



## Van Tu Dinh Critzer

January 19, 1965 - June 6, 2017

Van Tu Dinh Critzer, 52, of Manassas, died Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at his home.

He had worked as a mechanic for Fairfax County Sanitation. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, the beach and playing Cornhole. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Penny, his parents Roy Lee and Thanh Critzer, children, Jennifer Pritchett (Simon, Jr.), Roy Andrew Critzer, Samantha Marie Critzer and Brandon Scott Critzer and grandchildren, Dylan Lee Pritchett, Raelynn Faith Pritchett, Cheyann Elizabeth Gallihugh, Colton Kenneth Gallihugh, Jayce Clinton Pritchett, Aaliyah Marie Critzer and Ava Faye Critzer Croskey.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, June 12, at Pierce Funeral Home.

A service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Pierce Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Family to receive friends

**JUN 12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Service

**JUN 13.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I was saddened to hear that Van passed away. My thoughts are with you and and family. He will be deeply missed.. Roland and Wanda Dadvivas



Roland Dadvivas - June 15, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



June 12, 2017 at 03:15 PM

LF

“ Love always, Uncle Meyer and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



Love always, Uncle Meyer and family - June 12, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



June 12, 2017 at 12:08 PM

DR

“ *debra I riffe purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.*



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**debra I riffe** - June 12, 2017 at 10:46 AM

AC

“ *I will remember always that Van was a living person always made u laugh. He will be missed and loved by all sorry for your loss Critzer Family*

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**Alice Campbell** - June 09, 2017 at 12:08 PM

LD

“ *Love always Uncle Donnie, Aunt Louise, and Deana purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.*



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**Love always Uncle Donnie, Aunt Louise, and Deana** - June 09, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.*



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June 09, 2017 at 09:05 AM

SC

“ *Sug, Peggy, & Donna Byrne, Melinda, Wayne, & Michaela Craft purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.*



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**Sug, Peggy, & Donna Byrne, Melinda, Wayne, & Michaela Craft** - June 09, 2017 at 08:10 AM

RV

“ *Penny I'm so sorry to hear of your husband. He was a very nice man. I use to see the family when I came visit my dad at 9207. May God bless u and your family. I remember when u and your parents live in Reston. God bless Robin Davis Harris of Reston Va.*

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**Robin Harris a family friend of Reston V** - June 08, 2017 at 04:13 PM

AL

“ *Roy I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Van was a good man. May God bless u all. U all was very nice neighbors. May God bless u and your family. Mr. Mrs Abraham L. Davis and family. Use to live at 9207 Byrd Drive*

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**Abraham L. Davis** - June 08, 2017 at 04:07 PM

KF

“ *May care and love of those around you provide the comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences.*




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**Kyle Croskey and Family** - June 08, 2017 at 12:45 PM

DS

“ RIP!!! 😊 Van Critzer NO MORE PAIN FOR YOU TO SUFFER, YOU'VE GONE TO THE PLACE WHERE NO ONE SLEEPS THEY JUST LOOK AFTER THE LOVE ONES THEY LEFT BEHIND. YOU WERE TAKEN FROM OUR FAMILY WAY TO SOON, I KNOW AUNT MARY AND UNCLE ANDREW WERE THERE TO MEET YOU.... WALKING WITH YOU SIDE BY SIDE ARM IN ARM.....I'D LIKE TO ADD I'M SURE WAYNE FREDDY AND GARY WAS THERE TO MEET YOU TOO. I CAN HEAR GARY NOW.....HELLO DARLING NICE TO SEE YA.....WITH THAT SHIT EATING GRIN.....WATCH OVER YOUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY.... TILL WE MEET AGAIN..... LOVE ALWAYS MY LITTLE CUZ XXXOOO



<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-5.png>

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**Dianne Wolfe Saylor** - June 07, 2017 at 07:52 PM

MA

“ Van truly was one-of-a-kind, as many others have said. He had such a big heart...and just wanted to make everyone laugh. We always had so much fun together that the memories are imprinted forever! He was always so good with our kids and both Lindsay and Trystan loved him too. Wish we had more time with him, but i will cherish the memories that we have from our time together. His family is our family and when we gather together, he will be there in spirit!!

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**Melissa Ankers** - June 07, 2017 at 07:27 PM

VB

“ My deepest sorrow goes out to the Critzer family as you morn the loss of your loved one. I personally worked with Roy, Van's Dad for many years, and Roy was always talking about his son and Van's children (his grand kids) to which I know Roy was so proud of his son and family. God love you all and believe me one day we will all meet again.

