



Houston Churchwell Armstrong

January 10, 1947 - April 30, 2021

Houston Churchwell Armstrong “Buzz” 74 of Hampstead, NC passed away peacefully on Friday, April 30th, 2021 at Lower Cape Fear Life Center in Wilmington, NC.

He was born January 10, 1947 in Selma, Alabama to Lamar and Sara Armstrong. He attended Asheville School for Boys and then graduated with honors from Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Earning his name “Buzz” in toddlerhood by being hyperactive, he also self-identified as Zoro, and dressed the part. Known for his nick-naming abilities and quick quips, he was the master of comebacks and could scramble phrases and words as fast as you could say them.

Buzz was a man of many skills and talents. He was very athletic in his younger years competing in track and field, specializing in discus, shot put, high jump, and pole vaulting. As a child, he would build his own scaled bowling alleys and was a ranked bowler in adulthood, considered semi-pro. Spending time at the family summer house in the mountains of Montreat, NC held a special place in his heart. During those summers he excelled in tennis and was a tennis instructor.

His love for golf was evident, whether playing a round in his former years or watching it on the screen in the latter. Music was a great love of his also and he was an accomplished musician playing several string instruments, piano, sax, and electronic keyboard. Another great passion of his was photography which became one of his professions that lead to an impressive portfolio

including Linda Carter “Wonder Woman”.

Buzz is survived by his wife, Peggy (affectionately known as his “Queen” Peggy Jean); daughter, Karen Dowless (husband Mike); son, Shep Richardson, Jr. (wife Rhonda); daughter, April Kornegay (husband Jamie); Eight grandchildren, Kyle (wife Amber), Ryan, Kaylee, Kamryn, Brodie, Jensen, Colby, and Reed; One great-grandchild, Violet; Two brothers, Dewitt Armstrong (wife Delane) and Lamar Armstrong (wife Marci) and his sister, Charlotte Armstrong; Niece and Nephews, Anna, Josh, Eason, Lam, and Hinton, as well as two very special fur babies that were his constant companions, Chloe and Zoe.

Buzz loved his family and the Lord and it was evident in what he did and said. He will be missed tremendously but his memory will be forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Buzz, Rick and I will take good care of your Chloe and Zoe. They loved you so much as did Bella. Rest In Peace with no more pain. So glad we got to know this wonderful man.
Love and Hugs,
Rick and Gina*

Gina Kones - October 12, 2021 at 12:08 AM

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“ *Dewitt and Delane:
Hope all is better. This is a tough time to go through.
Time for Ashe weather. Hot as heck here.*

Reeb - June 05, 2021 at 01:43 PM

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“ *Prayers for you and your family. God be with you all.*

Ilene O'Neal - May 16, 2021 at 09:03 PM

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“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss! What an amazing life!!*

Sarah Davis - May 03, 2021 at 04:38 PM