook, a poet, a musician, a great listener, and an even greater storyteller, among a plethora of other things. Not to mention, he was so much funnier than he would’ve given himself credit for!

I could write a book about how much Richmond means to all of us and how much he did for not only us but so many people in need. But, I know he wouldn't want me to brag about him any more than I already have. He always felt uncomfortable when we thanked him for things because he felt he was just doing what was right. He told us he would rather we just pay it forward. So, Richmond, I promise to spend the rest of my life trying my best to pay it forward for you. We love you and will miss you more than words can say.



Hannah Taheri - October 06, 2018 at 08:46 PM

MF

“ I don't have words to express my love for Richmond. I have known Richmond for many, many years and will miss him very much. I am honored to have him as a friend. My sincere sympathy and prayers go out for his family. Marion Freeman

Marion Freeman - October 06, 2018 at 07:40 PM

HI

“*Mr. Richmond was more than a co-worker, he was a leader, a mentor, an inspiration to want to achieve higher definition to the causes. A person whom was 20 feet away and could come over with an answer or theory to remedy the whispering argument that you're having with yourself, but he was attentive. He always had a way with words that made sense, understood people's passion with construction. "11:30 Friday night! You got issues Son!!" God Bless!*

Henry R. Dierker III - October 05, 2018 at 12:08 PM

TH

“*Richmond was grounded, thoughtful, always present, giving you his full attention, extremely generous sharing his knowledge and experience. Awesome sense of humor! Kind and caring soul. Never known anyone like him and doubt ever will.*

My deepest sympathy.

Tish Hopkins - October 05, 2018 at 10:28 AM

RC

“*Rita Conner lit a candle in memory of Richmond Alan Vernon*



Rita Conner - October 05, 2018 at 08:48 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sharon Panakis - October 05, 2018 at 08:35 AM

OS

“ Vernon was a mentor and friend. He literally wore his Christianity as a symbol and testimony of how he lived his life. Fair Winds and Following Seas, my friend.



ODonnell Shawn - October 05, 2018 at 08:20 AM

SW

“ Condolences sent to Marilyn Boyd and Family as well as the Veron Family



Susan Wilson - October 05, 2018 at 08:06 AM

FW

“ I knew Richmond through work. He was a gentle, quiet spirit. A knowledgeable, effective leader who was an asset to our firm and our clients. I truly good man. May he rest in peace.

Frank Waesche - October 05, 2018 at 07:43 AM

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Sharon Panakis - October 04, 2018 at 02:49 PM