



Rodney G. Clarke

January 27, 1944 - January 27, 2021

Rodney G. Clarke, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, received his heavenly reward on his 77th birthday on January 27, 2021. He was born in Mobile, Alabama on January 27, 1944. He graduated from Woodlawn High School (Birmingham, Alabama) and from Auburn University (Degree in Business Administration) where he met his wife, Judy Rackley, on a blind date. Rodney and Judy were married on February 27, 1965 and lived together in Auburn (AL), Columbia (SC), Oak Mountain (AL), Spanish Fort (AL), Oxford (AL), and Maylene (AL). Most of Rodney's work experience was as Director of Engineering at Princeton Hospital (Birmingham), USA Women's & Children's Hospital

(Mobile), and Regional Medical Center (Anniston). In 2004, he was voted "Healthcare Engineer of the Year" by the Alabama Society for Healthcare Engineering. Rodney was a "people person" who never met a stranger. He loved being involved in service organizations (Sertoma and Lions Clubs) for the benefit of others. His greatest focus, however, was to serve his local church and share the love of his Lord Jesus with others. Rodney was known for his great ability to connect with people on all levels, in hopes that they too would connect with the God he loved and served. He is preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Pauline Clarke, and his grandson, Connor William Davis. He is survived by his loving wife of more than 55 years, Judy Rackley Clarke.

He is also survived by his son, Pastor Sean Clarke (Rhiannon) of Franklin,

Tennessee; his daughters, Stephanie Davis and Stacie Saylor (Mike); and his sister, Brenda Riley (Michael); his eight grandchildren, Erika, Cole and Cross Davis; Cassidy, Kade and Kali Rose Clarke; McKenzie and Braydon Saylor; his niece, Kari Slappy (Tom); and his nephews Chris Farrow (Bobbie Sue), Dr. Rackley Ivey, Wynne Farrow, and Jason Riley (Kelly). The family will have a Celebration of Life Service on February 11th at 2:00 p.m. at Kingwood Church in Alabaster. Visitation will take place prior to the service at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to his son's church: www.5stoneschurch.com 5 Stones Church, P. O. Box 442, Franklin, TN 37065.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ My wife and I met Rodney and Judy shortly after we started attending Kingwood. Rodney invited me to attend a Men’s Bible Group he was leading. Rodney was truly a kind and caring soul. I am so sorry for his families loss, I know that one of God’s true soldiers has gone home. The Clark family is in our prayers.

Jerry Carter - February 17, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JH

“ I have just received this site:

In 1974 my husband and I moved across the street from Rodney and Judy. Our small neighborhood then had over 15 children around the same ages. We had years together growing our families and becoming life long friends. Rodney was like a brother to me. We had a special bond. He always had something happening in his life and he tended to share all of his adventures with his friends. I knew if I needed Rodney at any time of the day or night that he would be at our door in a heart beat. He always made an appearance on Christmas eve very late into the night because we were just arriving home from our Christmas with family. He just appeared at our door with his finger strategically placed on the door bell.....didn't matter if anyone was asleep.....he was doing his thing---loving life and getting a kick out of "surprises." He just seemed to love life and people and things and most of all, his God! I have always chided him for "moving" away. I was the one missing his adventuresome spirit! Even after years of following his career path, Rodney would show up at various times or call to see what was going on. He kept in touch in a good way. He did that with all his friends. I'm just so happy that he considered me among them. There must be deep laughter, back slapping, and his big grin in heaven today. He's got his hat on and looking for his next big adventure for sure. It is clear from all the memories others have relayed to his family that Rodney had a profound impact on so many people. What a blessing to be counted among his FRIENDS!

Much love to Judy, Sean, Stephanie, Stacey, all the grandchildren and spouses too as you journey down this new path in your lives.

