



Robert Wayne Ratledge

January 4, 1942 - October 27, 2018

Robert Wayne Ratledge, 76, of Niota, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 27, after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was at his home surrounded by his family.

Wayne was born on Jan. 4, 1942, in Friendsville, Tenn., to Rev. J.T. and Mary Ratledge. Wayne is preceded in death by his parents Rev. J.T. and Mary Ratledge; in-laws Glenn and Callie Mae Dawson; brothers Glenn and Ann Ratledge, Gene Ratledge, Hugh Dean and Imogene Ratledge; sister Ann Ratledge Hedge; children David Ratledge and Gail Ratledge Cranfield; and granddaughter Chassity Ratledge. Wayne retired from Tennessee Valley Authority in construction and then as a welder from Johnson Controls. He loved spending time with his family and sought the solitude of fishing, hunting and reading a good Western book.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Merlene Dawson Ratledge; son Steve Ratledge and girlfriend Penny Shoemaker of Sweetwater; daughter and son-in-law Ginger and Tim Layman of Niota; son-in-law Rodney Cranfield of Sweetwater; grandchildren Dustin and Jessica McCosh of Ooltewah, Cody and Michelle Layman of Athens, Craig and Whitney Ratledge of Athens, Bethanie and Chris Rose of Madisonville and Chase Layman and girlfriend Destiny McCammon of Niota; great-grandchildren Hayden and Nathan Layman of Athens, and Della McCosh of Ooltewah. In addition, he leaves

behind several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Dustin McCosh, Cody Layman, Craig Ratledge, Chase Layman, Hunter Ballew, Roger Housewright and Justin Vineyard.

The family is grateful for an outpouring of support from friends and family, and wishes to express sincere appreciation to the Pat Summit Clinic at UT Medical Center, Dr. Johnny Carter and Hospice of Chattanooga's Athens Office.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Kyker Funeral Homes in Sweetwater. The funeral service will immediately follow with Rev. Gerald Perry and Rev. Bill Dawson. Internment will be at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 10:30 a.m. beside his children.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Building Fund at P.O. 647, Sweetwater, TN 37874, where Wayne was a long-standing member. For more information, please visit kykerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt Pisgah Cemetery
Niota, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Wayne Ratledge*



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“ *Komatsu Accounting Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Wayne Ratledge.*



Komatsu Accounting Department - October 30, 2018 at 02:40 PM



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October 30, 2018 at 01:04 PM



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“ So sorry for your loss Merlene, you guys will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Nichole Finley McCormick (Retia's daughter)

Nichole McCormick - October 29, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ Merlene so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers will be with you

Wilma Murr - October 28, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss he was always such a sweet man Robin Moss

Robin Moss - October 28, 2018 at 05:43 PM