



Roger Dell Olmstead

October 1, 1945 - October 12, 2010

On the crisp, clear fall morning of October 12, 2010, Roger Dell Olmstead, with words of love and encouragement from his family, passed peacefully from this world. His family gave his spirit up to the only One that they knew could possibly love him more than they have. Roger had endured years of illness with a courage that was borne out of that love of family and the knowledge that he would at some time find that ultimate healing for his body. Roger's life philosophy was soundly based on the simple truths of faith in God, love for the sanctity of the family and the thousands of friends who passed through the doors of his T&R Store on Highway 29 for so many years. His sense of humor helped temper the trials of life and he felt nobody should escape a little ribbing from him now and then. He was born October 1, 1945 in Meriwether County to Reverend B.J. & Myrtie Slaton Olmstead. His father preceded him in death. Roger's life will be celebrated in a service on Friday, October 15, 2010 at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Pastor Carl Greene, Reverend Ken Rose, & Mr. Joe Crain officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The visitation is Thursday evening between 5:00 – 8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions can be made to The Roger Olmstead Transplant Fund, in care of Bank of Coweta, 192 Temple Avenue, Newnan, GA 30263 to benefit other transplant recipients. Roger is survived by his wife, Debbie Cammons Olmstead; children, Julie Olmstead Matthews & her husband Mike, Jared Olmstead & his girlfriend Heather Burgess, Kim

Scarborough; mother, Myrtie Slaton Olmstead Eubanks. Roger was overjoyed at the recent birth of his granddaughter, Briley Kate Matthews. Also surviving are his sister, Peggy Hoover & her husband Fred; brothers, Autrey Olmstead, Bobby Olmstead & his wife Cindy, Donald Olmstead & his wife Ann; mother-in-law, Jo Ann Cammons; brother-in-law, Scott Cammons & his girlfriend Cheryl Jones. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.
McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Debbie, You have been in my thought and prayers. He was very blessed to have such a loving family. Let us know if we can do anything for you and your family. Kittie and Randall Duncan*

Kittie Duncan - November 09, 2010 at 07:30 PM

WS

“ *On behalf of the Olmste(a)d Family Association, we share the loss of Roger as a member of our greater Olmstead family.*

Walt Steesy - October 24, 2010 at 05:56 PM

BW

“ *Debbie, Roger leaves a great legacy as a father, husband, and citizen. All who knew him appreciate the lessons learned from association. Roger will live on in the lives of the many people he touched. Best wishes to you and you family...we will miss him greatly.*

Bobby Welch - October 19, 2010 at 08:05 AM

RM

“ *Debbie, We are so sorry for your loss, although we know your family have so many wonderful memories that will live on forever. Your heart is broken because you miss Roger but happy that he has no more pain and can rest easy at God's house. We pray God gives each of you the strength to travel down this new path before you. When it gets to difficult always know God will carry you. Much love to you all, The Morrell family*

Randy and Susan Morrell - October 17, 2010 at 03:05 AM

LR

“ To the Olmstead Family, We are so sorry for your loss, Roger was a good man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lamar and Julie Rainey

Lamar and Julie Rainey - October 15, 2010 at 02:59 PM

DT

“ Julie, I feel your pain. I am soooo sorry about the loss of your dad. I know you don't feel it know but time will make it so much easier. Love you girl.

Denise Thompson - October 15, 2010 at 11:55 AM

DS

“ Dear Debbie and Family, I was so sorry to hear about Roger passing away. I have such fond memories of him through the years, and he was always so pleasant with a friendly greeting when you went in T & R. My prayers and thoughts will be with you and your family during this difficult time. Dawn Sosby

Dawn Sosby - October 15, 2010 at 11:47 AM

CW

“ Mrs. Olmstead and family, I grew up in Lakehills in the 70's and 80's. T&R Self-Service was the first place I bought gas after I got my driver's license and Roger was the one to sell me that first tank of gas. He was always friendly and made a shy young girl feel comfortable. I'll never forget the day Roger helped two teenage girls out when they really needed it. My friend, Kelly Adams, used to drive us back and forth to Newnan High every day from Lakehills. T&R was a frequent stop for us. One morning when we were about 17, Kelly's car developed an engine problem. Thankfully, we made it to T&R. We went in the store to try and call for help but couldn't get in touch with our parents. Without any hesitation, Roger let us borrow his truck to go back to Kelly's house and pick up another car. Thanks to him, we got to school safely and on time. He was that kind of person--always willing and eager to help people. I am very thankful that I was fortunate enough to know him. He will be greatly missed in our community.