*Vic Brown*

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**vic brown** - June 07, 2017 at 07:11 PM

MC

“ Mike & Lisa Consalvo purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



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**Mike & Lisa Consalvo** - June 07, 2017 at 05:23 PM

JS

“ James & Linda Strother purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



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**James & Linda Strother** - June 07, 2017 at 04:41 PM

DB

“ Van was a amesome man he will be missed RIP GOD BLESS

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**Donald and Linda Baker** - June 07, 2017 at 04:15 PM

BE

*Thanks for the memories and continual good humor. You will always be my favorite Chinaman.*

*Safety Bob*

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**Bob Estadt** - June 08, 2017 at 07:51 AM

AL

*I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your love one. We always said and hello and talk when we all live next door on Byrd Drive. May God bless the family. Abraham L. Davis and family.*

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**Abraham L. Davis** - June 08, 2017 at 11:17 AM

SC

“ Van was a dedicated family man and a consummate comedian which reflected the perpetually happy person he was. He laughter was infectious and always lifted me up when I needed it the most. I worked with Van at Fairfax County Pump Stations Branch for several years and I never remember him being angry but always upbeat. The incident that I remember the most with him was the time we were teamed up to check pump stations on the weekend run and I was driving. I was already a little bleary eyed and tired as I am not a "morning person" but because he knew that about me he started on me with rapidfire jokes without cease. The issue was with me being the driver, I started to have a difficult time seeing as my eyes became so filled with tears from laughing so hard that I realized I could barely see to drive anymore and I begged him to stop with choice words along with ceaseless laughter before I potentially caused an accident. Nevertheless he continued on with the jokes and we continued down the road without any incidences although later my gut was sore from laughing so hard for so long. I pray for his wife Penny, their "children" and families along with his parents and relatives that one day we will meet again in a much better place without pain and suffering. Therein lies all of our hopes and dreams to live on as Van showed us while amongst us.....as a brother from another Mother.....I love you Van and thank from the bottom of my heart for being a true and happy friend.....Steve Cook

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Steve Cook - June 07, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



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June 07, 2017 at 01:55 PM

TG

“ To the family and friends, the sting of death touches the very core of our Hearts and Emotions.. It is NEVER easy to lose a loved one, I Pray you find Comfort in our life giver Almighty God and his Promise to us of his Power to Resurrect our Dear loved ones ..found at John 6:40 which says that “soon we will see all our loved ones again”. My Deepest Condolences to you all ... May you Rest In Paradise Van.. Until we see you again!!!!



Twona Gaskins - June 07, 2017 at 01:53 PM

Brian Royce

“ I first met Van in the late 80's when I started working for WCD. At that time we didn't actually work together so he was just someone I knew in passing. Then in 2005 I started working for pump stations and really got to know Van. We spent a lot of weekends working together and I learned a lot from Van about the job. I also learned that he was was of the most fun loving person it's been my pleasure to know. But there was much more to him than being a "funny" guy. He truly loved his family and friends. There's a lot of funny stories about Van but what I'll miss most is our talks. I also appreciate the friendship he showed to my wife Sarah. There were many a day Van and I would be f'ing off and my wife would call. If I was driving or just didn't feel like dealing with her I'd give the phone to Van and he would talk to her. Although I'll miss my friend and mourn his passing I'm glad he's no longer in pain. I just hope he finds the best crappie hole in heaven and is waiting on us . Van my brother I'll say it one more time "Love ya"

Brian Royce - June 07, 2017 at 01:42 PM

RB

“ Van we met at Baldwin Elementary you were amazing guy and had a heart of gold you touch so many peoples lives I will never forget you my friend love you Van

Roy Bryant - June 07, 2017 at 01:27 PM

ST

“ You will forever make me smile, One of the greatest guys i know , give the shirt off his back if you needed it . Love ya Van Rest easy buddy

Sherry Taylor - June 07, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ Van you were more than a cousin, for my husband Mike Simmons you were his brother ❤️ for the rest of our family you were so special and loved. You always had a way to make everyone smile. You touched our lives in so many ways. You made every event special with your larger than life way of looking at things. You will be missed and never forgotten. We love you ALWAYS ❤️

Michelle Simmons - June 07, 2017 at 12:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.



June 07, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Van Tu Dinh Critzer.*



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June 07, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ *José, myself and friends took a random trip to Virginia Beach at midnight to watch the sunrise 🌅 and it was the most beautiful sunrise, well worth the trip. Thank you for the memories Van Critzer! Gone but never forgotten.💕💕 Love Jose & Jeannie*

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**Jeannie Rodriguez** - June 07, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Rest in peace my brother! A piece of my heart is gone and can never be replaced. Love you*

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**Tony Ankers** - June 07, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Van! What a great man who loved his family, friends, and life. I knew he was a great soul the day i met him over 15 years ago! His smile and sense of humor made the world a better place. I will always have the memory of him singing karaoke and the crowd going wild! Van, you will be missed dearly by all. Rest in peace my friend!*

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**Lindy Flrl** - June 07, 2017 at 10:56 AM

GG

“ To Uncle Roy, Penny and family, sorry for your loss, Van was a wonderful person, He will be missed dearly, I ask God to wrap his arm around the family at this time.

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**Geraldine Grayson/Brown** - June 07, 2017 at 10:04 AM

TB

“ Van knew no stranger; a great friend to everyone he came in contact with. I will cherish the memories from Jennie Dean through adulthood. My thoughts and prayers to your family.



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**tammy burke-schwab** - June 07, 2017 at 08:42 AM