



## Roger Dale Kennedy

November 14, 1953 - August 18, 2025

Roger Dale Kennedy, 71, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and formerly of Reidsville and Durham, passed away peacefully while in hospice care on Monday, August 18, 2025. He was born in Durham County to the late Delton Durwood Kennedy and Esther Cook Kennedy.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Kenneth “Kenny” Kennedy.

He is survived by his son, Eric Kennedy and wife, Sarah; his step-children, Matthew Jacobson and Lori Rexrode Rhew and husband Phillip; his cherished grandchildren Pearson, Nolan, Paul, and Jake; his sisters, Jonnie Sharpe and Brenda Reavis; and his many beloved nieces and nephews.

A proud graduate of Northern High School, Roger spent most of his life working for the American Tobacco Company in both Durham and Reidsville. He was a man of simple pleasures and deep passions. He found joy in the roar of a NASCAR engine, the timeless strum of a classic rock guitar, and a good day on the golf course. He was a devoted fan of the Green Bay Packers and the UNC Tar Heels, never missing a chance to cheer on his favorite teams. He never met a stranger and always had a way of cheering people up. His beloved dogs were his constant, loyal companions. Above all else, his family was the center of his world. Roger will be remembered for his loving spirit and his generous, kind heart.

A memorial service will be held at Bethany United Methodist Church, 2809 Guess Rd, Durham, NC 27705, on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.



# Tribute Wall

PM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Roger passing away. We have not seen him in years, but have nothing but good memories of him and his cheerful personality! He had a good heart for sure and was just fun to talk to and be around. My sons, Joshua and Jordan, really thought a lot of him, and my Mom did as well. Eric, Matthew and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Pam, Robert & Jordan McDaniel** - August 29, 2025 at 11:09 PM

RT

“ So sorry for your loss Roger was a nice person was a friend when he was in Reidsville and on Facebook  
Prayers for you all 🙏

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**Rhonda Smith Tuck** - August 23, 2025 at 09:25 PM

AH

“ I (Amber) will never forget and always cherish "the kisses on the lips" he always wanted. The way he always made Eric and I giggle to beyond. He may have been my grandmas brother but I would always think of him as just my uncle. Heaven and our beloved ones that are there gained one of the best! I hope are sitting around a table eating a wonderful meal by grandma Esther from her blossoming garden (eating all the cucumbers and tomatoes off the root) talking about how happy they are of us. I'm so happy Roger was able to have such special times with Person and one day he will know just how special he was.

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**Amber, BG & Mila Howell** - August 22, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LS

“ Remembering Roger as a sweet cousin and so giving and kind to so many. He lived his life enjoying each day in simple joys especially with his family.

Linda Smith - August 21, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JS

“ A gentle soul and great man!

JOSEPH SOMERS - August 21, 2025 at 07:45 PM

BG

“ Eric, I met Roger at the Reidsville ATC. He was always such a nice guy and fun to be around. We kept up on facebook until recently. I had wondered if he was ok. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

🙏 RIP ROGER 🕊

Betty Greenlee - August 21, 2025 at 06:48 PM

AS

“ Dear Eric & family, Im so very sorry for your precious loss. 🙏❤️🙏  
😊💔 to y'all. I worked with Roger, a nice gentleman and lot of fun too. Go Rest High on That Mountain 😊

Alice Setliff - August 21, 2025 at 05:21 PM

BP

“ Rodger as you know Eric is a friend of mine seeing both of you around Reidsville Rodger always speaking or joking around ,one kind and never duplicated and just a kind happy go lucky man ,will miss Rodger ,PRAYERS FOR ALL RODGERS FAMILY ❤️

Burton Poole - August 21, 2025 at 04:48 PM

RK

“ Rodger was one of my machine fixers at American tobacco company, I always enjoyed talking to him while he worked on my machine, see you in heaven someday brother, may the lord give the family strength to carry on without you ❤️🙏🎵🎸

Ricky Krites - August 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Roger. He was a great guy; remember him fondly from ATC. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Ruth Setliff Scott - August 21, 2025 at 03:37 PM

KB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Roger. He was a great neighbor in Reidsville. Always so nice and friendly. Our prayers for the family.

Kevin & Carol Bowen - August 21, 2025 at 03:22 PM

DD

“ Roger was a very good man. Lord bless him.

Danny Dixon - August 21, 2025 at 03:15 PM

BW

“ I've known Roger for most of our lives and can say that he was one of the nicest people I ever had the pleasure to know. He will be missed by many.

Bill Williams - August 21, 2025 at 03:05 PM