



## Rod Bowlden

April 17, 1952 - November 1, 2022

Roddy Neal Bowlden, passed away on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, November 12, 2022 in the Monroe Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home. Rev. Jimmy Bassham will officiate. Rod was born on April 17, 1952, the son of Nita and Ralph Bowlden. He grew up in Forest Park, Georgia with his older brother Randy and graduated from Forest Park Senior High School. Rod graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology and retired from working at the Georgia State Properties Commission. Rod was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, brother-in-law and friend. For Rod, new friends were silver, but old friends were gold. He was a classic and stand-up guy that loved nothing more than dinner with his family, great tennis, and simply sitting on the beach at sunset with Carole. He is survived by his wife, Carole; daughter Courtney (Matthew) Hortman, son Nicholas Bowlden and brother Randy (Alice) Bowlden. Courtney and Nick were his pride and joy, and in the Bowlden's household, the grandchildren Tyler, Lily and Flint are the heartbeat. We will miss Rod but know he is resting peacefully. The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 12, 2022 prior to the service from 10 AM till 11 AM at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe GA 30655. (770) 267-2594. You may sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe  
209 South Hammond Drive  
Monroe, GA 30655

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe  
209 South Hammond Drive  
Monroe, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Attended the same high school as Rod and worked with him at the State of GA. He will be missed. Keeping his family in my prayers.*  
*Mike Tomme*

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**Mike Tomme** - November 14, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rod Bowlden.*



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November 11, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to all of the family. Although I am not able to make the trip, my prayers and love are with you.*

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**Shawn Bowlden** - November 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Patrick , Alex, Liam and Claire Nipper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rod Bowlden.*



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**Patrick , Alex, Liam and Claire Nipper** - November 11, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rod Bowlden.*



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November 09, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Carol and all the family. Rod grew up in church with us and he was always a blessing to his family and others.*

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**Ron and Katherine Dodson** - November 09, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ *Rod was a larger than life personality with a heart as big as Dallas, Texas and a frequent smile. Chuck's, Mike's, Leonard's and my time together with Rod at Ga Tech involved tennis, watching Tech football, Live Atlanta wrestling and many late night poker games, and reruns of Groucho Marx and the Marx brothers.*

*I know Carole, Nick, Courtney and Randy are broken hearted, but am reassured in the fact that he is now in God's presence with no pain and suffering, looking down on them every day.*

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**Rick Nichols** - November 09, 2022 at 11:33 AM

RM

“ Rick, Chuck, Leonard and Mike purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rod Bowlden.



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**Rick, Chuck, Leonard and Mike** - November 09, 2022 at 11:00 AM

VT

“ Carole and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have quite fond memories of your family growing up, as my parents, Frank and Carolyn Palmer, and I would often stop by your parent's house when we came up from Florida to visit family and friends. Dad was good friends with Billy, and I remember the delicious dinner your mom made once on the indoor hibachi grill thing in their home. And I got so tickled when your mom told us that when she moved to the states, she didn't know what to do when that box on the wall would ring. We usually got to see Melissa and Tim as they were the younger siblings, and sometimes you were home as well. And I didn't know you were married to Roddy until I saw you at my Aunt Ruth's funeral, so I love that part of our family connection.

*Praying for all of you in the days ahead, that God will provide you with comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

*With love,*

*Vicki Palmer Thompson*

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**Vicki Thompson** - November 09, 2022 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ So many fond memories of Rod - growing up next door, attending all our family events. We were blessed to be part of the Lee family, what a wonderful legacy of our parents, grandparents, great grandparents. Praying for Carole and her family and Randy and his family as they go through this difficult time. We know Rod is in Glory and we'll all be together again one glorious day. Our love to you all... JoAnn Starr McJenkin

JoAnn Starr McJenkin - November 08, 2022 at 03:28 PM

HH

“ Holly, Dexter, Durham & Sayward Harris purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rod Bowlden.



Holly, Dexter, Durham & Sayward Harris - November 08, 2022 at 12:26 PM

TI

“ From the old days of seeing "Willard" at Ben Hill back when Carole and Rod were dating, to the vacations with the Bowlden's stopping by Sara's Restaurant when the kids were small (" just RELAX, r-e-l-a-x" ) --- the stories go on and on. If you can ever imagine Ralph & Nita with Billy & Chung Ai ---- it was wonderful because Carole & Rod could pull it off for almost every holiday dinner. I hung out so much with them that I can hear "go ask your brother" ... and then the response "I don't have a brother!" ---- and we would all just laugh. The nachos, Steve Martin walk of happiness and unbeatable black-iron-skillet cornbread --- I cherish those conversations and stories and memories because they make me smile and warm my heart so. Thanks Rod for always including me, we always had a great time!

Tim - November 08, 2022 at 11:32 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry, my heart and prayers are with Carole and the family.  
- Kelli Bowlden

Kelli Bowlden - November 08, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Rod Bowlden.



November 07, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Rod Bowlden.



November 07, 2022 at 11:17 AM

CT

“ My Dear Carole, thinking of you, and your loss that came too soon.  
You and Rod were two of the nicest in class of 70...so glad you had  
the years together. Take care of yourself.  
Cecilia (Ridenhour) Taylor

Cecilia Taylor - November 06, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ One of my favorite memories of Rod is seeing him in his high school jacket, with football letter, walking down the FPSH hall, straight & tall like the leader he was. Rod & Carole were the King & Queen of FPSH.

*Sending my sympathies to you Carole, Courtney, & Nick.  
I pray that the love of Jesus covers you & brings you peace that passes all understanding. ❤️*

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**Jackie Hendrix Brookfield** - November 06, 2022 at 01:57 PM

LR

*Sorry for your loss, prayers are with you. Classmate Leard Rainey. Rod's dad and my dad worked together at John Smith Chevrolet. Great family.*

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**Leard Rainey** - November 06, 2022 at 03:41 PM

RM

“ 4 files added to the album Rod's Family



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**Raymond Medlock** - November 06, 2022 at 01:06 PM

JW

“ Rod was my Buddy and Knight in Shining Armor. When my beloved boss at DNR Real Estate left, DNR brought in a toxic replacement. Rod hired me at SPC and asked me if I'd mind getting a \$10,000 raise!! He was a great friend and boss. And was rightfully proud of Carole, Nick, Courtney and the fun grandkids. I see him smiling in Heaven with his Parents and Ray Crawford. Sending prayers and good vibes to all. J. Wade

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**J. Wade** - November 04, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rod Bowlden.



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November 04, 2022 at 11:50 AM

KR

“ Courtney, we send our deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family. While we did not personally know your dad, we have the privilege and joy of working with you and under your leadership. We're certain the love he had for you and his family, and the way he lived his life shines on through you and the ones he loved the most. Take heart that through this and always, he is with you. We love you, too. Your Kelly Family: Karan, Tekia, Abby and Kiesha

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**Karan Resler** - November 04, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rod Bowlden.*



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November 04, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ *Judy and Steven Commander purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Rod Bowlden.*



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**Judy and Steven Commander** - November 04, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Rod, the tennis plan, the gardener...friend. Carole, Courtney, Nick, thinking of you at this time of loss, Judy and Steen Commander*

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**Judy Commander** - November 04, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ *I remember spending my summer with Courtney and Nick. Hanging out at the house, Uncle Rod and Carole took care me and it was always nice coming back to visit every summer. Uncle Rod always made us laugh and it was a home away from home! He will be dearly missed. Thinking of you Carole, Courtney and Nick. ❤️*

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**Kelly Thompson** - November 03, 2022 at 08:10 PM