



## Roger Dale Griffeth

March 31, 1949 - September 19, 2020

### Obituary for Roger Dale Griffeth

Roger Dale Griffeth age 71 of Cedar Bluff passed away Saturday September 19th at Floyd Medical Center.

The family will hold a visitation from 1 until 3 PM CST Saturday September 26th at Perry Funeral Home. Survivors include wife, Cathy Griffeth of Cedar Bluff; daughters, Heather (Jeremy) Soukup of Taylorsville, GA, Katie (Jason) Wright of Smyrna, GA and Robin (Brian) McCormick of Bethlehem, GA; brothers, Butch (Peggy) Griffeth of Fayetteville, GA and Larry (Cindy) Griffeth of Eatonton, GA; sisters, Jean Martin of Savannah, GA and Candy (Phillip) Shipley of Rutledge, GA; 10 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Steve Griffeth and Patricia Kincaid.

Roger is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Sargent in the Air Force and served his country honorably from September 8, 1967 to August 31, 1971. Roger was proud to work as Engineer for Norfolk Southern for 30 years. He

was Chief Financial Officer of the United Transportation Union and UTU Insurance Association. Later in life, Roger was a licensed Real Estate Broker. Among his many accomplishments in community service, he was a Chapter Manager of Cherokee County Red Cross.

Mr. Griffeth was a native of Maryville, TN and the son of the late Cecil and Dorothy Landers Griffeth.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for consideration of donations to be gifted to the Cedar Bluff and Gaylesville Fire Department to pay tribute to their community service. Donations will be collected at the funeral home honoring Roger's life. Out of town donations can be made payable to Gaylesville Fire and Rescue and mailed to PO Box 345, Gaylesville, AL 35973.

Perry Funeral Home Directing  
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# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Cathy & Family: Saddened to read of Bro Roger's passing on the funeral home obit page. I go back many years with Roger as a railroader for Southern and Norfolk Southern at Inman Yards, Ga (Atlanta). First met Roger as a yard Engineer, then he was promoted to Trainmaster . I worked many nights as Chief Clerk in the maintower working with him on building our intermodal (piggyback) trains. He worked in the Pig Yard Tower breaking down and rebuilding the outbound trains. Rain, snow, sleet , cold weather did not stop him and myself from getting the trains ready to go. I knew he was a Vietnam Veteran and was proud of his service to this great Country. I knew he served the Engineers Union in a capacity for some years. It was good to see him when I met him again in Cherokee Co, Al after retiring from the Railroad. I got to value Cathy's friendship after meeting her . Now my prayers and thoughts to each of you for God's love and peace at this difficult time. RIP Bro Roger. Resp, Wendell O Rakestraw, Centre, Al*

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**Wendell O Rakestraw** - September 24, 2020 at 12:56 PM

RG

“ I moved from Tifton to Decatur in the seventh grade and my mother in enrolled me at Forest Hills Elementary. During recess, all the boys played football. In fact, the playground is still there. When it came time to kick off to the other side, all the boys were jumping up and down wanting to do it. Roger was the captain of our side. He asked me, " Ronnie, do you wanted to kick off?" Sure! Roger allowed me to kick off. I still remember it as though it were yesterday. I can still see the smile on his face when he handed me the football. That was almost 60 years ago and I often think of it; that's how much of an impression it made on my skinny 13 year old self. Roger was 10 days younger than me; we were kindred spirits.

My wife and I have been in Cartersville since 1976 and I had a photography studio on main street for almost 20 years. One day, the door open and in walked Roger Griffeth. We have not seen each other in decades; he was either working up here or passing through. He saw my name on the sign and decided to stop in. We all knew those Griffeth boys were rough bunch. I saw him at the 45th reunion and asked him, "Roger, have you beat anybody up today?"

He then told me the following story, "Shortly after I graduated from AHS, I was speeding through Avondale Estates and was pulled over by an Avondale Estates police officer. The officer read my name on my license and asked, 'Are you related to "such and such Griffeth?' "Yes, he's my brother." The officer responded, "I was going to let you go with a warning, but your brother beat me up one time, therefore, I'm giving you a ticket."

Those were simpler times. God bless you Roger Griffeth! Thank you for your kindness and thanks for the laughs.

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Ron Greene - September 23, 2020 at 03:49 PM

KA

*I love these stories and appreciate you sharing them. I am hopeful my son, his 13 year old grandson, would do the same. I'm also dying to know which brother he was talking about!*

**Katie** - September 23, 2020 at 10:26 PM

LH

*“ Pam and I are sorry to learn of the passing of Roger. He will be missed in our community and remembered with respect and fondness. Our thoughts are with Cathy and family. We pray for them that they will be strengthened by Christ and look forward to their reunion with him in heaven.*

*Lloyd and Pam Hofer*

**Lloyd Hofer** - September 23, 2020 at 09:05 AM

SB

*“ I am so blessed that the last 15 months have brought me so close to the Griffeth family. I will forever cherish our friendship. Cathy, Heather, and family, please know that I stand with you during this terribly painful time, lifting you up and asking the Lord to provide you strength and peace in the days ahead. 🙏❤️*

**Sharon Barnes** - September 23, 2020 at 08:35 AM

JM

*Prayers daily for Cathy, Heather, Katie, Robin and the grandchildren. Roger was so proud and loved each of you so very much...I am so saddened for our loss... I felt such closeness to Roger and feel like I helped raise... He was absolutely the cutest & sweetest little boy and continued to be so until the day God called him home... I love & miss him more than words can say.... So MANY GREAT MEMORIES.. ❤️*

**Jean Martin** - October 01, 2020 at 10:00 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Katie - September 23, 2020 at 08:23 AM

KA

*Always dancing with your ladies. I love you Dad*

Katie - September 23, 2020 at 08:24 AM

LS

“ *We can't believe this, We are shocked about Roger's passing. He had so many plans for Cedar Bluff & its people. He was a good man, He will be missed Praying for Cathy & the family. We are so sorry,*

*Larry & Linda Sutherland*



Larry & Linda Sutherland - September 22, 2020 at 10:07 PM

CD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Chris Dendy - September 22, 2020 at 08:10 PM

BB

“ *My condolences to every member of Roger's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all. Through these saddest of times, your memories of the good times will bring comfort. May our Loving God bless you all!*  
*Brenda Bartley*



**Brenda Bartley** - September 22, 2020 at 03:03 PM

CW

*Sadly, Ron and I will be unable to attend the services, however, we are sending lots of LOVE and many prayers to Cathy, Heather, Katie, Robin and all Husbands and Grands. Our deepest sympathy to the Griffith family. May God be with you all. Love, Ron and Carolyn Wexler*

**Carolyn and Ron Wexler** - September 22, 2020 at 06:58 PM

JM

*My prayers and love are with you Kathy and your Family.*

**Jan Mills** - September 22, 2020 at 09:32 PM

FK

*R.J (Buddy) & I send Our deepest sympathy to all the Family. We cherish the times We had on Union trips, Those kind of Friendship last a lifetime. Cathy please know We would be there if We could, Our thoughts and prayers will be with You as We know You have a deep hole in Your Heart. Cherish His Memories in days and weeks ahead. RJ & Faye L. King, Gray, Ga.*

**Faye L.. King** - September 23, 2020 at 05:36 PM