



Gregory W. Rhatican

December 11, 1965 - October 12, 2024

Gregory W. Rhatican passed away on October 12, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Leslie Rhatican. He is survived by his two children Alexis and Elizabeth Rhatican; his nephew Ray Rhatican; his niece Taylor Rhatican; and his brother Jeffery Rhatican. Greg was born on December 11, 1965, in Orange, New Jersey. Greg grew up in the Fort Hunt area of Alexandria, Virginia. Growing up he enjoyed playing a multitude of sports including baseball, tennis, football, rugby, and swimming. He attended Fort Hunt High School where he lettered in Varsity Football. During his Senior Year of High School, he was recruited to play Collegiate football at Shepard College in West Virginia. Greg also earned Honorable Mention in the All-Gunston District Voting for his athletic ability on the football field.

Greg played collegiate football at Shepard College for one year before transferring to Radford University in Radford, Virginia. While at Radford, Greg joined Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and served as the Social Chair. Greg reminisced fondly on his time at Radford as a TKE. While at Radford, Greg played recreational rugby. He graduated from Radford with a double major in Business and Marketing in 1991. After graduation, Greg worked in sales where he specialized in building supply sales. In 2004 he won the PROSALES Marquee Players of the Year award. Throughout his career he worked for Builders First Source, Tart Lumber, T.W. Perry, and Smitty's.

In his free time Greg loved to cook and watch football. On weekends when his daughters were younger you could always find him at a soccer field. Once his daughters started playing soccer, Greg enjoyed watching womens professional soccer including the U.S. Womens National Team. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, and hunter. He loved the Washington Commanders and LSU football especially. Greg almost never missed a Jimmy Buffet concert and even had a shark fin suit made for concert appearances.

To relax, Greg loved to escape to Reedville, Virginia with some of his closest friends for a long weekend of fishing, boating, and poker. On weekend nights Greg could be found at the dining room table after dinner having a glass of wine and debating politics and history with his father, William. Greg will be missed dearly by all in his life. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday October21,2024 at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church in Manassas.

Previous Events

Reception

OCT **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
12975 Purcell Road
Manassas, VA 22172

Tribute Wall



“ *Katja Spence lit a candle in memory of Gregory W. Rhatican*



Katja Spence - April 12, 2025 at 10:22 PM

KD

“ *We were alerted to Gregory's passing by his nephew, Raymond, who was deeply saddened by his death. Ray advised us that they were very close and also that Greg was a great lover of the outdoors. Indeed, the pictures and obituary allude to that love.*

Our condolences extend to the entire Rhatican family and friends; and in his memory, a donation of \$50.00 has been made to the Coastal Conservation Association of Maryland.

May he rest in peace as he and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kevin and Debbie Donovan

Kevin O. Donovan - December 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM

DM

“ *A kind soul. I'm glad our paths crossed. You will be missed.*



David Moore - November 22, 2024 at 05:29 AM



My name is Katja Ksander Spence. I knew Greg when I was in my 20's and 30's. Greg's sister-in-law and I are very good friends. My condolences go out to his family and friends. Going to miss you, Greg!!!

Katja Spence - April 12, 2025 at 10:28 PM

MM

“ *Sincere condolences and sympathy during this difficult time of unexpected loss, shock and grief. Greg was a great neighbor, always friendly and ready to help anyone in need. He had great stories from his past and shared his love for sports, fishing, food, adventures, work, friends and family with such joy! Greg's love and pride for Liz and Alexis is undeniable! He spoke so proudly of your accomplishments (and there are many) but most of all it seemed to be because you are his girls and he was so so proud to be your Dad! I hope you feel the comfort and love during this difficult time of loss and grief. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending you love and hugs...*

Love, Mari

Mari Moore - October 21, 2024 at 02:30 AM

AR

“ *23 files added to the tribute wall*



Alexis Rhatican - October 20, 2024 at 09:49 AM

GL

Greg will always be a proud Dad!!!

Gregg Lindahl - October 20, 2024 at 10:53 AM

ES

My condolences to the Rhatican family. Greg was a bit of a chef, contributing to dinners among friends at the River House in Reedville. This was usually followed up by some card games and not-so-early breakfasts the next morning. He was also a real contributor to the Big Mac camp work weekends.

As others have mentioned, Greg was proud of his daughters, Liz and Alexis. He was focused on their ongoing academic and athletic accomplishments. He was clearly a loving father.

He is truly missed, may he rest in peace.

