



Roy G. Graves

July 31, 1937 - May 18, 2020

Lakeland – Roy G. Graves – 82, died May 18, 2020. Mr. Graves was born in Ewing, KY on July 31, 1937 to the late Joseph and Etta Graves. Moving from Kentucky, he and his family became long time residents of Lakeland, FL. He was a graduate of Southeastern Bible College and made his career as a Pastor, Leader in Children’s Ministry and retired as the owner of SKC Logistics Trucking Company. He cared for many people from his family, children in the church nursery and participated in jail ministry. He made an impact on so many peoples lives and was a hardworking, Christian family man who was always described as honest, kind and told the best stories.

Mr. Graves is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Graves; children, Steve (Sandy) Graves, Candace(Ron) Kremann, Betty O’Neal; sibling Janice Vice; grandchildren Jaime, Justin, Jodi, Toby and Ty; great-grandchildren Bryden, Emerson, Everett and Parks. He is preceded in death by his daughter Kathy Graves Hunter.

There will be a memorial on a later date for family and friends to celebrate his life. The immediate family will hold a private service.

Cemetery

Fitzgerald Cemetery

Fitzgerald Rd

Lakeland, FL,

Events

MAY **Graveside** 10:00AM

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Fitzgerald Cemetery

Fitzgerald Rd, Lakeland, FL, US

Comments



“ One of my most long-lasting and favorite memories of Roy Graves was the time he let me and my sister ride in the cab of his semi-truck. I had never seen a vehicle like it and it had a bunk inside! That was mind-blowing for a little kid like me to know you can drive a gigantic vehicle AND sleep in it. I have so many memories of Roy and Mary who always cared for us as if we were family, and I really appreciated it. The first homemade ice cream I every tried was at their house. The first time I ever saw mashed potatoes made it was in Mary's kitchen. And then there was their collie dog that we loved to play with. Thank you both for such great memories and the love you showed us. You will be greatly missed. Much love, Rosalind

Rosalind Strasser - July 17, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Phil and I had the pleasure of knowing Roy and Mary from Southside Church. We sat 3 rows up from them and couldn't wait for my hugs from this very special couple. I was so shocked to hear this news and my heart just sank. I am so saddened to know that I will miss seeing these special people together when we return next fall. Mary, my heart goes out to you and I'm praying for God's peace through this hard time of grieving. May He give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. ((HUGS)). Roy, you will be missed but you are celebrating a new life!

Phil & Patty Feder - May 23, 2020 at 06:09 PM