

**MRS ROSS...THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING JERRY TO US
SALLY...THANK YOU FOR SHARING JERRY WITH US
FOR HIS REMARKABLE CHILDREN: JASON AND SHANNON
FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL GRANDCHILDREN: NOAH; CARSON;
ETHAN; JOHN AND BABY ELIZABETH...WHO WILL NEVER
GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HER GRANDFATHER BUT
WILL KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM AS THE JERRY ROSS STORIES
ARE PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.**

**HE WAS SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU...YOU WERE THE LIGHT
OF HIS LIFE**

**SO...FOR ALL OF US... WHEN THINGS JUST DON'T SEEM TO
BE GOING RIGHT; AND LIKE TODAY, WHEN WE CAN'T
UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE...WHEN WE ARE
FEELING DEPRESSED AND LONELY...FEAR NOT...JERRY HAS
PROVIDED US A REMEDY!**

**HERE'S THE JERRY ROSS PRESCRIPTION TO MAKE YOU
FEEL BETTER...**

- MOST OF US COULD BE UP HERE TELLING “JERRY ROSS STORIES”...EACH ONE WOULD BE UNIQUE; EACH ONE WOULD CAUSE US TO LAUGH AND SHAKE OUR HEADS IN DISBELIEF AND EACH ONE WOULD BE TRUE.
- I’M SURE ALL OF US WOULD AGREE THAT IN ALL OUR LIVES, WE HAD NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE JERRY... THE INFECTIOUS PERSONALITY; THE INCREDIBLE SENSE OF HUMOR... THE FEELING THAT WHEN JERRY WAS TALKING TO YOU...NO ONE ELSE IN THE ROOM MATTERED...BUT YOU.
- SO...OF THE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF JERRY ROSS STORIES I COULD PICK FROM...I’M JUST GOING TO TELL ONE...IT’S ENTITLED, “THE DAY I MET JERRY ROSS...AND HOW MY LIFE CHANGED”
- Mather (GOODFELLOW)
- AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, JERRY’S IMPACT WAS IMMEDIATE AND CONTAGIOUS...THE MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL GROUP AND THE ENTIRE GOODFELLOW COMMUNITY WERE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE MOST KIND HEARTED AND CARING LEADER THAT I HAD EVER WITNESSED ...AND TO THIS DAY...HAVE EVER KNOWN.

TELL AND RETELL THE “JERRY ROSS STORIES”

- REMEMBER THE CRAZY SITUATIONS THAT ONLY JERRY COULD GET HIMSELF INTO
- REMEMBER THAT INCREDIBLE TENNESSEE ACCENT SCREAMING FOR ALL TO HEAR...**IT’S FOOTBALL TIME IN TENNESSEE!**
- REMEMBER JERRY SINGING “ROCKY TOP”...OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER
- REMEMBER THE INFECTIOUS SMILE...THE BELLY LAUGH...THE HEART OF GOLD

MORE THAN A SPECIAL FRIEND, FOR ME, IT WAS AN HONOR TO HAVE COLONEL JERRY ROSS UNDER MY COMMAND. AND AS ONE SOLDIER TO ANOTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO RECITE A SHORT VERSE ...NO, JERRY...NOT FROM “ROCKY TOP” ...BUT FROM MY ALMA MATER... WEST POINT... THAT CAPTURES HOW I FEEL:

- **And when our work is done,**
- **Our course on earth is run**
- **May it be said, 'Well Done;**
- **Be Thou At Peace.'**

WELL DONE JERRY...WELL DONE