



Roy Dunham, Jr.

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Roy Lee Dunham, Jr., 71, of Chattanooga, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2025, in a local hospital. He was born on September 11, 1953, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Roy graduated from Riverside High School in 1972 and embarked on a dedicated career, spending 28 years at Wheland Foundry before joining Pilgrim's Pride, where he worked until his well-deserved retirement in 2022. He found great joy in watching classic cowboy films and cherished every moment spent enjoying basketball and football. A devoted fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Roy remained loyal to his team through every win and loss.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Lee Dunham, Sr. and Mattie Pearl Spratling; brother, Willie Dunham; sister, Sytaria Gaines; and aunt, Lula "Mae" Spratling Hunter. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 22 years, Debra Dunham, who shared a lifetime of cherished memories with him. He will be deeply missed by his three children, Cletus Dunham (daughter-in-law, Sherita Dunham), Charity Dunham, and Cassandra Dunham-Townsend (son-in-law, John Townsend); and 5 grandchildren, Yolanda Dunham, Daidrick Dunham, Rodrell Daniel, Jarell Daniel, and Ataejah Daniel; as well as his beloved great-grandchild, Ariyai Williams, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

May Roy Lee Dunham, Jr. rest in eternal peace, forever cherished in the hearts of all who loved him.

Roy will lie-in-state on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Highland Memorial Gardens, where Roy Dunham's life will be lovingly honored.



Events

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Lie-In-State


 **Friday**, January 24, 2025

 9:00 AM ET


 **Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



Graveside


 **Friday**, January 24, 2025


 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET

 **Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
2116-2124 Shepherd Rd, Chattanooga TN 37421



Cemetery Details

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 **(423) 499-9740**





Tribute Wall

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Loretta Nunn lit a candle in honor of Roy.
Deepest condolences to the family the Westfields

January 29 at 8:15 AM



Shanika Smith lit a candle in honor of Roy.

January 24 at 6:50 AM



Jacqueline O'neal lit a candle in honor of Roy.
We were childhood neighbors in Fort Cheatom (Dodds & 23rd). So sorry for your loss. May GOD be with you! 🙏

January 23 at 11:55 PM



Joann Whitlock lit a candle in honor of Roy.

January 23 at 6:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dunham, family.

January 23 at 10:15 AM





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Sandra Mcdaniel Madry lit a candle in honor of Roy.



January 22 at 3:15 PM



Sandra Mcdaniel Madry January 22 at 3:19 PM

Praying for the family. Sending our condolences to Cleatus and family, love the Madry, Woods, Holmes & McDaniel families



Lynn E Mcmillian posted:

He was a wonderful Dad!

January 22 at 1:29 PM



Gracelia Moore sent a virtual gift in honor of Roy.

My heart goes out to the family for the loss of your loved one. I know how much the loss of a family member means to a family. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all the peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. May he rest in eternal peace. Please accept my sincere condolences. Roy and I attended the same church in our youth. He was a kind man.



January 21 at 4:55 PM



Lynn E Mcmillian January 22 at 1:30 PM

Thank You Gracelia 🙏



Howard Class Of 1998 sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Dunham, family.



January 21 at 8:09 AM



Carolyn Sanderfer lit a candle in honor of Roy.



January 20 at 4:24 PM



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MT

Marva Taylor lit a candle in honor of Roy.

January 20 at 11:30 AM



MR

Miz Rose lit a candle in honor of Roy.

Condolences to my family in the passing of Roy Jr. Resting now with your Mom, Aunt Mattie Pearl, Dad Roy Sr. and brother Donnel. Love, peace and prayers! Amen
🙏 Rosemary Hunter Armour

January 20 at 6:23 AM



LL

Linda Lay posted:

My Condolences to the family, Roy was my classmate, and we also worked together. Rest in Peace Roy

January 19 at 10:05 AM

PH

Patricia Horton posted:

My condolences to the family of Roy Dunham, I grew up with his family, lov me some mattie pearl, donnell, and Mr Roy their dad, and step-dad, Mr Bradley, yall go on and rest in peace

January 19 at 7:27 AM



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Laura Ward posted:

My deepest sympathy for the family. Ms Mattie Pearl, Roy Jr and Donnell were my next door neighbors on Rawlings Street. God be with you all.

January 18 at 6:13 PM



Joyce Bubba Teke Bundles January 23 at 11:25 PM

TO THE FAMILY; WE WILL MISS ROY. WE ALL GREW UP TOGETHER AND WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOL MAY YOU ALL KNOW WE WERE LIKE REAL FAMILY. HIS MOM WAS LIKE MY MOM ALWAYS AT OUR HOUSE SISTER SYTARIA AS WELL. WE STAYED ON THE SAME STREET -JUST FAMILY -THATS IT JUST FAMILY..



Glenn Scruggs January 20 at 7:13 PM

My sincerest condolences to the entire family and friends. I fondly remember the days of our youth in East Chattanooga. Praying his kind spirit is at peace.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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