June Hollingsworth February 12, 2021

June Hollingsworth - February 12, 2021 at 10:48 AM

WJ

“ I can honestly say that Rodney was the very best friend I have ever had. Brenda and I met Rodney and Judy in 1973 at New Hope CP Church in Birmingham, AL. We were worshipping with them and God had recently called me into the ministry. When we left there to our first fulltime church in Henderson, TN, in 1976, it didn't change our relationship. We were still best friends and enjoyed visiting whenever we could. As a matter of fact, when our first child was born in 1980, Rodney drove almost 300 miles to show up at the hospital to help us welcome our son! Brenda and I had the same reaction: UNBELIEVABLE!! That is just one example of how strong our friendship was with Rodney and Judy. We would love to be there for the service of celebration of Rodney's life but age, threat of icy weather and distance from where we live in Fort Worth, TX, makes it impossible. Just know that our thoughts and prayers will be with Judy and the kids on this very special day and we know that God will be smiling on them. We love you!
Eddie & Brenda Jenkins

William Jenkins - February 10, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DH

“ So very glad I was blessed to know Rodney! My prayers to the family. God Bless!

Donald Huey - February 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM

JC

“ Condolences to his family and friends. Rodney made me feel so welcomed as a new employee of Regional Medical Center (over thirteen years ago). A good ambassador - a very personable and likable guy. He was missed upon his retirement and missed again now. Heaven's gain! Julia C. Comer

Julia C. Comer - February 09, 2021 at 03:30 PM

DM

“ I met Rodney six years ago when he invited me to become a member of the newly formed Helena Lions Club. Turns out, we both were past president of the Anniston Lions Club and both of us ended up near Helena. Rodney was the backbone of our Lions Club and had a huge heart for service to others. I will always cherish the time I spent with him at our club functions. RIP my friend until we meet again.

Dennis McCluskey - February 08, 2021 at 03:07 PM

PE

“ We only met Rodney a short time ago, but we found him to be such a kind and caring man. We are thankful that we got to know him. Our prayers go out to Judy and the entire Clarke family. May His Peace be yours.

Arnett and Penny Jones

Penny - February 04, 2021 at 07:33 PM

LD

“ Rodney was my spiritual dad. He had MANY spiritual children! So honored to be one. Rodney and Judy welcomed Chip and I into their lives when they lived in Daphne. They are dear friends and truly our spiritual parents. He always called me, "youngin'" even though he wasn't all that much older. I love you Judy, and while I know you have many wonderful people around you, I hope you know we are here for you and are holding you up in the Spirit!

Lisa Dooley - February 02, 2021 at 06:50 PM

EM

“ *Mr. Rodney was my grandfather’s lifelong friend and our family held him in such high regard. He was always so sweet to everyone and he even came dressed as Santa at some of our family Christmas’. I loved getting to know him over the years and I know he meant so much to my grandfather. Rest In Peace, Mr. Rodney*❤️

Ellie McPhearson - February 02, 2021 at 06:46 PM

SF

“ *I remember that he was always involved and lending a hand at KCS school in the earlier days. He was a great man and we are very sad. The family is in our thoughts, we love you.*

Sheri Farrell - February 01, 2021 at 11:18 PM

HT

“ *Haine Y & Sarah Tackett lit a candle in memory of Rodney G. Clarke*



Haine y & Sarah Tackett - February 01, 2021 at 09:17 PM

KD

“ I don't remember what year we met the Clarke's, but it was somewhere around 2004 or 5. Immediately I began to know Rodney as a soft spoken, strong believer. He was kind. He was helpful. He was an encourager.

On a very dark day February 2012, I had to meet my husband at the ER as we think he had a stroke (during chemo treatments). I was Mentally and physically exhausted, but knowing he was now getting some care, I had a little bit of comfort. But seeing Rodney's face as he directed me to where Rick was in the ER, I suddenly had peace come over me. Rick was ultimately transferred to Trinity where he stayed for a week, then passed.

I'll never forget Rodney's caring, composed spirit that day and many days following. He's definitely an angel in heaven, but he was an angel on earth, too!

My prayers and loving thoughts are with Judy and the family.

Kathleen L Donofrio - February 01, 2021 at 05:42 PM

BF

“ Our deepest condolences for the family. Pastor Bobby and Annette Forbes in NC.

Bobby Forbes - February 01, 2021 at 02:21 PM