



Rodney Dean Sylvester

June 30, 1949 - December 3, 2025

Rodney Dean Sylvester passed away peacefully at his home on December 3, 2025 after a long and very courageous battle with cancer.

Rodney was the only child of L.F. Sylvester, Jr., and Dewece Sylvester. He grew up in Birmingham, Alabama and was a 1969 graduate of Phillips High School.

He married the love of his life, Marcia, in 1974 and they were married for 51 loving years. They raised three children together and went on many adventures. They enjoyed traveling and especially going on cruises together.

An avid farmer, Rodney began acquiring land when he was a teenager. He eventually owned several hundred acres of land and many cows, which he called his girls. His favorite things to do were riding around his pasture and watching the sunset from his front porch with his sweetheart.

Rodney had many friends and family who will miss him terribly, but his favorite people were the six who called him PawPaw; Nancy, Franklin, Andrew, Sydney, Brooklyn, and Jordan.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia, and three children; Cliff (Jennifer), Mary (Michael), and Valerie (Griffin).

As a believer in Jesus Christ, Rodney is now enjoying rest and good health as he worships his Savior in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to dlg4shine.org to fund gene therapy for Jordan and others with SHINE Syndrome.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home in Gardendale, Alabama, followed by a graveside service at Moncrief Cemetery at 12 pm.

Cemetery Details

Moncrief Cemetery

Moncrief Rd
Gardendale, AL 35071

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Moncrief Cemetery
Moncrief Rd
Gardendale, AL 35071

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Hays-Cammarata Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Dean Sylvester.*

The Hays-Cammarata Family - December 07, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Dean Sylvester.*



December 07, 2025 at 07:53 PM

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“ *I never knew Mr. Sylvester personally. I knew his sweet wife Marci and his 2 daughters. Mary and I were in the same youth group at Smokerise Baptist. Praying for the family in this time of deep sorrow.*

Amy Balch - December 05, 2025 at 02:17 PM

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“ *Franklin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rodney Dean Sylvester.*



Franklin - December 05, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“ *Marcia,
As I said in the Facebook comments I will always remember him
telling you and I
Other than sitting on the front porch with you watching the sunset,
his next favorite thing to do was come and get you in his truck, then
drive out to where the cows were and just sit there with all his “girls”
watching a beautiful sunset*

Teresa Hall - December 04, 2025 at 10:24 PM

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“ *Local Union 91 purchased the Magnificent Life S
pray for the family of Rodney Dean Sylvester.*



Local Union 91 - December 04, 2025 at 04:18 PM