



## **Jerry “Big J” Cluff**

**WELLS - Gerald Roy Cluff Jr., (a/k/a 'Jerry,' 'Big J,' 'Coach Cluff,' 'JerBear,' and his favorite 'Dad') spent his precious 46 years on earth showing everyone who ever met him how to be a humble, kindhearted, generous human-being. Jerry shocked us all on June 26, 2013, when he passed from this world, leaving a huge void in the hearts of all who had the great fortune of knowing him. Jerry was a big man with a big smile and a gigantic heart. There was absolutely nothing he would not do to help a friend, family member or a complete stranger. If he wasn't helping someone fix, build, paint, etc., he would be surrounded by the Wells youth on the football field. Jerry's passion for football led him to many years coaching for the Wells Ogunquit Youth Football & Cheering Association (WOYFCA). With 4 children of his own, three step-children and a father-figure to three more, it is no wonder so many young men and women in Wells have a wonderful story of how Jerry made a positive difference in their lives. After graduating from Wells High School in 1985, Jerry went on to serve in the U.S. Army. Jerry was tremendously proud of his service to his country and valued the service of all veterans. He was an enthusiastic member of the Patriot Riders, supporting vets, their families and communities in any possible way (a perfect fit for Jerry's bighearted personality). Jerry was also a Masonic member of York Lodge A.F. & A.M. #22. He has been employed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a marine machine mechanic. Jerry is survived by his extremely proud parents, Gerald (Butch) Cluff and Grace Ladd, and step-mother Lucinda Cluff; his sons, Jacob Cluff, Joshua Cluff, and Jordan Cluff, his daughter, Joanne Cluff; his sisters, Jude Cluff-Graham and her husband Lance, and Jennifer Cluff and her partner Miranda Carey; his step-sister, Brandy Senecal, her husband Luke and their children; his step-brother Nicholas Ericson, his wife Stacie and their children; and his soul-mate, Cherie DiTomasso of Wells. He also leaves behind his step-children, Andrew Lavalle, Ally Lavalle, and Tyler Dupaul, Ashley DiTomasso, Michael DiTomasso and Louis DiTomasso; his nephew, Christopher Coleman, his nieces, Ashlee Wilson and Amanda Graham; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.**