Guild Wars 2's Sanctum of Rall shard named after late gamer

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What's in a server name? Quite a lot if you're talking about *Guild Wars 2*’s Sanctum of Rall shard. Roger “Oldroar” Rall passed away last fall, but his name will live on when ArenaNet launches its fantasy opus on August 28th.

Rall was a member of the Gaiscioch gaming community and was renowned for his calm battlefield leadership in *Warhammer Online* and *RIFT*. Gaiscioch’s website remembers him as “a voice you could not ignore.” The site says, “He led armies into battle, created hundreds of memories for any who followed, and held family values higher than any man we had ever encountered. He was a role model, a hero, an inspiration to many.”

The guild will hold a memorial for Rall on the server that bears his name. The event is scheduled for August 29th at 9:00 p.m. EDT at Shaemoor Garrison, Queensdale.

[Thanks to Rayko for the tip.]

**Source:** Gaiscioch  
**More coverage:** Official site

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My guild, Legion of Omega will be rolling there at launch. Check us out if any of you are looking for guilds www.legionofomega.guildlaunch.com or check out our facebook group :)

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Sounds Like I know what server to roll on at release.

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@kerthunk JUST got done rolling around in GW2 on that exact server. The name sounded cool so I told my wife we'll be playing there. Totally glad we did, cool story.

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@r34vegeta @kerthunk I ended up in a guild that chose this server because it sounded like the people who knew Rall wanted to continue the traditions he upheld in the server dedicated to him. Building a community like that is something I can get behind.
adamadkison

Much respect, ArenaNet.

thatchefdude

ArenaNet, the antithesis of BiowareEA in every way!!!
I played with Oldroar on a regular basis in Warhammer Online. He was certainly one of the most delightful people I've ever met online. There was something about his personality that drew you in like a magnet and made everything seem just a little bit better. My wife and I very much enjoyed our time spent with him.

I'm quite pleased to see ArenaNet honoring him in a very befitting manner.

~ Althalius

Wish I'd known him, brings a tear to this cynical poster's eye.

Things like this make me happy to be a gamer, and brings a tear to my eye. Beautiful. Almost makes me wanna play GW2. But I still pass. But very nice gesture by Arenanet.

Did he die of old age or something I don't get it o.O

He died suddenly without struggle. When we last spoke to his wife, he was scheduled for autopsy and cause of death had not yet been determined. Karen his wife said it happened very fast, she had just come to his den to talk with him and she came back to give him something to drink and it looked like he was sleeping. She noticed he wasn't breathing and called the paramedics. He was determined dead at the scene. We never had the heart to call back and ask. Didn't want to make the hurt worse. We are however putting together a hard bound book of memories from all of us along with all of the news clippings and comments to send to her to let her know that Roger was more than just a man. He was a legend to so many of us. We are all better people for knowing him. - Foghladha

Never knew you Rall, but wish I had. Rest in peace.
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**BJReilly**
Nice!

**ebonywolf21**
I read the original blog post yesterday, and it nearly had me crying. This is why I love Anet. <3

**adeptusenginus**
This is the kind of thing that should be commonplace in MMOs. Devs need to remember that MMOs are meant to be social experiences, not one-man thrill rides that serve no purpose but to net them a monthly sub. From Vanilla to the end of Wrath in WoW, I stuck with it solely because of the friends I made. Wouldn't you know it, when Cata tried to switch the focus of the game to the game itself, that's when it died to me. As the Dropkick Murphy's would say, raise your glass. *A Toast* To the late Sir Rall, and the fine folk at ANet. Godspeed to a better place.

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**levinead**
@adeptusenginus FYI: WoW has put in a few NPC's based off of player characters that have past away: http://gaming.freedomblogging.com/2008/10/24/a-fathers-tribute-to-ezra-the-world-of-warcraft-fan-with-brain-cancer/856/

Not to mention red shirt guy.

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**breetplay**
@adeptusenginus Justin did a nice write-up of instances of kindness like these throughout MMO land. It's actually quite common if you know where to look. Not that that should detract from this particular instance. http://massively.joystiq.com/2012/04/05/the-perfect-ten-mmo-tributes-to-real-life-people/

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**Vinzix**
This is another reminder to how epic Arenanet actually is.

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**FaerliSayne**
Awesome...just awesome. Btw, that reminds me that in Queensdale near the Moa herder, there is a small building with a tree and a gravestone beneath the tree. After reading it, I got the feeling it was a memorial for someone (wife?) loved and missed in real life.

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