



George R. (Randy) Uzzell Jr.

May 9, 1944 - January 4, 2021

George R. (Randy) Uzzell, Jr. passed away on January 4, 2021 at the age of 76 after a valiant battle with COVID-19. Randy is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate of 52 years, Cynthia Atkins Uzzell. He is also survived by daughter Sharon Uzzell Pringle (Greg) and twin grandchildren, Andrew and Caroline, of York, SC and daughter Jennifer Uzzell Bowen (Robert) and step grandchildren, Rachel and Nathan, of Charlotte, NC. His sister, Betty Uzzell Littleton (Larry) also resides in Charlotte, NC.

Randy was born on May 9, 1944 to the Honorable George R. Uzzell, Sr. and Ruth Harrison Uzzell of Salisbury, NC. He was educated in the Salisbury city school system. He graduated from Wingate University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Randy later earned a Bachelor of Science degree with high honors in the Administration of Justice from Guilford College.

Randy spent the first nine years of his working career with the Greensboro Police Department, where he rose to a supervisory level. He left for the private sector when an opportunity arose to join Burlington Industries Corporate Security Department. Randy spent over 22 years with Burlington Industries, 13 years as Director of Corporate Security with worldwide responsibilities. After his career at Burlington, Randy established and operated a successful security consulting company for more than 15 years. During this time, he earned the designation of Board Certified Protection Professional. He also became an active member of the two premiere professional security organizations – the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS International) and the International Security Management Association (ISMA). The board of directors for each organization awarded Randy Life Memberships for his contributions towards developing and maintaining the security profession.

Randy was recognized by former North Carolina governor Pat McCrory for his contributions to the private security sector with one of the state's highest awards, The Order of The Long Leaf Pine. He has received numerous other awards from security organizations recognizing his contributions over a career that spanned more than 35 years.

Randy was active with the Central North Carolina Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as a leading fund raiser and serving on the Board of Trustees for more

than 20 years. He also served on the Wingate University Board of Visitors for more than 10 years, two of those years as Chairman of the Board. Randy served on the Guilford College Alumni Board of Directors for the maximum allowed two three-year terms. He was elected to the Board of Trustees for Goodwill Industries of central North Carolina in 2013. Randy's proudest accomplishment was his family, and he demonstrated to everyone that knew him what it meant to be a true family man. He especially loved time spent with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed golf and spending time with old friends and colleagues after his retirement. He will be greatly missed by all.

His family would like to express their gratitude for the kind and courageous caregivers at Green Valley Hospital, the COVID-19 hospital created under Cone Health. A private service will be held for family only with a celebration of life service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church at 3506 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro NC 27408.

Comments



“ I know Randy is in Tar Heel heaven watching over his beloved family. I can recall many personal moment during our careers at Burlington that make me laugh and miss him. He was one of the best story tellers. He was someone you could trust and I was always willing to share his time.

John Ricci - February 16 at 09:03 PM



“ Little did I know what a great influence Randy would be in my life when we met our freshman year in high school. During those years, we guys hung out at Al's, Blackie"s and other "reputable" establishments. After high school, college for Randy and marriage for both of us. Randy influenced my decision to join the Greensboro Police Department, where he worked at the time. Randy and Cynthia invited us to Cynthia's family home near Boone, where we shared many wonderful, fun filled weekends! My family and I moved away, but kept up with Randy through our high school reunions. We had recently been on a guys beach weekend and enjoyed reminiscing about the "good old days". Randy was smart, a leader, kind, funny and an all around wonderful man, husband, father and friend! He will be sorely missed by many!

Jimmy (Day) Wooten - February 10 at 08:15 PM



“ Randy, May God rest your soul, my friend. From a hanging around friend in high school to a wonderful and caring life long friend and colleague. Randy was directly involved in my obtaining a formal education. Randy was a portrait of a good and decent family man who took exceedingly great care of his family. He WILL be missed!

Bill Mangum - January 28 at 10:03 AM



“ Randy and I were in kindergarten and later at Boyden and Wingate also. We had the usual hang outs at "blackies" and did some crazy things before we grew up. Thank goodness we were allowed to mature as adults and yes slow down too. I do remember several Friday rides from Wingate to Salisbury in the Carolina Blue 1964 Ford fastback 2 door that was stunning not only to view but Randy could make it go too. One fall Friday we left campus going out the back gate on to unknown roads of Union County Randy stated it was much faster, and no cops so he could roll. Roll he did, and I think the time portal to portal was just slightly over one hour. With traffic these days one takes that long from Wingate to Monroe. After Wingate we lost touch with each other with my going to University of Richmond and Randy to UNC. Yes, over the years we renewed conversations at reunions but, the monthly classing luncheons really make things so normal, especially when Randy had Bill Mangum as his co-pilot. It just seemed like our BHS days were yesterday not 50 plus years ago. Funny how that works. Maybe it is our age? Regardless, Randy was full of life, and kind and considerate person and I know he will be missed by some many beyond family.. I am happy to have known this friend.

Tom Lynch
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Thomas L Lynch - January 25 at 08:28 PM



“ Dear Cindy, Sharon & Jennifer,

Our thoughts are with you and your families at this sad time. It is our honor to have shared so many family memories with you all.
We always enjoyed Randy's ever present positive attitude.

Jill & Terry Slatter

Jill & Terry Slatter - January 19 at 10:36 PM



“ Randy was always wrestling at the beach, with my Dad, Chuck Harrison, when we would gather for a reunion there! They seemed to love to try and outbest each other! Randy was always wearing a smile and laughing, so it was apparent that they both were having a good time! I was always afraid that my Dad would hurt Randy, but my Mom was always worried that Randy would hurt my Dad! No one was ever hurt! Randy had the most positive attitude and was always so kind and funny! I loved my cousin and I know where he is right now! He and my Dad are wrestling somewhere in heaven! :)

Terri Spragg - January 13 at 11:37 AM



“ I made many a trip with Randy to BI plants for Loss Prevention issues. He became a great friend: always a gentleman, lots of fun to travel with, and a true expert in his field. I talked with him a week before he died, and was shocked to learn of his passing. Like I am sure is true of many others, I will miss him.

Pete L. Little - January 12 at 02:29 PM



“ He was indeed an expert in the field of physical as well as fire and electronic security systems used in Burlington facilities. He earned the respect of many for his vast security knowledge and communication skills. I too will miss him on our annual "keep in touch" luncheons we had since our mutual retirements.

Mike - January 12 at 09:57 PM



“ Cynthia, Sharon, and Jennifer,
I pray for you during this sad time of Randy's passing. Starting several years ago when our high school classmates would send birthday greetings to each other, Randy would address me as "Cuz." I let him know that I appreciated that and really felt honored. His uncle Harry Uzzell married my aunt Hope Ritchie 10 years before we were born. We never knew each other growing up, but only met when we were freshmen in high school. I remember when I told him who I was and about our common uncle and aunt. I enjoyed talking to him at some of our high school reunions. May you be blessed with your wonderful memories.

Harold Ritchie

Harold Ritchie - January 09 at 09:50 PM



“ My father Leonard Butler so looked forward to BI retiree luncheons with you as long as he was physically able. Thanks for the active role you took in bringing the community together.

C. Butler - January 09 at 11:23 AM



“ I am sorry of Randy's passing. He was a fine person and very professional in his work. I consulted with Randy many times while at Burlington Industries and he was always ready to help and provide solutions. He was supportive of the company but always treated everyone with respect

Ken Lowry - January 09 at 10:54 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Randy's passing he was a fine man will keep you in my prayers

Rob Newton - January 08 at 03:27 PM