



Rodger Tucker

May 8, 1940 - April 12, 2022

Rodger Maurice “Pop” Tucker age 81 of Graysville went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at his home. He was born in Dayton on May 8, 1940 the son of the late William Arthur Tucker and Martha Ellen (Crawley) Tucker. He was also preceded in death by his brother Ray Tucker and aunt Margaret Crawley.

Pop was a graduate of Rhea Central High School class of 1958. He also attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for two years. He served his country in the Army National Guard of Tennessee for eight years as a Staff Sergeant and spent his professional career managing various companies including WDNT/WAYA Radio, Econ Gas, A-1 Paving and eventually retiring from SETHRA.

A God-loving, Christian man since March 5, 1972, Rodger served as an Ordained Deacon, was a member of the Abba’s House and was a Charter Member and past president of Dayton Optimist Club. He was a Member of the Rhea County Republican Party, coached football and baseball for 25 years. He established and zealously lead a prayer chain ministry and served as an usher at UT for three years. He enjoyed bluegrass, UT Football, golf, watching his grandchildren play sports and cruising with his sweetheart. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pop is survived by his wife of 31 years, Martha Jo (Nail) Tucker of Graysville, his five children, Jeff (Denise) Hill of Dayton, Bruce (Dedra) Spradling of Dayton, Brad (Ruth) Tucker of Soddy Daisy, Angie (Buddy) Stephens of Dayton and Crystal (Jason) Middleton of Chattanooga. Rodger is also survived by his 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Special thanks from the family to his caregiver Rozie Eisen-Welch of Sale Creek.

The funeral service for Pop will be held on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 2:00pm in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Ronnie Phillips, Jr. and Pastor Brad Tucker officiating. He will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lana's Love Foundation.

Please share your memories and photos of Rodger on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends beginning Friday at 12:00 noon.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Funeral Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Tribute Wall



“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - July 25, 2022 at 04:10 PM

MD

“ Martha Jo and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Rodger was a good person.

Margaret Elsea Dillard

Margaret Dillard - April 15, 2022 at 11:56 AM

MN

“ I worked as Rodgers dispatcher at Sethra. He was a very good person . He was very faithful with the church prayer chain and even prayed in the office for my daughter when she was going through cancer. I know he's thrilled to be with the Savoir

Mary Nance - April 15, 2022 at 10:58 AM

BM

“ *Bimbo McCawley lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker*



Bimbo McCawley - April 15, 2022 at 06:09 AM

GN

“ *Martha Jo. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family*

Gail Newell - April 14, 2022 at 07:26 PM

BM

“ *What a loss for our community. Angie, I'm saying a prayer right now for you and the rest of your family. I am so sorry to hear of Rodger's passing. My heart hurts for you. God bless...*

Brenda Marler - April 14, 2022 at 07:26 PM

SG

“ *Steve & Debra Gentry lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker*



Steve & Debra Gentry - April 14, 2022 at 06:27 PM

DW

“ *Martha, so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and thoughts to you and family.
David and Doris(Elkins) Wright.*

Doris Wright - April 14, 2022 at 03:34 PM

GK

“ *Glenn-Judy Keylon lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker*



glenn-Judy Keylon - April 14, 2022 at 12:38 PM

TC

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



The Creasmans - April 14, 2022 at 11:42 AM

WP

“ *Wanda Pelfrey lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker*



Wanda Pelfrey - April 14, 2022 at 11:32 AM

JM

“ *I was so sorry to learn of the death of one of my favorite 1958 classmates. Thinking and praying for you.*

jJudy Meyer - April 14, 2022 at 10:47 AM

PG

“ *My condolences and prayers to all the family.*

Patricia Gravett - April 14, 2022 at 10:42 AM

KP

“ *Kathy Patton lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker*



Kathy Patton - April 14, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodger Tucker.*



April 14, 2022 at 08:31 AM

SD

“ *Martha Jo & family...Glen & I are so sorry to hear about Roger's passing. He always had the time to talk to us.....no matter where we saw him. He was a gentleman and a pleasure to work with when he & I both worked at the radio station...back in the day. Our sincerest condolences to each of you.*

Sue (Revis-Jackson) Davis - April 14, 2022 at 06:22 AM

JA

“ *Joel & Stephanie Arnold purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodger Tucker.*



Joel & Stephanie Arnold - April 14, 2022 at 05:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodger Tucker.*



April 13, 2022 at 10:56 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodger Tucker.*



April 13, 2022 at 10:48 PM



“ *Rhonda Hillian lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker*



Rhonda Hillian - April 13, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *Brother Tucker was a wonderful man who leaves a tremendous legacy for his family; and for us all.
Ron and Paulette Phillips*

Dr Ron Phillips - April 13, 2022 at 10:09 PM

TH

“ Terri Haile lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker



Terri Haile - April 13, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JP

“ Rodger was a good man and a good friend who loved his family SO much. I loved working with him in our radio days. Martha Jo and family, you have my prayers and most sincere sympathy. June Poole



June Poole - April 13, 2022 at 09:05 PM

VS

“ Vickie Stout lit a candle in memory of Rodger Tucker



Vickie Stout - April 13, 2022 at 08:39 PM

TS

“ The Transformation Center (Dedra S) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rodger Tucker.



The Transformation Center (Dedra S) - April 13, 2022 at 05:27 PM