Eric Schilling - December 06, 2024 at 05:33 PM

RE

Belated but sincere condolences - just learned of this sad news from the RU alumni magazine. I immediately remembered Greg as one of the kindest, friendliest guys on campus - always hanging out at the fountain-truly the center of all of the action at Radford - soaking up the sun and talking to everyone - even me, a shy freshman sorority pledge who was incredibly homesick. He was the first TKE I approached to sign my pledge book - I still have his encouraging words and autograph around here somewhere in my pledge book! Love that Greg was a girl dad! May his memory be a blessing.

Rebecca - June 22, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SL

“ *Shelly,Memere,Aunt Krissy,Aunt Lisa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.*



Shelly,Memere,Aunt Krissy,Aunt Lisa - October 18, 2024 at 04:00 PM

MK

“ Michael Kenney purchased the Sweet Tenderesses for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



Michael Kenney - October 18, 2024 at 12:00 PM

MK

“ Michael Kenney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

Michael Kenney - October 18, 2024 at 12:00 PM

AB

“ Andrew B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

Andrew B. - October 17, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LF

“ Libby and Craig Fritsche purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



Libby and Craig Fritsche - October 17, 2024 at 01:58 PM

WL

“ William Lescallett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



William Lescallett - October 17, 2024 at 11:29 AM

WL

“ William Lescallett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

William Lescallett - October 17, 2024 at 11:29 AM

MP

“ Madison Wood Preservers purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



Madison Wood Preservers - October 17, 2024 at 10:16 AM

MP

“ Madison Wood Preservers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

Madison Wood Preservers - October 17, 2024 at 10:16 AM

GS

“ Grandpa Carl & Trish Slaski purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



Grandpa Carl & Trish Slaski - October 17, 2024 at 08:52 AM

GS

“ Grandpa Carl & Trish Slaski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

Grandpa Carl & Trish Slaski - October 17, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ As long as a memory remains in the heart, a loved one is never far away. May Liz and Alexis know that my thoughts, prayers and blessings are with you at this time and in the coming months. May the Lord bless your memories and bring you peace.

Cheryl Delawder - October 16, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



October 16, 2024 at 04:19 PM

GL

“ It was a blessing to work with Greg for over 10 years. Sharing a journey with a teacher, co-worker and a friend. I will always remember our great conversations and how they always included his pride Alexis, and Liz. Thank You for all you have shared with me!!!

Gregg Lindahl - October 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ Mini Classic Charcuterie & Board Gift Set was purchased for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



October 16, 2024 at 12:01 PM

LM

“ Love, Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

Love, Michelle - October 16, 2024 at 12:01 PM

MH

“ Greg was the best cousin! I remember holiday family gatherings, of course football was on for Thanksgiving and Greg made the best ham! He loved his family so much. I definitely agree with everyone how much he loved his girls and was so proud of them! Though we had grown apart after our parents passed away he was also there for me as we shared in our grief. Liz and Alexis I know there is no comfort that can truly be given, losing a parent is so difficult but just know so many people are thinking of you and are there for you.



Michelle Hansen - October 16, 2024 at 11:59 AM

MB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Boden - October 16, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Boden - October 16, 2024 at 09:37 AM

LJ

“ *Greg was of exceptional service to the Claude B. McDonald Foundation which maintains Camp Big Mac for many years, and the foundation was well served by his dedicated service as a member and as an officer. He will be be greatly missed as a tremendous friend to all, and a loving gentleman to those he served with.*

Linwood L Jongema - October 15, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LL

“ *Linwood L. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.*



Linwood L. - October 15, 2024 at 03:28 PM

LL

“ *Linwood L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.*

Linwood L. - October 15, 2024 at 03:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory W. Rhatican.



October 15, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Paul Reinsel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gregory W. Rhatican.

Paul Reinsel - October 15, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Greg will be sorely missed by so many as he touched so many hearts of people through the years, but probably no one else as much as me, as we were close friends for over 30 years. We hunted, fish, and served on the board of directors of a youth camp called Camp, big Mac for over 30 years. My heart goes out to his two girls, Alexis and Elizabeth, who he devoted his life to. Best wishes Greg through your next life's adventure.

Paul Reinsel - October 15, 2024 at 02:41 PM

KK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. We have been business associates for almost thirty years and have become friends along the way. Although we rarely saw each other, we called regularly to catch up. The conversation would start out about business but quickly turn to fishing reports, cooking recipes, and, ultimately, his girls. He absolutely cherished Alexis and Elizabeth! You could hear the love and adoration in his voice any time he started talking about their latest accomplishments. I am going to miss these calls; rest in peace, my friend.

Kevin W Kunowsky - October 15, 2024 at 01:47 PM