



J. Rodney Bixler

January 4, 1938 - April 11, 2020

BIXLER - J. Rodney Bixler, age 82 of Lawrenceville, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2020. A Private Graveside Service will be held at Gwinnett Memorial Park. Mr. Bixler was born on January 4, 1938 to the late J. Elwood & Elizabeth Ganter Bixler in Boston, MA. He was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and graduated from Southern Technical Institute. Mr. Bixler retired as the Head of Operations for Mount Paran Church of God. He was preceded in death by his son, Donald Bixler, in 2004. Mr. Bixler is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carole Bixler; children, Deborah & Scott Unroe of Iron Gate, VA, Lisa & Tom Litzinger of Cartersville, Cindy & Matthew Robertson of Lawrenceville, Kevin & Dawn Bixler of Cleveland, TN; daughter-in-law, Gwyn Bixler of Lawrenceville; 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; siblings, Beverly Franklet of Eastsound, WA, Barrie Eldridge of Winston Salem, NC, and Jason Bixler of Clarkesville. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Rodney Bixler*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Many memories of Rod and Carole at mount Paran. Emory worked with him in operations for several years. Praying for the family.*

Emory and Genie Brown - April 18, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *Dear Carole,
Jim and I were terribly saddened to hear of Rod's passing. We'd prayed so earnestly for his healing. I will always remember Rod as one of the kindest men at church. Whenever we visited with you and Rod the grandsons weren't far behind. It was clear how much the boys love you both. Now we pray and ask the Lord to be so close to you and all your children to strengthen and to comfort you.
In His love,
Linda and Jim Florreich*

Linda Florreich - April 17, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ *Carol and all of your family, Larry and I extend our sincerest sympathy to you at this time. We will continue to uphold you in prayer. We look forward to the day when can see each other face to face again. Doris & Larry Greenhaw*

Larry & Doris Greenhaw - April 17, 2020 at 07:00 PM

MD

“ Rod will be sorely missed. He was such a gentleman with a welcoming smile. He and Carolyn were such classy people who always stopped to acknowledge Jeannie and me. We first met them in 1993 on an Israel trip, and it became a loving friendship all these years. He was very special.
Mark & Jeannie Dodd

Mark & Jeannie Dodd - April 17, 2020 at 09:17 AM

BS

“ I think of Carole and Rod together, I can't think of just one and not the other. My prayers are for Carole at this time. Rod and Carole were such a beautiful couple together and illustrated love, the kind of love that Jesus has. Enjoy your promotion, Rod. Hope to see you soon ❤️

barri cae seif - April 16, 2020 at 02:20 PM

JL

“ Rod Bixler was always a wonderful gentleman. Courteous and kind, generous with his time and willingness to help. He will be very missed by so many as well as Jim and me. The McClains

Jim/Janet McC lain - April 16, 2020 at 11:10 AM

BR

“ Dear Carole and family, my heart breaks for you as I know how much you and Rod loved each other and how much he loved you and the children. I could never say enough thank you's for all you and Rod did for me and the children over these many years. All those beautiful closes you gave Christie, and all the work he gave my company, and all the wonderful advice a guidance you gave me personally. I pray for your comfort and I love you dearly, Bonnie Reeser aka Cannon.

Bonnie Reeser - April 16, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BS

“*ROD BIXLER, an authentic Christian Gentleman, unpretentious, yet strong in the “things that matter”: work ethic, rearing children, serving his community, and in all his ways honoring GOD. We met Carole and Rod in the late 1960’s at Mt Paran Church and our friendship thrives today!*

ALL IS WELL (English Monk, Author)

“DEATH is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. whatever we were to each other, that we still are. call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Pray, smile, think of me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner.

ALL IS WELL.

Gary and Barbara Selby

Barbara Bounds Selby - April 15, 2020 at 11:40 PM

JS

Carole, I could hardly believe it when I heard that Rod was very ill. It was just a couple of weeks before, when I was talking to you two at Mount Paran. You were planning to drive and see some of the grandkids. Rod was smiling and kind as ever. It's such a blessing to have had a wonderful Christian husband for so many years, and now the Lord will comfort and walk with you through this darkness. Please know that you are loved, and I and many others are praying for you.

Joy Smith

Joy Smith - April 28, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J. Rodney Bixler.*



April 15, 2020 at 10:14 PM

CS

“ *All my memories of Rod have a theme - kindness. He was always kind to those around him and gentle when he spoke. I will miss him*

Chris Stoesen - April 15, 2020 at 09:26 PM

SL

“ *Carole, So sorry to hear of Rod's passing! He was rock solid, never wavering in his integrity or his faith! We need more men in this world like Rod! He will be missed! Scott & Cindy LeFevre*

Scott LeFevre - April 15, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of J. Rodney Bixler.



April 15, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Bixler's death. I worked at/attended the Lawrenceville Church of God and knew Don for awhile. I pray that God's presence will be very real to the family during this time.

Lloyd Looney - April 15, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ Dear Carole, I send you love and I'm asking God to comfort you as only He can! I always loved the way Rod, whom I tried to call "Ron" every time I saw him, teased me about it. He was such a special man just as you are such a special lady. Please know I am praying for you. Love, Hugs, and Blessings, Sondra Martin

Sondra Martin - April 15, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ So many fond memories of Rod at Mount Paran. Rod and Carole were charter members of the Mount Paran Welcome Care ministry and ever so faithful. With his kind and gentle spirit Rod was perfect in reaching out to visitors and others needing assistance. Rod had a great work ethic in his role in Mount Paran operations. On a personal note he always did quality work as evidenced by renovation he did at our home in Dunwoody. Rod was a class gentleman. We were honored to call him "Friend". Peggy and Bill Jordan

bill jordan - April 15, 2020 at 12:20 PM

BB

“ Carole, Linda and I send our sympathy in your losing Rod. He seemed happy to have seen the latest great grandchild when you got back from your Virginia trip. He leaves a wonderful record of service and dedication to church and family. We joked often about my helping him build a better bridge on the North Georgia property. I will miss him every time we are back in Sunday School and I look to see if he beat me, or Jim McClain, to get the coffee for the class. I could tell that he was adored by the grandchildren by the way they came running to see him, and you, in the halls at church. He surely ran a good race and waits for us at the finish line.

Bruce and Linda Boggs

Bruce Boggs - April 15, 2020 at 11:57 AM

KC

“ Carole and Family, Jim and I share your grief at the lose of Rod. I recently described Rod to my daughter as a very sweet man who always smiled and was always interested in knowing how other people were doing. Know that even though we can't be there, we are wrapping our hearts around you and pray for your peace at this time. Sincerely, Jim and Karen Costie

karen costie - April 15, 2020 at 11:22 AM

EL

*Carole and family,
We will always remember Rod...he indeed had a servant' s heart, and willingly shared with others. His smile was as big as his heart...we all will miss him....knowing full well he is in our Lord's Presence. How Glorious!! We are assured of God's precious promises.
Comfort and Peace,
Ann and Stafford Layne*

E. Ann Layne - April 15, 2020 at 11:59 AM

NH

“ We feel so fortunate to have known Rod Bixler all these years at Mount Paran Church. He was a very special man who obviously loved God and walked with Him daily. It was also obvious that he loved his family. We extend out sympathy and prayers for Carole and all the family.

Karl & Nellie Hoenes

Nellie Hoenes - April 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM