



## Rodney Dean Ritter

September 11, 1947 - April 30, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Rodney Dean Ritter, 76, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Meadow Brook Baptist Church in Byhalia, MS from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with the funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m. The interment will be held at a later date at West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Memphis, TN. Bro. Oscar Geeslin will officiate.

Dean was born on September 11, 1947 in Des Moines, Iowa. He served our country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Dean was a faithful member of Meadow Brook Baptist Church. He worked many jobs over the years such as laying bricks, installing pools, and ultimately started his own business running a cleaning service. Dean was married to the love of his life, Patsy, for 39 years in December. He was always funny and an enjoyable person to be around. Dean enjoyed fishing and watching all types of ballgames. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were his pride and joy; he loved playing, laughing, and traveling with them more than anything.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Frances Warmsbecker Ritter and Rodney Rex Ritter; and brothers, Jerry Ritter, George Ritter, and Terry Ritter.

Dean is survived by his wife, Patsy Ritter of Olive Branch, MS; sons, Michael Wayne Griffus (Karen) of Olive Branch, Stephen Joe Griffus of Olive Branch, and Tim Stark (Holly) of Olive Branch; sister, Ruth Coleman of Memphis, TN; brother, Jimmy Ritter (Joy) of Murfreesboro, TN; granddaughters, Amanda Apperson (Alex) and Kacie Hall (Aaron), and great grandchildren, Parker Apperson and Avery Apperson, all of Olive Branch; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of traditional flowers, donations may be made in his name to Memphis Union Mission ([www.memphisunionmission.org](http://www.memphisunionmission.org)), Meadow Brook Baptist Church ([www.mbbcms.org](http://www.mbbcms.org)), or the Tunica Humane Society (<http://www.tunicahumanesociety.com/>).

In honor of Dean Ritter's service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home on the day of the services.

Online condolences may be left on his tribute wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Meadow Brook Baptist Church  
3115 Old Pigeon Roost Road  
Byhalia, MS 38611

## Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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3115 Old Pigeon Roost Road  
Byhalia, MS 38611

# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney Dean Ritter



Coleman Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 04:03 PM

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*Awesome*

Bill Stark - May 03, 2024 at 07:50 PM

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*Beautiful and lived a beautiful life loved by so many people.*

Barbara Sweatt - May 04, 2024 at 10:15 AM

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*Beautiful*

Barbara Sweatt - May 04, 2024 at 10:26 AM

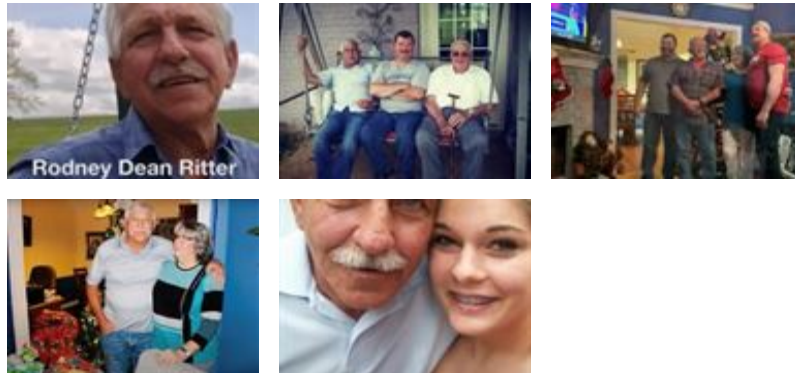
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“ I’ve had several Brothers-in-Laws in my pretty long life to this point, but I’ll say Dean was my favorite, and we had so much in common. He LOVED to fish and he loved all the same sporting events as me. His only shortcoming when it came to baseball, football, and basketball was that his favorite college team was the University of Memphis! 😊 I am an Arkansas Razorback fan, and he was always glad for me when the Hawks won. Another thing I know about him is that he loved the Lord, and told me awhile back that he had no problem with leaving this world, because he knew where he was going and would see us again someday! Praise God! If you’ve never put your trust in Jesus, please do it today and accept Him as your personal savior...then someday you will see Dean Ritter again. ❤️ Love you, Deano!

Bill Stark - May 03, 2024 at 06:55 PM



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Loved by so many including me.

Barbara Sweatt - May 04, 2024 at 10:28 AM



*Mike, so sorry to hear the loss of a family member.*

*Prayers with you and your family during these tough times.*

*Rick and Laura Davidson*

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**Rick and Laura Davidson** - May 09, 2024 at 05:07 PM