



Ronald E. Rakestraw

November 9, 2018

Ronald E. Rakestraw, age 74, of Douglasville passed away November 9, 2018. Ronald was previously a member of Long Avenue Baptist Church in Port St. Joe, FL, a current member of the First Baptist Church of Villa Rica, and bravely served our county in the US Navy during Vietnam.

Ronald grew up in Mableton and attended South Cobb High School, Kennesaw College, and Georgia State University. After 37 years of service, he retired in 2009 from GSA where he was a Computer Specialist. Ronald loved to golf, fish, and serve others during mission trips. He battled with glioblastoma (brain cancer) for a year and took it as an opportunity to minister to others.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Rakestraw; children, Jeff (Tressa) Rakestraw of Breman, Jennifer (Tom) Tank of Glasgow, KY, and Jason (Gretchen) Rakestraw of Villa Rica; grandchildren, Connor, Clayton, Maddy, Adam, and Sara; siblings, Paul (Peggy) Rakestraw of Cleveland, GA and Marlene Ellis of Tennessee; and several beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, November 15th, 3:00 PM at Davis-Struempf Chapel with Rev. Marvin Eaglen of Murfreesboro, TN officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 3:00 PM before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you donate to your local church for mission trips or to teenagers so they may attend church camps.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home

1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106

NOV **Memorial Services** 03:00PM

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Davis-Struempf Chapel

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - November 15 at 12:39 PM



“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - November 15 at 11:30 AM



“ In Christ, Carolyn and Charles Fulton purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



In Christ, Carolyn and Charles Fulton - November 14 at 03:37 PM



“ Ronnie was one of my childhood heroes. He lived near us when he was off Gordon Road. Ronnie was three years older, was a really good guy and a really good athlete. He was a linebacker at South Cobb and played on good teams with my older brother, Barry. I haven't seen Ronnie in over half a century, but he is a bright light and fond memory from my childhood and early teens. Throughout life I would always smile when I heard his name. A good life lived by a good man. Our world was better for that. My sincere sympathies for Brenda and family.

Stan Jones - November 14 at 10:10 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



November 13 at 08:22 PM



“ Ronnie and I were neighborhood pals when we were both in elementary school. We tossed baseballs and shot hoops regularly. My late mother loved Ronnie and almost considered him a member of our family when we were pre-teens. Later, in high school, we became teammates on the football team, playing together for three years. We also attended the same church and were members of the youth group. While we lost contact as adults, I have always considered him a friend. He will be missed, and our hearts go out to Brenda and his children. Rest In Peace friend! - Barry Jones.

Barry W. Jones - November 13 at 10:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



November 13 at 08:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



November 13 at 08:33 AM



“ Love, Mitchell and Suzanne purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



Love, Mitchell and Suzanne - November 12 at 06:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



November 12 at 03:19 PM



“ Ralph and Cathey Hobbs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald E. Rakestraw.



Ralph and Cathey Hobbs - November 12 at 01:29 PM



“ James Dill lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Rakestraw



James Dill - November 12 at 07:57 AM



“ Family: My thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of Bro Rakestraw. Even though I did not know him or speak to him during our lives, I feel he was a Christian that loved his family, country, friends, church and on. Served in the Navy during Vietnam war and was willing to give his life for this country. We probably were kin folks on the Rakestraw family side if we went back a few generations. May God bless and comfort you today and the coming days. RIP my brother, Resp, Wendell O. Rakestraw, Centre, Al (former resident of Paulding Co Ga)

Wendell O. Rakestraw - November 12 at 07:57 AM



“ I just met Ron a couple years ago. We had a group go on a cruise up the East coast to Nova Scotia, stopping in ports along the way. We went down to Karaoke night on the Ship. My sister, Carole Webb, told me Ron sang at church. I do too. I ask Ron if he wanted to sing with me. He said, I guess so. We looked through the list of Gospel Songs they had. We settled on IN The Garden. We had just met a day or two before this. Had never sang together or even practiced the song. The room was standing room only. We started singing and you could hear a pin drop. People loved it. I saw a few people with Tears in their eyes. We got a great applause when we finished. I didn't know Ron but a few days, but I knew he was a Christian. I could tell.... I'm so Thankful I got the privilege to meet him. His work on earth is done. God Gave Him The Ultimate Healing. Prayers for Brenda and their Family.

Rachel Underwood - November 10 at 09:36 PM



“ What a pleasure it was to know such a wonderful man. He truly was a man of God. I will always remember the beautiful way he would whistle songs while walking through the house when I'd come over. He always greeted everyone with love and didnt have one mean bone in his body. I know he will be missed by many, myself included. Many prayers for comfort to all of the Rakestraw families and friends.

Carlie Andrews - November 10 at 07:58 PM



“ Melissa Williams lit a candle in memory of Ronald E. Rakestraw



Melissa Williams - November 10 at 07:16 PM



“ Brenda, Craig and I extend our sympathies along with prayers for you and your family. God bless.

Melissa Williams - November 10 at 07:19 PM



“ Brenda and family,
I send heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May your precious memories of Ron bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead.
God bless you and yours.

Brenda Lewis Redman.
(SCHS, Class of 1963)

Brenda L. Redman - November 10 at 04:15 PM



“ A real brother, singing together in the choir, helping friends move together, playing golf in Panama City, enjoying fellowship with you and Brenda . I will miss you, but it wont be long until we have a glad reunion.

Tim Miles - November 10 at 03:39 PM



“ Brenda I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ron but we know he is with Jesus. Keep those wonderful memories alive. I'll be praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.

judy Tynes - November 10 at 04:51 PM



“ Brenda, what a fine man that Ron was! We had a good time in choir together and Ron loved to joke around and have a good time. You will be in my Prayers as well as the rest of the family. We will meet him again one day soon! Love your family.

joan pollard - November 10 at 06:39 PM



“ Brenda, What a blessing it was to know Ron. He was such a great Sunday School Teacher, and I have missed both of you so much. He was fortunate to have you by his side. I feel that I am a better person for knowing both of you. Prayers for you and the family. Linda Tyler

Linda Tyler - November 12 at 08:37 PM



“ Brenda, Our Love and prayers are with you and your Family, I know Ron is at peace and with God. Mexico Beach has a new Guardian Angel to watch over us. God Bless you. Love Diane & Kathy

Kathy Lyons - November 13 at 07:40 AM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Ron. As you grieve, please know that his friends from GSA are remembering and honoring him. We've been hearing from many who worked with him and the sentiment is the same from everyone. What a truly good and generous man Ron was. He was always kind, helpful and eager to help brighten someone's

day. He was dearly loved and respected. You didn't have to ask to know that he was a Christian—you could see it in the way he lived his life. We will never forget the warmth he brought to GSA. He will be sorely missed by all those who had the honor of knowing him.

Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart .

GSA Friends

Martha Carter - November 13 at 10:13 AM



“ a good man

ronnie - November 14 at 05:29 PM