



Roger Minish Dent

January 25, 1952 - August 24, 2021

Roger M. Dent, 69, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away on August 24, 2021, at Lee Health in Cape Coral, Florida.

He was born in Davidson County, South Dakota, on January, 25, 1952, to the late Wilson M. Dent and Genevieve M. Strong.

He married the late Jacklyn P. Bradley on June 5, 1974, in North Stonington, Connecticut.

He served in the USCG for 20 years from 1974 to 1994, entering through the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut and retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He is survived by a son, Justin Dent and his fiancée Dannika Smith, of Groton, Connecticut; a daughter, Jillian McHugh and her husband, Shawn, of Portsmouth, Virginia; and grandchildren, Candice Dent, Brixton Dent, Achilles McHugh, Caitlin McHugh, and Syllas McHugh.

Due to the current health climate, no funeral services are scheduled. Roger will be laid to rest next to his late wife at the Connecticut Veteran's Cemetery in Middletown, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Roger's honor to the Rainbow Bible Ranch, 14676 Lonetree Road, Sturgis, SD 57785 (605) 923-2367.

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Minish Dent*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Roger Minish Dent*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Justin, Jillian and family,*

Please accept our sincere condolences on your dad's passing. I had the pleasure of rooming together with Roger during our first class year (seniors) at the Academy. Always the consummate gentleman, always helpful and good natured.

My fiancé (now wife) and I had the honor of attending your parents wedding and then spent the rest of 1974-1976 on Governor's Island, NY where your dad served on USCGC Dallas and I on USCSC Morgenthau. On the few occasions both cutters were inport at the same time we would get together for dinner.

Your dad was a good classmate your mom was a loving wife both were kind and supportive to us. We will miss Roger but take solace in knowing that he is back with Jackie.

Rich and Jan Formisano

Rich Formisano - September 29, 2021 at 01:29 PM

DC

“ Roger was one of the first couple dozen of us to walk into the front door at the Coast Guard Academy that last Monday in June many decades ago, to share adventures, tribulations, and triumphs for the next 4 years. His quiet perseverance and willingness to help others was always noted and appreciated. Our class is poorer with his loss. Heartfelt prayers to his family
Dave Courtois USCGA '74

Dave Courtois - September 29, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ I was fortunate to have Roger as a colleague at Coast Guard Headquarters. We worked on a project that organized and analyzed Coast Guard data that tracked its resources. His expertise was instrumental in the Coast Guard developing an application that was utilized to measure productivity and effectiveness of resources across multiple mission areas of the Coast Guard.

Roger, may you have fair winds and following seas!

Allen Penn USCGA '73

Allen Penn - September 28, 2021 at 10:20 PM

NC

“ Dear Justin and Jillian,
I'm so very sorry to hear that Roger your Dad passed away. Our family has always treasured the friendship we had with Genevieve. The Dent family holds a special place in our hearts. Sending you our prayers condolences and love.
Your South Dakota friends,
Nancy and Todd Collins and family



Nancy Collins - September 07, 2021 at 08:48 PM

EB

“ Roger was a beloved friend, confident and family member for 51 year, I know he is at peace with the Lord and sharing some stories with my sister and parents now.

Ellen Balazy - September 07, 2021 at 06:41 PM

 Jerry Bowersox

“ Justin, Jillian and family, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He and your mom were kind people and fellow members of Cresthill Baptist Church, in Bowie, MD. I pray for God's peace and comfort to enfold you all during your upcoming time of grief.
Jerry Bowersox

Jerry Bowersox - September 07, 2021 at 05:32 PM

JS

“ Roger was a great classmate. It wasn't easy being a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy and Roger helped make things better with his good spirit and kindness.

After graduation, I had the pleasure to work with Roger at USCG HQ on a daily basis from '77 to '79 on various marine safety projects. He worked hard and made great contributions to our team. I'll never forget that.

Over the years, we have lost too many of our classmates, people with whom we shared many challenges and good times. I will miss Roger.

May the Lord bless Roger's family and friends in this sad time.

John Sedlak, '74

John Sedlak - September 06, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Condolences on the passing of Roger. Each person who shared the intensity of the years at the Coast Guard Academy feels a little less whole as one of our classmates is gone from this world.*

Sincerely,

Jim Seagraves

James Seagraves - September 06, 2021 at 08:20 AM

MA

“ North Carolina, Friday, 9/3/2021 (12:23 AM EDT)

Only today did I find out about Roger's passing. We of his class have set up a website (for Coast Guard '74 members) and we keep up with our passing classmates.

Roger was a '74 classmate at the United States Coast Guard Academy. What little interaction I personally had in our four years there, including the EAGLE Tall Ships races in '72 (part of Munich Olympics), left me with only good memories of Roger.

Covid-19 has not been kind to many across our nation and the world; and, as a Covid-19, as well as 7-year cancer survivor, I, too, have faced my share of health challenges! By God's grace and mercy, I've made it through them all! (A close U.S. Army veteran friend of 30 years contracted Covid-19, Delta variant, only 2 days ago, and both parents of another close friend contracted it while here and suffered on their DRIVE back to California with their daughter.)

It's never easy to say farewell to a fellow classmate (there were no women at the Academy until after our class graduated). You would that they'd have many more years in good health on Earth.

I trust the Lord God has Roger in a better place than we are experiencing on Earth.

Best wishes, strength, and the joy and peace of the Lord that surpasses all circumstances to the family, close friends and associates of the Dent family from this born-again believer in Christ Jesus,

Respectfully,

Mark F. Grosze'

Mark - September 03, 2021 at 12:23 AM

DG

“ *Please accept our sincere Condolences. Roger was a good Classmate and a good Officer. We will miss him.*

David Giraitis - September 01, 2021 at 08:07 PM