



Gregg North

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On January 5, 2025, Gregg North died unexpectedly at the family's farm in Rixeyville, VA. He was born on July 27, 1952, in Salt Lake City to Dean B. North and Margaret LaVon Ward North.

As the son of a naval officer, Gregg traveled the world, attending 18 different schools before graduating from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, VA. He graduated with a BS degree from George Mason University. He retired as the director of data management, mammalian toxicology division, at BioReliance after a 27-year career. His lifelong interests included fishing and the care and keeping of a menagerie including livestock, poultry, pigeons, exotic birds, tropical fish, and reptiles. He was a renowned published herpetologist recognized for his success in breeding beaded lizards. He advised Smithsonian zoologists on their animal husbandry. He found great joy in spending time with family and friends canoeing on the Hazel and Thornton rivers and fishing on the "Magic Pond."

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Michelle Hackley North; daughter, Erin Cameron Bishop (Jeremiah) of Harrisonburg, VA; son, Joshua Ward North of Brooklyn, NY; grandchildren, Conrad Thornton and Beatrix Eleanor Bishop of Harrisonburg; brother, Brad North (Julie) of Sacramento, CA; brother-in-law, Robert Davis of Philadelphia; nephews and nieces, Robert and John Davis (Rebekah), Israel (Tracy), Hillary and Tiffany North; and stepmother, Patricia North of Warrenton.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Little Fork Church, 16461 Oak Shade Road, Rixeyville, VA. A time of fellowship will follow. Private burial will take place at a later date at the family cemetery in Oak Shade, Rixeyville, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to support the development of a 1-mile walking trail on the historic grounds of Little Fork Church, adjacent to the family's farm. When completed in the coming year, the trail will become a feature of the publicly accessible park. Contributions can be



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mailed to Little Fork Church, Gregg North Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 367, Rixeyville, VA, 22737.
Please make checks payable to Little Fork Church.

The Livestream for Gregg's North's Celebration of Live can be accessed via:

https://bit.ly/LFEC_YouTube_Livestream

https://bit.ly/LFEC_Facebook_Livestream

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.




Events


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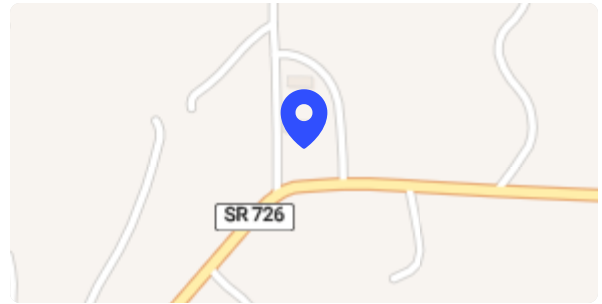
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 11, 2025

 2:00 PM ET

 **Little Fork Episcopal Church**
16461 Oak Shade Rd., Rixeyville VA 22737





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MA

Marc Ast posted:

We were so sorry to hear about his passing, I will always remember his and Michelle visits when I owned the Frenchman's Corner. May his memory be a blessing

January 16 at 7:24 AM

KT

Kay Tucker lit a candle in honor of Gregg.



January 12 at 7:12 AM

MK

Michelle K. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gregg.



January 11 at 9:01 AM

CS

Chuck Suter posted:

I didn't know Greg as well as many who have posted, but I always looked forward to seeing him. He was smart and always funny and fun to be with. I remember when I first visited their house and Michele assured me that Greg kept only non-venomous snakes there, but then he showed me his snake room and EVERY SINGLE THING there was venomous!! He lived life to the fullest in every way! Chuck Suter

January 11 at 6:32 AM



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NM

Nancy Morgans posted:

Before there were apps to help identify birds, plants and nature, I always asked Gregg North, and looked forward to sharing bird sightings and garden updates with him. My husband met Gregg in an online fishing forum for Hatteras in the late 1990's. He told Kevin to look for him at the Point at Hatteras, he was the guy in the Forerunner with Pompano license plates. We did catch up to him, and they've been close friends ever since. Memories of Gregg - Hatteras, beach permits, the Point, pompano, Toyota Forerunner, Hyde County, the Hydeaway, huntin' grounds, cruising, karaoke, red pygmy rattlesnakes, sea hag, snake world, bird world, turtle world, feeding the cats at the backdoor, feeding the mockingbird at the dogwood tree, buckeye trees, cherokee purple, bonfires, bbq, fish fries, magic pond, hunting for arrowheads in the hazel river, rock tumbling, panning for gold, river agates, paw-paw trees, orchids, lilies, sunflowers, flame azaleas, fireworks, canoes and kayaks, Ned Beatty memorial float trip, Deadwood, bluebirds, hummingbirds, orioles, black walnut tree, sunsets and grilled dinner, cornware, plant sales and nurseries, DC botanical gardens, many lovely visits over the years to Rixeyville listening to Gregg's stories and the love and pride he had for his family. We will always miss him. Nancy and Kevin

