



Roger Dale "Smokey" Lairmore

September 25, 1950 - August 30, 2023

Roger Dale "Smokey" Lairmore, born September 25, 1950, went home to be with our Lord on August 30, 2023, after battling a brief illness. He was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, but lived for the last 53 years in McMinn County.

Roger will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He loved his family with all his heart and was a great dad and papaw. He was always there for the people he loved.

Roger served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War for 3 years in the 101st Airborne Division and then served in the Army National Guard for 21 years for a total of 24 years for our country. He received a National Defense Medal, Air Medal, Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device and 2 Overseas Service Bars, Exped M-16, and received a Quilt of Valor in 2021.

Roger worked 39 years for the Norfolk Southern Railroad as a foreman before retiring. After retiring he loved to garden and give away the produce he made. He was best known for his watermelons.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents Robert Lairmore and Edna Mae Nichols; grandson: Dawson Lairmore; 2 sisters; in-laws: Bradley and Reecie Frisbie.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory a wife of 53 years, Charlotte Frisbie Lairmore; son: Joe (Shelly) Lairmore, of Deleno; daughter: Bonnie (Jamie) Polke, of Athens; grandchildren: Dalten and Claudia Lairmore, Trinity Polke; 6 sisters and 3 brothers from Missouri.

At Roger's request there will be no visitation. The family will have a graveside service at Union McMinn Baptist Church Cemetery in Niota on Friday, September 1, 2023, at 11a.m. with Rev. Doug Alexander officiating.

Cemetery Details

Union McMinn Baptist Church Cemetery

Niota, TN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union McMinn Baptist Church
314 County Rd. 316
Niota, TN 37826

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Dale "Smokey" Lairmore.*



August 31, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Dale "Smokey" Lairmore.*



August 31, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *James P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Dale "Smokey" Lairmore.*

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