



John Byron Roden

December 15, 1950 - September 14, 2014

John Byron Roden age 63 of Dayton, TN died early Sunday morning September 14, 2014 in Chattanooga. He was born and raised in Sheffield, AL and was a graduate of the Sheffield High School class of 1968.

A resident of Dayton since 1990, John retired from TVA as an operations superintendent in 2005. He was a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite and a Shriner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Delmer and Grace (Blankenship) Roden Atchley.

He is survived by his wife of thirty years, Janie "Lynn" (Springman) Roden of Dayton, his daughter, Lindsay Roden of Chattanooga, his brother, D.D. (Debbie) Atchley of Florence, AL, sister, Debbi (Larry) Gazzini of Birmingham, AL and his special cousin, Jill (Ty) Smith of Guntersville, AL.

Please share your memories of Mr. Roden on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN where they will receive friends Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm until 6:00pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga to be used for patient comfort in the oncology unit.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Just heard of his death, a real shock to me since I am older than him. My first instructor at the POTC. I was an old man of thirty five. It was hard starting over at this age but john was a guiding hand that I always remembered during the rest of my time in ops. I'm very proud to have know this man. Never meet a better man. To his family I am deeply sorry. If I can help in any way just let me know.
R.LOWELL PANNELL,SR - RETIRED OPS & FIRE OPS
japannel@ farmerste.com

R LOWELL PANNELL SR - October 09, 2014 at 12:31 AM

CE

“ I was saddened on reading of John's passing. I really appreciate the picture that you chose, reflecting he hadn't changed since back in the 80's. It brought back many pleasant memories as we worked at Power Operations Training Center, which later became Sequoyah Training Center. He is remembered as having a great personality and gained my respect, as well as his co-workers' and students'. My thoughts and prayers go to all his family. Sincerely, Carolyn Eddings



Carolyn Eddings - September 25, 2014 at 10:21 AM

JZ

“ I was so sorry to learn of John's passing. My condolences to the family. John was so nice and easy to talk to. He especially loved to talk about Lindsey - especially the Santa pictures...I loved looking at them over the years.

My prayers are with the family during this sad time. John will be missed.

Judy Zimmerman.

Judy Zimmerman - September 18, 2014 at 10:04 AM

LG

“ So saddened to hear of John's passing. I worked with him many years at the Training Center at WBN. He was one of the greatest persons I have ever known. He always had a smile on his face. My prayers go out to his family.

Linda Gibbs

Linda Gibbs - September 17, 2014 at 01:59 PM

JM

“ John Roden was one of the best people I ever have known. I worked for him as an operator at Watts Bar where he gave me the greatest opportunity I could ever dream of. John was an instructor in my operator training class at the Power Operations Training Center. He once asked if I was sure I wanted to be an operator after I asked some apparently bad questions. Later at Watts Bar, I reminded John of that time and we shared a good laugh. John is one of the people I have deep respect for and will Remember with affection. May God bless John's family in this time of sorrow. We will see John again.

Joe Mayo - September 17, 2014 at 07:05 AM

KC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn and family during this difficult time with the passing of John. We had many great times together at the POTC and at Creeks Bend Golf Club. Kenny and Evelyn Culberson

Kenny Culberson - September 16, 2014 at 08:53 PM

JL

“ I just could not believe it when I heard of John's passing. My heart became so heavy and sad. When I went to work in Ops John treated me very good and was a lot of help to me. He became one of my best friends. We had long talks about Lindsey and Lynne. I know you both know it but he loved you very, very much. The world is a little dimmer tonight as one bright star is gone way to soon. Rest in peace my dear friend. - Judy Lancaster

Judy Lancaster - September 16, 2014 at 07:47 PM

BM

“ John was a good friend for many years. He always had a way of seeing the good in people. I'll miss him.

Ben McNew - September 16, 2014 at 06:13 PM

GJ

“ Great mentor and an instructor
Condolences and Deepest sympathy to the Rodens
George Jallo

George Jallo - September 16, 2014 at 05:05 PM

DS

“ John was one of the most outstanding people that it has been my pleasure to have known during my life's journey. Not only was John a consummate professional but he was a joy to be around. Knowing him enriched my life. I am deeply saddened by his passing and hope to see him again someday. Until then my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Dave Selph

David Selph - September 16, 2014 at 11:41 AM



“ I met John in 2003, when he was the OPS Superintendent at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. He ended up hiring me in 2004 and is the reason why I am here today, at Watts Bar. He was one of the first people of the Watts Bar Family that I had the privilege to meet and there was no doubt that I wanted to come work for him. John retired before I licensed, but he was contracting as an instructor / exam writer during my class where I was able to continue to learn from him. Further on, I was able to work closely with John, just as recent as last year, during the exam development for another License Class. I always enjoyed working for and with John. He was an inspiration to many and he will definitely be missed both on a working and personal level.



Brian McInay - September 16, 2014 at 11:14 AM

RP

*My friend, I will miss you even though we have not seen each other in many years. We sure had a lot of fun running up and down the road during the late 60s & 70s. You had a great sense of humor and wisdom! God bless the family
Randy H. Pickens*

Randy H. Pickens - September 16, 2014 at 07:32 PM

SB

“ I am a better person having had John as not only my mentor in my career, but also being able to have been able call him friend. John was one of the most intelligent, fair, and easiest people to get along with. He always brought humor and levity to any situation while maintaining professionalism in whatever he did. I have went to him many, many times for advice, knowing that I would get just that...valuable advice and an honest, fair opinion. Anytime I think of my initial training and first working in the plant, John is one of the first people that comes to my mind. Seeing John or getting to talk to him in the halls of the training center or anywhere was always a hilight of my day. I'll miss you, friend.

