



James "Kit" Romano

April 12, 1947 - July 2, 2017

Professor James A. "Kit" Romano died peacefully on July 2, 2017 at Winchester Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick and Bettie Romano, and brothers Gary and Phillip Romano.

Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, on April 12, 1947, Professor Romano received a B.S. in Business and Finance from West Virginia University, an M.S. in Computer Science from West Virginia University, and with additional graduate coursework in education and sociology. He often acted as a consultant throughout the area, designing computer systems for many organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Deborah Romano and their children, Brandon, Maria and Cody Romano.

Throughout his 45 years as a faculty member at Shepherd, Professor Romano educated thousands of students, in his own words, "specifically in the skill of programming computers." His faculty webpage reveals the importance he placed on engaging students in the classroom, and that experience is the best teacher. He believed that true learning "involves caring and open communication." He was often to be found sitting on the benches in front of

Snyder Hall talking with students before and after class.

A service to celebrate his life and legacy will take place at Shepherd University later this fall. Memorial donations can be made to: Shepherd University Foundation at PO Box 5000 Shepherdstown, WV 25443 to be distributed in his honor at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“Kit was one of my favorite instructors at Shepherd in the 80's. He taught my son these past few semesters as well. His humorous and very detailed teaching style encouraged us all to ask questions and look beyond the teaching material. I have nothing but respect for Kit as a man and as a professor; considering he may have been one of the main catalysts which launched my career path in the IT field. Kit you will always be fondly remember. My deepest condolences to your wife and family. And as you stated many times in your classes; “Your dog Rasputin was smarter than us”. You will be missed my friend.

Matthew Sparks - July 14, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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“My thoughts and prayers are with the Romano family at this difficult time. "Kit" Romano was a regular at the Berkeley County Courthouse and county administrative buildings. He provided much needed assistance and expertise and designed the first ever county web-site which was a factor in an annual Thelma Stone Award for Berkeley County Government from the West Virginia State Auditor's office. He was a wonderful man to work with and to know.

Deborah E. Hammond - July 12, 2017 at 02:52 PM