



Rodney R. Ratliff

August 31, 1933 - December 10, 2009

Rodney Ratliff

Frankfort- Services for Rodney R. Ratliff, 76 yrs., of Frankfort, will be conducted from Harrod Brothers Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Monday, December 14, 2009 with Rev. Steve Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, December 13, 2009, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

He passed away Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Norton Hospital, Louisville, from pancreatitis.

Born in Elkhorn City, Mr. Ratliff moved to Frankfort in 1952 and was a 1955 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He was the owner of Frankfort Scrap Metal for fifty years as well as the owner of Frankfort Recycling, Lexington Scrap Metal, and Lexington Recycling. He also owned rental properties and warehousing facilities. He was the past owner of the Cave Restaurant and Ramada Inn. Mr. Ratliff was currently serving on the Whitaker Bank Board, Salvation Army Board, Eastern Kentucky University Foundation Board and was a Kentucky Colonel. He was a past member of Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Board, Frankfort Plant Board and the Kentucky State University Foundation Board.

Mr. Ratliff was committed to his family. He loved and enjoyed being surrounded by them. He loved nature, especially animals and his dog, Bear. Traveling the world with his wife, he lived life to the fullest and always had a positive outlook and zest for life.

He is survived by his wife, Lois A. Ratliff; daughters, Melanie Ratliff (Robert Wilson), Louisville and Beth Ratliff (Dan) Healy, Ft. Thomas; brothers, Bobby (Betty) Ratliff, Frankfort, and Harry Ratliff, Wilmore; a sister, Jean Prater, Elkhorn City; four grandchildren, Austin, Rachel, Clare and Drew; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ratliff was the thirteenth child of the late George and Mellie Jane Potter Ratliff.

Pallbearers will be Foster Ratliff, Mark Ratliff, Paul Ratliff, Gary Ratliff, Bruce Wayne Prater and Doug Kirk.

Honorary bearers will be Dr. James Ramsey, William E. Johnson, Fred Meyer and Dr. O.M. Patrick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Ratliff to Farmdale Baptist Church, 5610 U.S. Hwy 127S, Frankfort, Ky 40601, Salvation Army, 517 Greenup Ave., Frankfort, Ky 40601 or the Franklin Co. Humane Society, 1041 Kentucky Ave., Frankfort, Ky 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home; condolences may be shared via the online guest book at www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rodney R. Ratliff*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Dear Family,
We are so sorry to learn of your loss, and we share your grief as we will miss him. We will treasure the times and many discussions we had with him, most of them good tips for the business world and for life. We will always remember his kindness and generosity and learn from his examples. Our prayers are with you all.*

December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thought and prayers are with everyone in the family. We all love our animals.*

December 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ As a kid, I remember Uncle Rodney coming to Idaho to see my grandparents, Jack and Minnie. We always had a big get together when Uncle Rodney came to Idaho. I remember Uncle Rodney being so generous and friendly, as if he seen us everyday, although we only seen him every few years. I remember the barbecues we had on my grandparents patio during the hot summer, that's where my grandfather loved to entertain his guests. We always had a great time together when Uncle Rodney or any of his other brothers came to town. I miss those days and miss my grandparents since they have also passed away. I hadn't seen Uncle Rodney since my grandfather passed away, time just goes by too fast. I will always have fond memories of Uncle Rodney. Every time I seen him, he always told me to come to Kentucky and visit. I wish I would have but never got the chance. God Bless the Ratliff family!

Danny Lee Martineau - December 29, 2009 at 05:40 AM

MG

“ My family wishes to pay condolences to the family of Rodney Ratliff for I have known him since my childhood friendship with his late nephew, Taylor, and playing in the pool at Rodney's home. You could always tell that Mr. Ratliff loved life, his community, and he was a very charitable man that will be missed.

Martin Green - December 16, 2009 at 09:52 AM

CB

“ I've been truly saddened by the loss of a dear friend. He loved life, and will be missed by anyone who knew him.

Connie Blackwell - December 15, 2009 at 04:16 AM

VS

“ On behalf of Arthur Jones, Sr., my dad worked for Rodney for many years. Please know that you have our deepest sympathy and you all will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Rodney is at peace now!!! May God be with you all!!

Vicky Jones on behalf of Arthur Jones, Sr - December 14, 2009 at 10:32 AM

TF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in Rodney's passing. He was a wonderful man, and a great man for Frankfort for many years.

The Grugin Family - December 14, 2009 at 09:36 AM

AR

“ Mrs. Ratliff and girls, I had the privilege of working with Mr. Ratliff through the State National Bank. I also graduated with Beth. Mr. Ratliff was indeed a lover of life. I never saw him in a bad mood. He was always so pleasant. I know you will miss him terribly. I remember once smiling when he went to Alaska and got 90 degree weather. Only Mr. Ratliff... Fondly, Anne Marie Riddell

Anne Marie Riddell - December 14, 2009 at 03:41 AM

MB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. We will all certainly miss Rodney.

Mildred Browning - December 14, 2009 at 03:11 AM

DD

“ My deepest sympathies to the family! May all your friendship, and love you have given to the community come back to comfort you in these days, present & future! Rodney left some big shoes that will be hard to fill, as he was larger than life, and is now TRULY Immortal, with the lasting impression he has left on me, and the citizens of Frankfort.

Derek A. Rayborn, I, D.d. - December 14, 2009 at 02:09 AM

DP

“ Mrs. Ratliff, Melanie, and Beth - Please accept my condolence for your loss. The last time I saw Rodney was at David's funeral and it is upsetting to me not to be able to pay my respects to Rodney as he did my son. He is going to be missed by a lot of people because he touched so many people's lives. He won't ever be forgotten around Frankfort. You have my deepest sympathy and I will keep you in my prayers.

David Patrick - December 13, 2009 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ Francine and I would like to express our most heart felt condolences. I will miss Rodney stopping by the store to swap Elkhorn stories. His help and guidance has truly made a difference in our lives and I will miss his counsel. Always a smile and a pat on the back and a reminder that tomorrow is another day, his optimism was contagious.

Joey and Francine Sloan - December 13, 2009 at 10:56 AM

MF

“ Our prayers are with you during this time of mourning.

Mr. Roger & Dr. Leigh Ann Ford - December 12, 2009 at 11:08 AM

EM

“ Rodney Ratliff was my dads brother and even though we were raised in Idaho my dad loved his brother very much and uncle Rodney was always there if we needed anything. He was a big part of our lives growing up with my dad always sharing his life growing up in the large family. He was proud of all his brothers and sisters but uncle Rodney was special to him. Now they will be together again. All our love to the family

Evon Martineau - December 12, 2009 at 03:57 AM