



Rodney Lee Ballew

February 25, 1959 - September 22, 2025

Mr. Rodney Lee Ballew, age 66, of Union Grove, Alabama, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, September 22, 2025. Born on February 25, 1959, in Marshall County, Alabama, Rodney was the cherished son of the late Bobby Joe Ballew and Iva Jean Aldridge Ballew.

Rodney was a proud high school graduate who continued his education and earned an associate's degree. He dedicated his career to serving the Marshall County Schools System, working at Union Grove School and more recently at Brindlee Mountain Primary in the maintenance and custodial department.

Rodney truly loved his work, forming meaningful connections with both staff and the children he interacted with daily.

A passionate Alabama football fan, Rodney also found joy in tending his lawn, often spending hours on his riding lawnmower.

Rodney is lovingly remembered by his brother, Danny Ballew, and sister-in-law, Laurie. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bobby and Iva Jean Ballew.

A graveside service will be held at Arab Memorial Cemetery at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 25, 2025, with Brother Randy Blakely officiating. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel is entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ If I had to describe Rodney in 2 words, it would be Humble and Kind. I pray you knew how much you were loved. Rest in Peace, Cuz! Donna Collins

Donna Collins - September 25, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ Every interaction I had with Mr. Rodney was amazing! He truly cared for all the kids and my boys loved him!

Cheryl Moore - September 25, 2025 at 01:24 PM

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“ I didnt know Mr. Rodney personally. However, my children came home from school really sad, because of his passing. They are young, but he made everyone of my children feel special. My oldest said " I was his favorite, but so were a whole lot of other kids, Im going to miss him, but I know hes with Jesus now momma." Im so sorry for your loss.

Sarah VanHorn - September 25, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ I was jealous of Rodney because he, despite being younger, started playing organized football two years before me. Then we played on George Stone's first team and Rodney scored the historic first touchdown on a long end around run. The Ballew family has always been my family. Rodney was a gentle soul with a good heart. May my friend and brother rest in peace. Ken Gregory

Ken Gregory - September 25, 2025 at 12:00 PM

DC

“ I grew up with the Ballew family and loved them dearly. On Sunday afternoons after church, they would stop at my house and I would go with them to the beach at Guntersville. Bob had a boat and we always had a good time. I loved them all and I'm so sorry to hear about Rodney. May you rest in peace. Danny, I will be praying for you and the rest of the family.

Don Chafin - September 24, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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“ Growing up in Union Grove, the Ballew's were like a part of my Family. Rodney's Dad Bobby, and my Mother graduated together; and my brother Keith, along with Rodney and Danny, were close friends forever - playing softball for many years. We all enjoyed many ballgames and cookouts. I feel sure Keith and Rodney are having a wonderful Heavenly Reunion. Loving Thoughts and Prayers .. Kathy DeArmond King

Kathy King - September 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM