

Roger L. Burdge

December 23, 1936 - April 5, 2020

Roger L. Burdge, age 83, Haleyville, AL. passed away Sunday April 5, 2020.

Private service to be held

Roger moved to Haleyville following his graduation from then, Florence State Teachers College. He began his career with Kayser-Roth. Over the years he worked production and sales in the Mobile Home Industry, and Lumber Business.

Roger would latter attend International Bible College in Florence. Following graduation, he preached in several states throughout the Southeast. While in Texas he began working with the prison ministry, which eventually lead him to Parchman, Mississippi, where he was Chaplain over the Drug & Alcohol Unit, as well as counselor.

Upon his return to Haleyville, he became the founder of Freedom Hills Community Center, which has become a necessary program for addicts in our communities. He loved this work, and the clients loved him. Freedom Hills will continue with this much needed program. Roger also worked with DHR, judges, probation officers and lawyers for his clients. This program will continue.

Roger is also the author of an Overcome Addiction Book, Riding in the Wind, the life of an inmate once housed at the Mississippi State Prison, Parchman, MS. and Echoes from the Row, the life and death of an inmate in Huntsville, TX. He was also in the process of writing a book relating to his life, for his children, grandchildren and greats, and further generations to come.

Roger is survived by his wife, Gracie Tedford Burdge; son Jeff Burdge (Donna) and Beth Fuller (Ricky); grandsons, Josh Burdge, Blake Burdge, Reece Fuller and Carson Fuller; great grands, Jacob Burdge, Brennen Burdge and Bryson Burdge; brother, Ron Burdge (Linda).

Roger is preceded in death by his first wife, Janis Howell Burdge; brother Dr. David Burdge; parents, Everett and Amy Burdge and Dorothy Dircks Shimkus.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS:

Donations can be made to Freedom Hill Community Center, P.O. Box 416
Haleyville, AL. 35565

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I was a Juvenile Probation Officer posted in Judge Masdon's office in Haleyville. He quickly made a huge, positive impact in the community. When Glenda and I wanted to marry, Roger was our easy choice to conduct the ceremony. Gracie, my prayers are with you and your family. A true, Godly man has left us, rest well sir, you made so many lives better.

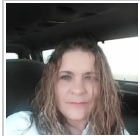
Dan Schmidlkofer - April 11, 2020 at 08:46 AM

GT

“ So sorry to hear this terrible news. The world is a lesser place without him. He and Gracie made a great pair. My prayers are with the family.
Randy and Gina Terry



Gina Terry - April 09, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Roger was a great man and he helped so many of us in Haleyville that struggle with addiction. He helped us learn how to deal with it. He will be missed. Prayers for Gracie and family.

Amanda Whitman - April 09, 2020 at 02:28 PM

BW

“ Bret Whiteside lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Burdge



Bret Whiteside - April 08, 2020 at 04:07 PM

BH

“ Roger you helped so many with your wisdom .
You will be truly missed.
Praying for your family

Bw and Wanda Hulseley - April 08, 2020 at 09:23 AM

BH

“ Bw And Wanda Hulseley lit a candle in memory
of Roger L. Burdge



Bw and Wanda Hulseley - April 08, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ Tiffany Harlan sent a virtual gift in memory of
Roger L. Burdge



Tiffany Harlan - April 07, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ Tiffany Harlan lit a candle in memory of Roger
L. Burdge



Tiffany Harlan - April 07, 2020 at 11:30 PM

AH

“ *Aubrey Haynes lit a candle in memory of Roger L. Burdge*



Aubrey Haynes - April 07, 2020 at 04:04 PM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Gracie!! There are no words. Prayers for you and the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. God comfort you all in the times ahead. Sonya Holdbrooks*

Sonya Holdbrooks - April 06, 2020 at 09:46 PM

KM

“ *Roger helped me get out of jail and get my life together! He and I have talked for almost 11 years. He was a great man! He will be missed!*

K Mobley - April 06, 2020 at 07:19 PM

DH

“ *Donny and Della Hood*



Donny Hood - April 06, 2020 at 05:24 PM

BI

*Roger will surely be missed He was a true warrior for The Lord
Your friend in Christ 🚲*

Bicycle - April 06, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JS

“ This man helped save my life I am indebted to him and my daughter also learned the skills of life through him Justices loves him very much. Roger has been a big part of my life for many years. There are so many memories so many stories. My favorite has to be when I ran into a snake in his back yard and he just laughed and when he wanted to wax my car on Easter at Beth and Ricky's while the kids where egg hunting he made me feel like part of the family I had never truly had that until I met the Burdge family. Roger is my sons name sake when I informed him that my son would carry his middle name Lawrence he was tickled and loved the idea I wanted him to know how important he was to me. Because of Rog I am still alive today and have my children and know how to be a parent and emotionally sober. I am going into the mental health field to be a recovery peer support specialist and making recovery my life work Rog led by example and although sometimes I've been stubborn I hope he knew still how much I love him and I know he is ok longer in pain and how the fleshy part of me wants to be selfish and wish I could have just one more day. We had many many journeys and lots of amazing memories and I was taught alot I am gonna miss ya so much. Thank you i could never repay my gratitude all i can do from here on out is live by example and be as much as the person you hoped I'd be I hope I made you proud while you where here with us i know I let you down some I'm sorry for that. I just wish I could of told you.

John Maria Sthol - April 06, 2020 at 04:40 PM

TJ

“ I met Roger and Gracie at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Gracie and I worked at the Internal Affairs Department and Roger was a Chaplain. He and Gracie are two of the nicest people a person could ever meet. When my mom was sick in the hospital, Roger came from Alabama and visited her at the hospital. She fell in love with him. Gracie, my heart breaks for you, but I know you will be just fine. Remember when Roger taught me how to shoot my gun in your back yard in Ruleville/Cleveland. I will never forget Roger, he was a great man. Love you Mary Grace. ❤️

Tara "TJ" James - April 06, 2020 at 04:39 PM