Shayne Benoit - September 16, 2014 at 10:29 AM

GR

“ I enjoyed the time that I had John as an instuctor. He gave me a lot of inspiration when things would get rough. He will be missed.

Greg Ratliff - September 16, 2014 at 10:26 AM

TN

“ I feel extremely blessed to have had the privilege of knowing and working with John for many years. His sense of humor was wonderful in the good times and it made the tough times easy. John was such a professional and one of the most knowledgeable persons that I ever worked with. He was a wonderful friend and I will miss him greatly.

Terry Newman

Terry Newman - September 16, 2014 at 09:29 AM

MW

“ *When I think of my years working for TVA, John has always come to my mind. I was lucky to have him as an instructor during my initial training and then work for/with him at WBN. I considered him a friend and will miss talking with him. May loving memories of John bring you comfort during this hard time in your life.*

Mary Lynn Watson - September 16, 2014 at 09:28 AM



“ *Callie Belk lit a candle in memory of John Byron Roden*



Callie Belk - September 16, 2014 at 09:06 AM

NB

“ *I was blessed to have known and worked with him for many, many years. Enjoyed sharing his adoration for his daughter and wife. He was honorable, funny, and stood by his word. Heaven is brighter place with him there.*

Nancy Boren

Nancy Boren - September 16, 2014 at 06:47 AM

RM

“ Sorry to hear of Byron's passing. He and I spent many days on the Tennessee River. At night we set in the car or at The Fruit Box Grocery and talked about everything under the sun. Byron had a unique laugh, brilliant mind, and a commitment to family, that I know continued with his wife and daughter. I will always remember the friendship we developed in those years. He will be missed. But the many memories will always remain. Again my sympathy to his family in the lost of your husband, father and brother.
Ronnie Martin

Ronnie Martin - September 16, 2014 at 12:41 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Byron Roden.



September 15, 2014 at 05:18 PM

LS

“ We had the pleasure of having John join Hyperspring after he "retired", he was a valued member of the team. John was a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him.
Condolences to family, friends & coworkers.

Lee Smith
Hyperspring

Lee Smith - September 15, 2014 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ I am a reformed Yankee. I met John in late 2005 when he was a contract instructor for my license class. John and I hit it off right away. Loved swapping stories with him and hearing all about the horses. One of best guys I ever knew. I am very sad to see him go and the world is a sadder place due to his passing

Mike Brubaker - September 15, 2014 at 04:50 PM

DH

“ I worked with John at Sequoyah. Also, played volleyball with him in the friendship games and we had a lot of laughs. I loved his sense of humor and dry wit.

Dianne Hale

Dianne Hale - September 15, 2014 at 02:40 PM

KB

“ My dad, John Blankenship, always spoke so highly of John (Byron to him). He was well-loved if even from afar. So sorry for the loss.

Kristen Blankenship Barnett

Kristen Barnett - September 15, 2014 at 01:55 PM

DE

“ I worked with John at Sequoyah Training Center for many years. He most recently came back as a contractor and still had all the Christmas pictures of his beautiful daughter with the same Santa Clause year after year. I loved seeing his eyes glow when he talked about her!

Debbie (Smith) Egner - September 15, 2014 at 01:55 PM

SS

“ I can hardly believe it.....my condolences to the family of John. He was one of the finest persons that I have had the privilege of working with in the nuclear industry. He never complained or said anything bad about anyone in my presence and I spent hours locked in an exam room with him. The world is a lesser place with his passing.

Steve Smith
Sequoyah

Steve Smith - September 15, 2014 at 01:27 PM

TR

“ The world is a better place because John and people like him are stellar examples of how life should be lived. He always greeted me with a smile and a hearty handshake. I remember him as one of the "good guys" at Watts Bar. After he retired I often saw him in the RCHS gym watching his daughter play basketball. He sat nearby while I videoed the games and we would chat during breaks. I will miss him. Farewell Brother.

Tom Robinson

Thomas Robinson - September 15, 2014 at 01:12 PM

WI

“ We laughed for years about our birthdate being the same. John was a stellar figure, knew everything there was to know and never made the mistake of telling you he knew.

We'll surely miss his presence both as a friend and workmate.

Wilbur

Wilbur - September 15, 2014 at 11:21 AM

YA

“ *Your Friends at the Tennessee Aquarium purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Byron Roden.*



Your Friends at the Tennessee Aquarium - September 15, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Byron Roden.*



September 15, 2014 at 09:37 AM

VF

“ *Vickie Filyaw lit a candle in memory of John Byron Roden*



Vickie Filyaw - September 15, 2014 at 06:46 AM

DD

“ *To the family of John - my deepest condolences during this loss. I worked with John and for John for a number of years and found him to be a admirable man. I am once again so sorry for your loss.*

diana davis

diana davis - September 14, 2014 at 09:19 PM

JH

“ I grew up with Byron. We lived 2 blocks apart on the same street. We went to school together and both started the training program with TVA about the same time. He was always a true friend.

Bo will be missed.

My sympathy is extended to his entire family.

Jerry 'Dennis' Hall

Jerry Hall - September 14, 2014 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ Jill Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of John Byron Roden



jill smith - September 14, 2014 at 05:43 PM

JS

These are virtual flowers...I think Bo will say these are ok...They will last forever!!! Bo will be missed!!! His smile, his jokes and funny pranks!!!His memory will live on! I know he is up in Heaven making everyone laugh! Love yall Jill

jill smith - September 14, 2014 at 05:58 PM

GH

Bryon and I had lots of fun playing together as children at Mama Ossie's house. He was a great guy and will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this sad time, So sorry we can not come but time and distance will not let us.

Gracie Haynes

Gracie Haynes - September 14, 2014 at 11:47 PM