



Robert Leon McClendon

February 7, 1944 - January 1, 2021

Robert Leon McClendon passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on January 1, 2021, at the age of 76 years. He was born on February 7, 1944.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Ernest McClendon and Imogene Baker McClendon and siblings, brother, Maxie McClendon, and sisters, Glenda McClendon (Ray) Nail, and Carolyn McClendon (Rayburn) Vandiver. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Linda Hinkle McClendon and his children, son Robert Leon McClendon Jr (Allison) and daughter Lori McClendon Burrow. Sister Melissa (McClendon) Roseberry. Grandchildren Trevor Burrow, Ethan Burrow, Andrew Burrow, and Riley McClendon. Also a host of in-laws, cousin, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

He filled many sales jobs throughout his early career, but most notably was his work with Rockwell International (Sensus) from 1983 through 2006. In 1983 he was the winner of the first annual "Rocky" award designating him as the top Rockwell water meter salesman in the nation. In 2006 he took early retirement for health reasons. In 2008 he was blessed with a lung transplant that afforded him twelve wonderful years, giving him the opportunity to experience his grandchildren growing up. We are truly blessed for this time and a special prayer goes out to the organ donor family and UAB transplant team who made those years possible.

He loved being in the outdoors with friends and family enjoying golf, traveling, camping, hiking, cycling, gardening, and watching his grandkids play sports.

His lake house, which he provided as a place of fellowship for his family and friends, was his “happy place”. His warmth, humor, and kind heart will be missed very much by all who knew and loved him.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Legacy of Hope

<https://legacyofhope.org/family-services/memorials-and-tributes/>

Or, New Prospect Baptist Church, 5835 County Road 38, Cullman, AL 35057

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale
Gardendale, AL 35071

Tribute Wall

FR

“ Leon was one of the most professional, knowledgeable, and friendly sales manager that always came thru with the BIG orders when we needed them. Even though he was having health problems he still took care of business. I always enjoyed traveling with my “BRO” since he had worked Alabama most of his life and he knew all the best places to eat. Leon was truly missed when he had to retire but we were fortunate to hire his son To carry on the McClendon tradition which I understand he is doing very well.

We all will miss this great guy, especially his wife Linda, who was a super trooper to allow Leon to do all the traveling he did. My heart goes out to her as I know what it is to loose someone you lived for that many years.

I am truly sorry I could not make the Service due to my illness but I will NEVER forget the fine man that Leon was. We all should take solace in knowing he is now at peace.

sincerely,

*Fred Russell
Formerly Southern Manager
Retired #12/31/2006*

Fred Russell - January 05, 2021 at 10:29 PM

LB

Thank you Mr. Russell. We appreciate your kind words about Dad. Dad's coworkers were family. We have enjoyed listening to Dad over the years telling us funny stories over the years. We have had some laughs in these last few days talking about his work stories. It was my pleasure getting to know you all.

Lori McClendon Burrow

Lori McClendon Burrow - January 06, 2021 at 11:01 AM

RM

*Fred,
We cannot thank you enough for your kind words. Dad and I were fortunate to have both known your guidance and leadership with the company we worked, but more than that, you've been a friend to our family. Thank you and bless you Fred.*

Rob McClendon

Rob McClendon - January 06, 2021 at 12:14 PM

JT

“ *Janet L. Taylor lit a candle in memory of Robert Leon McClendon*



Janet L. Taylor - January 04, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Leon McClendon.*



January 04, 2021 at 01:45 PM

RW

“ Randy & Wendy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Leon McClendon.



Randy & Wendy - January 04, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Leon McClendon.



January 04, 2021 at 12:14 PM