



Rodney Wayne Tompkins

August 29, 1954 - December 7, 2023

Rodney Wayne Tompkins, 69, met his Lord and Savior on December 7th of 2023. Rodney was born August 29th of 1954 in Moline, IL. He graduated from Arab High School in 1972. Rodney was a life-long truck driver, working 30+ years for James R Smith Trucking Company of Cullman, AL.

Rodney is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Willie Ruth Tompkins, his brothers, Larry and Brice Tompkins, and his daughter-in-law, Lori Tompkins. He is survived by his wife, Jan Tompkins, children, Chad Tompkins, Karmen Payne, Adam Turner (April), grandchildren, Sara Justice, (Chesley), Stephani Wagnon (Anthony), Nic Payne (Lexie), Austin Turner, Olivia White, Hannah Whitaker (Nash), and Hunter Bunch, great grandchildren, Jesse, Zeke, Samuel, Silus, Kenny, Sidalee, Brayson, and Asher, and a host of nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

Being 'Papa Rodney' to his great grands was his absolute joy! He invested his time in filling their days with fun, whether swimming, riding golf carts, playing on riding toys, or sharing a treat. His boys will never forget him.

Rodney enjoyed riding his John Deer Tractor, gardening, going out to eat, and traveling to new places (he mostly loved the beach for the seafood). You would always find him roaming around the neighborhood on his golf cart, visiting with friends. Rodney was an avid University of Alabama football fan.

Saturdays were for Bama games. Roll Tide!

Rodney loved the Lord with all of his heart and served him everyday. He was a friend to all and never met a stranger. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Services will be held on December 13th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m., ending at 12:00 p.m., at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, 1340 North Main Street, Arab, AL.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - December 11, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Tompkins.



December 11, 2023 at 11:24 AM

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“ Since Rod married my baby sister(Jan) he has been a part of my and my husbands life. He was A brother in law to us but so much more. He was someone we could talk to , and laugh with, we could say I’m praying for you or we could say pray for us., we could say I love you and he would return with love y’all too. He was our buddy to watch Alabama Football with while we either drank hot coffee or iced coffee. Rod was one of the kindest , most gentle, humble men ever. He was a straight up good old country boy. All the places we went and the good times we had we will treasure forever. Thank you for loving my sweet sister and for the years of happiness you gave her. You will forever be in our hearts. Rest In Peace -WE LOVE YOU-Donald n Sue Chambless

Dinald & Sue Chambless - December 10, 2023 at 08:08 PM

CT

“ Rodney was known by his nickname ‘Plowboy’ in high school.

Casey Throwet - December 10, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Tompkins.



December 10, 2023 at 03:02 PM

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“ Love always: Deanna & Scott Edgecomb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Wayne Tompkins.

Love always: Deanna & Scott Edgecomb - December 08, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Tompkins.*



December 08, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *I met Rodney when she brought him by the office not long after they were wed. I knew right away he was Papps. :). I've called him Papps ever since. God knew Jan needed Rodney and that Rodney needed Jan! Sweet, kind, gentle man! Every time I've run into Jan/Rodney, they were always holding hands. In Gulf Shores walking up the pier ramp to Sea N Suds, you could see they were both so happy walking and swinging their held hands.*

Deanna Edgecomb - December 08, 2023 at 06:59 PM