



Roger A. Festa

May 13, 2010

Roger A. Festa, of Milton, Georgia, the president and founder of Landbank Development Corp. passed away on Sunday, May 9, 2010. Roger was a loving husband and father; and was a dedicated businessman who lived every minute of his life to the fullest. He was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, to the late Anthony and Concetta Tammaro Festa. He attended Norwich University in Vermont, the oldest private military university in the United States, receiving a B.A. in Law and Government.

Roger attended the U.S. Army Ranger School and served as an officer in the U.S. Army in Vietnam where he received military decorations including Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with Palm and Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action; Air Medal; Army Commendation Medal for Valor; Bronze Star Medal for Valor; Presidential Unit Citations; combat Infantryman's Badge; and the Purple Heart.

He was past vice president-secretary for the Home Builders Association of Georgia, past president of North Fulton Chapter of Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, and life director of the National Home Builders Association. He was past chairman of Fulton County Developers Advisory Council and past vice president and director of Community Housing Development Authority of Fulton County. He was also the founder and past president of Norwich University Alumni Club of Georgia. Roger led a life of service to others through his professional career and gave his personal time and energy in leadership roles for many community activities.

Roger is survived by his devoted wife of 22 years, Anna Young Festa; his two sons, Gregory Festa of Southington, Connecticut and Dustin Tomlin of Smyrna, Georgia; and his cherished aunts, Grayce Ruggiero and Rose Petronzi both of Orange, Connecticut.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010 at 7:00pm at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta. The family will meet friends prior to the service beginning at 4:00pm. Roger will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on August 23, 2010 at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the building fund of the Mount Paran Church of God, Atlanta, Georgia. Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta, Georgia in charge of arrangements.

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Comments



“ Ann:I woke up at 2am Thursday.I was a little restless.I happened to go to my computer and look up Roger's Company after finding the business card he left me a few years ago.I was sad to learn of his passing and sent my heartfelt condolences.
Your friend,
Mike (191 Club)

Mike Minichillo - July 08, 2010 at 02:28 AM



“ Anna; I was so saddened by Roger's death. Our years together at Norwich were happy carefree times. Many weekends shared together at each others home. One time when he came to my house for a week-end he was telling my father how he loved hot peppers and nothing was too hot for him. My father went to his garden and gave Roger one of his peppers. Roger took it and ate it raw. He then ran to the hose and must have drunk a gallon of water as tears rolled down his face.

Roger was a true and loyal friend and he would do anything to help you. During those years we were inseparable (the Four Musketeers) we did everything together. As happens, after college it was harder to stay connected and I missed having Roger in my life. When we met up at the last reunion, it was like coming back after summer break and I was looking forward to many years of returning from summer break. Bertsy and I will keep you and your boys in our prayers

Paul Rotondi

Paul - May 15, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ Roger my Vietnam Brother, I will miss the drink we have at the reunion's.
My Heart goes out to his family, he was a nice brother.
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Robert Bauer (RUSTY) - May 14, 2010 at 07:26 PM