



## "Rod" Roderick S Tumlin, Sr.

December 26, 1931 - July 2, 2014

TUMLIN- "Rod" Roderick S. Tumlin, Sr. age 82 of Eatonton, Georgia passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

Dear Friends and Family,

This has been a stressful year for all involved since the deterioration of our parents' health. In May 2014, Dad had finally joined our Mom (who suffers with severe Alzheimer's) at the Eatonton Nursing and Health Center. Since January 2014, Dad had intensive hospital and therapeutic stays due to his progressive dementia and physical ailments. With grief and joy, our Dad passed away to be with his Savior. How precious it is to us, his family, that he waited until July 2, 2014 - Dad and Mom's 62nd Anniversary- to go on to his Heavenly home. Mom and Dad were most definitely soul mates and best friends forever. Dad loved Mom dearly and was her constant caregiver for over 12 years. He now waits for Mom with his Heavenly Father. We are relieved that Dad is now out of his mental anguish and physical pain and has joined many of his friends and family. Dad was dearly loved and will be missed. Please pray for us as we continue to assist mom and realize our loss.

God bless,

Rick, Mary, and Diane

Rod is survived by his wife of 62 years: Jean Sheppard Tumlin of Eatonton,

Georgia; son: Rick Tumlin, Jr. of Kennesaw, Georgia; daughters: Mary Tumlin of Atlanta, Georgia and Diane Tumlin Fowler of Loganville, Georgia; his sister: Patti Tumlin Chilivis of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren: Harrison Fowler, Wade Fowler, Trey Tumlin III, Ashley Lewis, and Stephanie Marusiodis; and several great grandchildren. Dad attended Decatur Boys High School and Southern Polytech in Georgia. Dad retired as an Insurance Executive with Universal Underwriters. He attended Eatonton First Baptist Church; Dad was a lifetime Elks' member and model airplane enthusiast. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Putnam County Christian Outreach, 151 Industrial Blvd, Eatonton, Georgia 31024 or Oconee Regional Humane Society, 1020 Park Ave #101, Greensboro, Georgia 30642.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Road Baptist Church, 1215 Cleveland Road., Bogart-Athens, GA. Nicole Tumlin Chilivis will officiate. Arrangements handled by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, Georgia 30078. 770-979-5010.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

\*\*\*Please email [d.fowler1@comcast.net](mailto:d.fowler1@comcast.net) by Saturday, August 2, 2014 if planning to attend. Thank you!

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cleveland Road Baptist Church  
1215 Cleveland Road  
Bogart-Athens, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *"Rod" Roderick S Tumlin, Sr.*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Rod and Jean have been my Brother and "Sister" for 55 years. I married into the family when Thomas (Jean's Brother) and I married. Rod was our Best Man at our wedding and Jean would have been our Matron of Honor except she had just recently given birth to their second child Mary. Thomas had looked up to Rod since he was 12 years old and always Loved and admired him and marveled at all he could do. Thomas had a great respect for his "Brother" They are the brother and sister I never had and I'm very thankful God lead me to this family. I love all of you very much and know Rod and Thomas are together now and because we have Jesus as our "Savior" we will see them again. God Bless the Tumlin Family. Love, Aunt Lynn*

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**Lynn Sheppard** - August 08, 2014 at 08:15 AM

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“ I remember my baby sister always hanging out with her BFF of many years - Diane - and the joy she would come home with after being at the Tumlin's house for an extended stayover. The very apparent love and nurturing of that household was a source of strength for my little sister Lisa. After (I won't count how many) decades those two are still as tight as a drum - an enduring legacy to Rod and his wife as great parents that 'did it right'.

*The entire Tumlin family are in our thoughts, prayers, and happy memories always.*

*All Our Love,  
- Bill Love & Family  
Charlotte, NC*

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**William A Love** - July 08, 2014 at 02:22 PM