



## Mr. John Zero Russ Jr.

August 10, 1956 - July 21, 2015

John Zero Russ, Jr., 58, of Salisbury, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at his home.

Born August 10, 1956 in Morganton, he was the son of Katie Shelton Russ Johnson of Pinehurst and the late John Zero Russ, Sr.

Mr. Russ was educated at the Patterson School, Lenoir and graduated from Catawba College. He was a veteran of the US Air Force during the Vietnam Era.

He was employed in information security for the W. G. Hefner VA Medical Center before retiring..

Mr. Russ was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, AMVETS and Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge # 576 A.F & A. M.

Those left to cherish his memory in addition to his mother, are his wife, Kimberly Rankin Russ; son, Matt Russ and wife Amanda of Rock Hill, SC and their son Gavin; daughter, Jordan Russ Laiweneek and husband Robert of Crouse; brother, Scott Russ of Savannah, GA; sister, Deborah Russ of Pinehurst.

A graveside service will be conducted 11 AM – Thursday (July 23) at the Salisbury VA National Cemetery with the Rev. Kris Mares , minister of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church officiating. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the NC National Guard and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will speak to friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project., P.O. Box 758517  
Topeka, Kansas 66675

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *kim, we were so sorry to hear about john. please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*pam and hodge coffield*

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**pam coffield** - July 28, 2015 at 08:59 PM

TP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Russ family during your loss of your loved one! John was such a wonderful person. Everyone at the Salisbury VAMC respected him and I never heard anyone say a bad word about him. He will be missed.*

*With deepest sympathy!*

*Tina Phelps*

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**Tina Phelps** - July 23, 2015 at 09:02 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear of John's passing. Remember him as a young man in Morganton' Just a few weeks ago talked with him in the grocery store. My heart goes out to his family'*

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**Beverly Basinger** - July 23, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Scott, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and hope that your many memories of John help to sustain you at this most difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Gina Whisnant** - July 23, 2015 at 11:56 AM

CC

“ I was so sorry to learn of John's sudden passing. I will miss his smile and our conversations over the lawn mower in the back yard. My thoughts are with you at this time.

Carol Cody - July 23, 2015 at 09:18 AM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this hurting time. John was such a nice guy and always willing to help anyone and everyone.

Jan Roseman - July 23, 2015 at 06:23 AM

KG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Praying that God's love will wrap around you and strengthen you today and in the days to come. Remembering joyous times shared with John and all of you ....especially those Christmases and John's presence at the birth of Daniel. Our love and sympathy to all of you.

Karen, Dan & Daniel De Graaf - July 22, 2015 at 04:54 PM

BT

“ I was blessed to work with John at the VA Medical Center in Salisbury, prior to my transfer to the OPC, Winston-Salem, in December of 1987. He is such a delightful spirit; please notice, I correctly said "is"! His memory will NEVER be "past tense"! God bless and keep the family until the special day of reunion! BARBARA MILLER THOMAS



Barbara Miller Thomas - July 22, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Zero Russ Jr..*



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July 22, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *Kim, So Sorry for your loss. Prayers going up for you and your family.*

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**Bob Rochelle** - July 22, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ *John was a fine man and I have many good memories of times he assisted me at the Salisbury VAMC. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



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**Ada Singleton** - July 22, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *We all loved Zero, Kim you're all in our prayers. Love the Scearces'*

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**Danny Scearce** - July 22, 2015 at 08:35 AM



“ *Kim, Jordan, Matt, and Family, I am at a loss for words during this sorrowful time, but please know that I am thinking of you and praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.*

*We have beautiful memories of our evenings on Partridge Run that we spent together laughing, talking, and grilling. We will cherish these memories forever.*

*May the sorrow you feel in your heart lighten by the love that surrounds you.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Tammy (formerly Earnhardt) Taylor, Bobby Taylor, John, Jason and Joshua Earnhardt*

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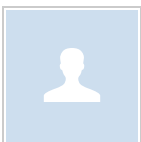
**Tammy Taylor** - July 22, 2015 at 07:07 AM



“ *I'll never forget you coach Russ. Sending prayers for the family.*

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**Gerald Stevens** - July 22, 2015 at 12:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Zero Russ Jr..*



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July 21, 2015 at 08:18 PM

KB

“ Karen Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Zero Russ Jr.



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karen barbee - July 21, 2015 at 06:39 PM

DW

“ I have known this family for 50 years and did John Sr's. masonic service. Great family. You are in my prayers"s.

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David Webb - July 21, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. John Zero Russ Jr..



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July 21, 2015 at 03:47 PM