



George Ray Roder

October 2, 1937 - April 27, 2026

George Ray Roder, 88, resident of Bear Creek Trail, Centerville, passed away Monday, April 27, at Maury Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM Friday, May 1, at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville with Bill McDonald officiating. Burial will follow at Breece Cemetery. The family will visit with friends from 3:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 30.

Ray was born October 2, 1937. He was the son of the late W.O. Roder and the late Myrtle Breece Roder of Centerville. He married Opal Tarkington in June 1960 and was married to her for almost 60 years, until her passing in March 2020. They adopted two girls, Janese and Dianna, and had a son, Tony, extending the tradition in his own family as both Ray and his brother, Edward, were adopted.

After the passing of his father when he was only a sophomore in high school, he worked tirelessly with his mother to save their family farm and he lived and farmed there for the rest of his life. He was a high school football player who was a lifelong fan of the game, especially enjoying watching his son and grandson play. As a young adult he served in the Army National Guard for several years. Over his lifetime, he worked at Genesco, Tencon and the Hickman County Highway Department. He loved his wife, his children &

grandchildren, his Savior & the church. He dedicated many years of service to the Twomey Church of Christ as both a deacon and an elder and attended Nunnelly Church of Christ several years as well. He and Opal genuinely loved people, and informally “adopted” many others over the years, from the children Opal babysat to neighbors in their community. His legacy will be all those he pointed toward the steadfast love and goodness of God.

He is survived by his daughters, Janese (Keith) of Franklin and Dianna (Lonnie) of Chattanooga, and son, Tony (Bonnie) of Hampshire.

Grandchildren: Kasey Allen, Austin (Sara) Allen, Elliott (Baileah) McCeney, Caleb McCeney, Callie McCeney, Cole (Sadie) Davis, Abby Davis, Sadie Roder. Great-grandchildren: Koehn Allen, Jax Allen, Knox Allen.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Roder.

Cemetery Details

Breece Cemetery

Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ ... sorry to hear of Mr. Ray's passing...he was a good man ,always kind.
R.I.P. Sir



James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson - May 03 at 10:45 AM

MC

“ Maelynn Campbell lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Maelynn Campbell - May 01 at 10:01 AM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Cheeva McClearen - May 01 at 08:45 AM

MB

“ I have fond memories growing up of visiting Ray's Mother Myrtle and Ray's family. Always had Great food and Conversation! May God Bless Your Family.

Mike Bogard - April 30 at 09:14 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Ronald Gammons - April 30 at 03:19 PM

NB

“ *Sorry to hear of Rays passing*



Nathan Bates - April 30 at 11:38 AM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Cheeva McClearen - April 29 at 05:19 PM

BJ

“ *Ray was a schoolmate and SaraAnn's cousin, thus special. Tony, Janice, and Dianna were special students and friends. Please accept my condolences at the passing of a good man and a life well lived.*

Beatrice Jobe - April 29 at 12:55 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - April 29 at 12:12 PM

WP

“ *We have many fond memories of Ray and his family that were spent in 4-H Club activities!*



Wayne & Jewell Prince - April 29 at 09:01 AM

ST

“ *Sherrie Talley lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Sherrie Talley - April 28 at 11:29 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Connie Bowen - April 28 at 11:11 PM

DS

“ *Mr.Ray and Ms. Opal were two of the kindest people, I knew. I'm so thankful that I got to know them . God bless this family. Prayers for comfort,strength and peace.*



Debbie Semore - April 28 at 09:18 PM

RM

“ *Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Roy & Sharon McCoy - April 28 at 08:40 PM

MF

“ *Mark and Melissa Filson lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Mark and Melissa Filson - April 28 at 08:06 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte M Staggs lit a candle in memory of George Roder*



Charlotte M Staggs - April 28 at 07:49 PM

PW

“ Prayers for his family



Pamela Warf - April 28 at 07:43 PM

AA

“ Anita Armstrong lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Anita Armstrong - April 28 at 07:35 PM

SA

“ I have known Mr. Ray for many years. I went Twomey Church of Christ for awhile. He was so very kind and encouraging. He will missed by many.



S A - April 28 at 07:06 PM

MC

“ Michelle Cripps lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Michelle Cripps - April 28 at 06:26 PM

TC

“ Tonya Cripps lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Tonya Cripps - April 28 at 06:22 PM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Stanley & Judy Gordon - April 28 at 04:11 PM

KB

“ Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Karen Bowen - April 28 at 04:06 PM



“ Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of George Roder

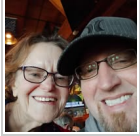


Sandi Westover - April 28 at 03:33 PM

SC

“ Love you uncle Ray say hello to Opal
SCOTT

Scott - April 28 at 02:55 PM



“ Loveless Carole lit a candle in memory of
George Roder



Loveless Carole - April 28 at 12:06 PM

LH

“ Loretta Chessor Harrington sent a virtual gift in
memory of George Roder



Loretta Chessor Harrington - April 28 at 11:20 AM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of
George Roder



Michael Bates - April 28 at 09:06 AM

RT

“ Rhonda Taylor lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Rhonda Taylor - April 27 at 11:06 PM

ES

“ Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - April 27 at 10:36 PM

KS

“ My family (Gossett) and the Roder family use to hang out often. We spent many days fishing and having good visits together. Ray was such a good man. I can just see it now: Ray, Opal, mom, and dad together worshipping and singing praised to God and Jesus now. What a happy reunion. Kathy Gossett Scott

kathy scott - April 27 at 09:33 PM



Oh Kathy, what a beautiful picture. Thanks for this.
Janese

Janese McCeney - April 28 at 06:26 PM

JB

“ June bowem lit a candle in memory of George Roder



June bowem - April 27 at 08:38 PM

PH

“ Very sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Roder. Prayers for you all.



Paula Hay - April 27 at 08:13 PM

RM

Ray always (in school) had a very shy smile. I remember how he loved football, and the whole high school loved Ray and counted on him taking the lead to win the games . A great Christian man .

Reba Mcfarlin - April 28 at 08:25 PM

SH

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of George Roder



Sarah Hinson - April 27 at 07:42 PM