January 10 at 1:04 PM

NM

Nancy Morgans shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



January 10 at 11:16 AM

MT

Mark Jon Torosian posted:

Once in the early 90's while hitting my favorite spot on the Thornton I met the first group of people I'd ever seen there in 20 some years at that site. A friendly fellow and an elderly man (learned later was his father) and a German Shepherd getting out of a canoe. Unbeknownst to me I would a few years later move next door to Gregg and his family and lived there for almost 10 years in Oakshade/Rixeyville. I have wonderful memories of our fishing trips with you and Shep. You always brought the favorite pup for a swim. The annual canoe/fishing trips with your coworkers. Lots of amazing laughs and story telling by countless bonfires with our neighbor Lendell. It was always fun being around you and you could always turn the most chaotic challenge in life into pure comedy. You are still a great friend in my heart. You were always available when I needed a laugh and just a genuine person in general. Wish I had not lost contact with you when we moved but cherish the memories. Hopefully will see you again. Just don't forget the bait this time. I'll bring the Mepp's spinners in case. May you rest in peace my friend and condolences to Michelle, Erin, and Josh.

January 8 at 1:35 PM



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Donald L. sent a Country Basket Blooms to the North family.



January 8 at 11:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the North family.



January 8 at 10:51 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gregg.



January 8 at 10:51 AM



Greg Redelman posted:

I will never forget the time snake hunting in coastal nc when the four of us flipped a tire and underneath ws a nice eastern kingsnake. We all checked it out...bagged it...then kept on looking. After walking off a bit Gregg asked what sex was that king...a male someone exclaimed! Gregg looked at us and said did you look IN the tire? No! We all ran back to look and sure enough there was a big female king waiting for daddy! I got a million stories but you never know unless you go and Gregg North knew how to go. Rest in Peace my friend...I'll cherish those memories forever...Greg Redelman

January 8 at 5:42 AM



Mark Jon Torosian January 8 at 4:05 PM

Gregg took me ONCE to Bull Run Mt in Prince William County to hunt for rattle snakes at night. I was driving and he'd tell me when to stop. Came across a snake so I stopped. He jumps out in shorts and flip flops and his snake retriever gadget. I see in the rear light he has something and throws the bucket in the back of my truck. "Got a copperhead". Oh goody was my response. And we go home for him to play with it for a few days and he later takes it back. Never had problems at home with venomous snakes but once I had a huge olive green colored snake in the trees. Called over to him and he runs over like a madman and grabs it out of the trees. "Oh, yeah, Erin, gave that to me years ago. It's a green king snake or whatever from NC. That was his pet. Lol. And I'm thinking "what about the Gila Monsters your have as pets?"



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the North family.

January 7 at 10:48 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the North family.

January 7 at 4:18 PM



Charlotte posted:

Dear Michelle, This is very sad news. I send my heartfelt sympathy and love to you and your family. Charlotte Betancourt

January 7 at 4:16 PM



Tom And Rita Harris sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the North family.

January 7 at 3:59 PM



Susie Mckenna posted:

Too many wonderful memories of time spent talking to Gregg about his many interests. Always generous with his time and happy to share his knowledge of the outdoor world, he made our lives more interesting! Gregg was one of a kind and we will miss him very much. Sue McKenna and Lew Flanders

January 7 at 2:54 PM



Suzy Neessen posted:

Sending my deepest sorrow Michelle for you and your family's sudden loss. I'll always remember Gregg for our gardening talks and seed sharing. He was an interesting person and I am happy to have known him. Suzy Neessen

January 7 at 1:51 PM



Nancy Morgans shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 10 at 11:16 AM



Gregg on the pier at Hyde County



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gregg by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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