



## Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr.

October 16, 1938 - March 11, 2025

Charles, AKA Junior, Buddy, Daddy, Pawpaw, passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the age of 86. He was born October 16, 1938 in Springville, AL. He was a man of simple joys, Big love, and a huge heart for his whole family. He and his beloved 'Little Darlin' of 70 years (65 married) were blessed with a lifetime of adventures, traveling together to the glaciers of Alaska, the cliffs of Ireland, the beauty of Hawaii, the lights of Paris, the canals of Venice, exciting Monte Carlo, and the history of Rome.

At home, he was rarely seen without a styrofoam cup of sweet tea and a peppermint in his pocket. Whether he was fishing on the lake, cruising around on his buggy (golf cart), piddling outside or watching football, he found happiness in the little things. He was creative and inventive, he could fix or "rig" just about anything with duct tape, rope or zipties, a skill that became legendary with family and friends. Spoiling Grandkids with late night ice cream, shopping sprees at Dollar tree and teaching them to fish were some of his favorite things. He loved the Lord, was a devoted husband, father and the best pawpaw! He had a smile and laugh that brought warmth into all lives that knew him. From narrating videos, to going all out on lights, and decor for Christmas he created everlasting memories for his family. He leaves a long legacy of love, laughter, and resourcefulness in all that knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Johnnie Rhoades; daughters, Denean (Mike) Ragland and Penelope (Ken) Morton; son-in-law, Jeremy (Heidi) Ledbetter; grandchildren, Lyndsey (Devin) Cochran, Adam (Heather) Ragland, Brianna Ledbetter, Kenzie (Hunter "Buck") Harris, Kara (Zac) Layne, Madalyn (Ethan) McBurnett, Ethan Ledbetter, Drew Morton and Jaxson Ledbetter; great grandchildren, Tucker, Tanner and Carter Ragland, Lawson, Deacon and William Cochran, Owynn Harris and Jay Layne; sister, Barbara Ann (Bill) Forman and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Franklin Rhoades, Sr. and Sallie Wilson Rhoades; his daughter, Carla Necole Ledbetter and 10 siblings.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 17, 2025 from 12:30pm to 2pm at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home; where the funeral service will begin at 2pm. Burial will follow in Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Memorial Gardens

2100 Moncrief Rd  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-2100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-8810  
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *DIVINE FAMILY WELLNESS purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*



**DIVINE FAMILY WELLNESS** - March 17, 2025 at 10:47 AM

DW

“ *DIVINE FAMILY WELLNESS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*

**DIVINE FAMILY WELLNESS** - March 17, 2025 at 10:47 AM

RF

“ *Rosanna and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*



**Rosanna and family** - March 17, 2025 at 05:16 AM

BF

“ *BENNETT MILLER & FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*

**BENNETT MILLER & FAMILY** - March 16, 2025 at 08:44 PM

BF

“ *BENNETT MILLER & FAMILY purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*



**BENNETT MILLER & FAMILY** - March 16, 2025 at 08:44 PM

RR

“ Rick Rhoades and family Sallie Rhoades purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..



Rick Rhoades and family Sallie Rhoades - March 16, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..



March 16, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..

March 16, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ 120 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - March 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..



March 16, 2025 at 10:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..

March 16, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..



March 16, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..

March 16, 2025 at 01:31 AM

PF

“ Paul, Pat, Linda and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..

**Paul, Pat, Linda and Families** - March 15, 2025 at 10:06 AM

PF

“ Paul, Pat, Linda and Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..



**Paul, Pat, Linda and Families** - March 15, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..

March 14, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*



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March 14, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *The Neal Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Franklin Rhoades Jr..*



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**The Neal Family** - March 14, 2025 at 08:07 PM