



Roland Blann III

April 6, 1947 - February 6, 2021

Staff Sergeant Roland Blann III, 73, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore on February 6, 2021. Roland was a decorated veteran who joined the Marine Corps in 1965. He served two tours in the Vietnam War. After serving 10 years in the Marine Corps he went on to serve 16 years more in the reserves.

Roland was born on April 6, 1947 in Easton, Maryland to his parents, the late Roland Blann Jr. and Vera Blann (née Hutson). As a child, Roland was raised to believe in giving back to one's country through military service. In 1965, he enlisted in the Marines, stationed first at Parris Island and then Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Roland would go on to serve in the Vietnam War with his uncle, Anthony "Andy" Blann.

After his second tour of Vietnam he headed home on leave, in his travels he met Marsha Millette. They began to exchange letters, forming a strong friendship and marrying in July 1972. After living the nomadic military life for a few years, Roland and Marsha chose to settle down in his hometown of Easton, where they raised their family.

In his civilian life, Roland started working at Elliott Wilson Trucks as a diesel mechanic. He later became a correctional officer for the state of Maryland

serving in many facilities throughout the state. He retired in 2005 at the rank of Lieutenant. When he wasn't working, Roland spent his time volunteering in the community. Throughout the years, he was known as a firefighter, little league softball umpire, and veterans' rights activist. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 5118, serving as the Post Commander 1985-86 and VFW District 4 Commander 1986- 87. He was also a member of American Legion Post 70, serving as Post Commander 2001-02. He also was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 648 and a member of the Marine Corp League Choptank Unit.

Roland was an honorable soldier and citizen, a loving husband and brother, a supportive father and grandfather, and a good friend to all who knew him. Roland is survived by his wife, Marsha; his siblings, George, Frances (Charlie), and Michael (Tina); his children Roland IV, Lenore (Brad) and James; his grandchildren Hannah, Sophia, Katie, Jonas, and Lucas; and his great grandson Kyrie. He was predeceased by his parents, Roland Jr. and Vera; and his granddaughter, Amanda Travis.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to American Legion Post 70 located at 29511 Canvasback Drive Easton, MD 21601.

There will be a memorial service held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton. Following the memorial, there will be a celebration of life held from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 70 with private interment later in the day.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

celebration of life

FEB **16**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

American Legion
29511 Canvasback Drive
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roland Blann III*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 16, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Roland Blann III*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Roland Blann III*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Roland Blann III*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Bill and I and our family are so very sorry for your loss. Roland was a one of kind guy and he will be forever missed!!*

Judi Parenteau - February 18, 2021 at 09:27 PM

MA

Judi thank you so much for the lovely plant. Jay and I will do our best to keep it healthy but I don't have you or moms green thumb.

Marsha - February 22, 2021 at 02:29 PM

PM

*“ We are so sorry that we are not present for Roland’s service. Love to all our family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Clarke & Pat Millette*

Pat Millette - February 16, 2021 at 10:21 AM

AF

“ Andy Foster lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



Andy Foster - February 12, 2021 at 06:31 PM

TL

“ Trudy Leager lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



Trudy Leager - February 12, 2021 at 05:04 PM

PF

“ We have such great memories of our time at the ballfields with Roland umpiring and sharing stories. Please know Marsha and all of Roland's loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers.



Penny Finkner - February 12, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LC

“ I am so, so sorry for your loss. Take it one second, one minute, one moment, one hour, one day, one week, one month, one year at a time. There's no time limit on grief, ever. Never let anyone tell you there is.

Lisa Christie - February 11, 2021 at 05:49 AM

PF

“ Roland served his country and loved his family and those of us who knew him were proud to have him as a friend. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Phil Foster - February 11, 2021 at 02:12 AM

CY

“ Rest In Peace Roland. My prayers are with the family with Love.



Christina Yeatman-Westmacott - February 10, 2021 at 09:34 PM

ME

“ *Mark Ewing lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Mark Ewing - February 10, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Going miss u picking on me and the times we got to spend with you give dad a hug and kiss from me Timothy*

Timothy Blann - February 10, 2021 at 07:44 PM

DB

“ *You will be missed 😭 tell Dad I said hi ! Love , Dawn*



Dawn Bradshaw - February 10, 2021 at 07:18 PM

HW

“ *Helen F Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland Blann III*



helen f willis - February 10, 2021 at 06:49 PM

GS

“ *Glenn Saulsbury lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Glenn Saulsbury - February 10, 2021 at 06:37 PM

HW

“ *My light shines a little dimmer with out you in it,I do remember when we were little that whenever Ronnie or Freddy would mess with me you were always there by my side protecting me from their taunts. My heart has another piece torn from it,I am so glad and proud that you were my big brother,I will miss you for ever and ever,but I am grateful you are no longer in pain.
Love you Bro*



helen f willis - February 10, 2021 at 03:15 PM

SJ

“ *RIP Roland sending prayers to the family 🙏*



Sol James - February 10, 2021 at 02:09 PM

AF

“ April Willis And Family lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



April willis and family - February 10, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



Tim & Laura Bishop - February 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM

DF

“ Debby Hutson And Family lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



Debby hutson and family - February 10, 2021 at 12:06 PM

CL

“ Chris And Connie Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



Chris and Connie Lloyd - February 10, 2021 at 12:06 PM

DF

“ Sorry about your loss he was a good man. You all are in our prayers. Roland go rest high on that mountain.

Debby hutson and family - February 10, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JP

“ Roland was always very kind to me and my husband. Always had a ready smile and happy to share a joke or two. I feel blessed to have known him. Rest in peace.

Jennifer Stoner (ex Pring) - February 10, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JW

“ Janine & Shannon Wright lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III



Janine & Shannon Wright - February 10, 2021 at 11:41 AM

MW

“ Mary Wyatt sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland Blann III



Mary Wyatt - February 10, 2021 at 10:29 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Agnes Blades - February 10, 2021 at 08:24 AM

AB

So very sorry for your loss Marsha & Family.

Thank you for your service Roland...

Agnes Blades - February 10, 2021 at 08:27 AM

GB

“ *Gary Ball lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Gary Ball - February 09, 2021 at 10:19 PM

 Paula
Broll

“ *Paula Broll sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland Blann III*



Paula Broll - February 09, 2021 at 07:08 PM

 Paula
Broll

Roland was such a nice man and will be missed by many. Thank you for your service, Roland.

Paula Broll - February 09, 2021 at 07:09 PM

RT

“ *Ray & Vicki Taylor lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Ray & Vicki Taylor - February 09, 2021 at 03:36 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Vickie Bildstein - February 09, 2021 at 02:09 PM

BB

“ *Beverly Baxter lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Beverly Baxter - February 09, 2021 at 02:02 PM

TB

“ *Tina Blann lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Tina Blann - February 09, 2021 at 10:10 AM

AB

“ *ANN BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



ANN BUTLER - February 09, 2021 at 09:41 AM

CP

“ *Carol Prettyman lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Carol Prettyman - February 09, 2021 at 09:10 AM

JS

“ *Jeanne M Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland Blann III*



jeanne m smith - February 09, 2021 at 08:37 AM

 Cynthia Dill

“ *Cynthia Dill lit a candle in memory of Roland Blann III*



Cynthia Dill - February 09, 2021 at 08:25 AM