Carol Ward - October 15, 2010 at 10:18 AM

ET

“ Dearest Debbie and Family, I was shocked to read of Rogers passing this morning. From all I've read he has been in declining health for a while now. But you can find comfort in the fact that he is not in that body anymore, but a spiritual one. I haven't seen you since I ran into you at Missy Mclains wedding/reception. I still treasure our friendship from school. Please know many prayers are going out for you and your family. My heart hurts for you, as it would if I lost Randall, this coming from one wife to another. God will give you strength to get through this, I know this, because the Bible tells me so, and I trust and believe in the Blood and the Bible. May God give you what you need to get these coming days, I know He will, Keep your faith and Know that He knows. I love you and will pray for you and your family. Please tell your Mom hello for me. She was such a dear sweet lady.

Elaine Lambert Thomas - October 15, 2010 at 10:14 AM

JG

“ *Debbiie and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Roger meant so much to our family for many years and we loved him dearly. I remember yours & Roger's wedding and we were all so happy for you. I wish I could be there today but circumstances keep me from being with you at this difficult time. Hold on to your memories Debbie and your children but most of all hold on to God knowing that one day you will see Roger again.*

June (Crutchfield) Glenn - October 15, 2010 at 09:41 AM

BL

“ *Our love and prayers are with you from your Benton House Family!*

Benton House at Newnan Lakes - October 15, 2010 at 09:35 AM

SB

“ *Debbie, so very sorry to read of Roger's passing. You know, times really fly. I read of his sickness, his transplant and now his passing.. Just wanted you to know that I am thinking about you and praying for you and your family. We have been out of town for a week and I just read this Thursday night at 9PM. If I had know sooner I would have come. Take care of YOU. It will be hard, but soon your tears will be replaced by smiles and wonderful memories..*

Sherrel Bidne - October 14, 2010 at 09:23 PM

TM

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry about Roger. I wish I could do or say something that would make it better. Just put your trust in God and He will get you thought every single minute, day, and night. If you ever need anything, please call me. I will be there for you. We have been friends for a LONG time & I still love you like a sister. God bless you, I will be praying for you and your family.*

Teresa Thompson McDonald - October 14, 2010 at 04:28 PM

RB

“ *Roger will be missed . The smile that he always had will never be forgotten,he was a family friend and everyone who met him knew he was a great person.your family is in our prayers and thoughts.Roger is now with God and will watch over everyone just as a angle would.*
Robby, Julie Byrom

Robby Byrom - October 14, 2010 at 04:22 PM

EH

“ *Debbie, Steve and I just wanted to let you know that you and your family have been in our thoughts and prayers for a while now. All of you are going to miss him very much, but Roger is not suffering anymore and we all know he is in a better place.*

Evelyn & Steve Hines - October 14, 2010 at 04:20 PM

LD

“ *Dear Debbie and Family, We extend our deepest sympathy to you all. We will always remember Roger's smile, jokes and kindness in T& R and in the neighborhood. Our prayers are with you. Rob, Lisa, Kevin, Leanne & Connor Dunn*

Lisa Dunn - October 14, 2010 at 04:18 PM

KG

“ Dear Debbie and family, Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, I ache for you and the loss you are feeling. Just know that you are close in thought and prayer. What moves through us is silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, and one more touch. Little by little you will remember not just that he died, but that he lived! And that his life gave you memories too beautiful to forget. Hold tight to the memories for comfort. Lean on each other and your friends for strength, and remember how much you are all loved. May you take comfort in knowing that an Angel is watching over you. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Life is preparation for eternity. Love to all. Kathy and Tim

Kathy and Tim Grubbs - October 14, 2010 at 02:17 PM

DB

“ Debbie, so sorry for your loss and I am very sorry that I can't be there, but you guys are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Duane Biggs - October 14, 2010 at 01:59 PM

HO

“ Jule Olmstead Matthews- It is no secret that you loved daddy more than anything in this world. Even with a new baby you spent every evening after work and every single weekend by his side. You called every few hours to see how he was doing and always willing to come home or stay home from work to help. You did an amazing job taking care of him and shouldn't regret one single day. He loved you so much there aren't enough words to even tell you how much. You are such a strong sister and someone we lean on for support. We love you with all our heart. Debbie Olmstead, 'Mama'- You gave the best care to Rog that anyone could have given him. You stayed by his side daily. You made sure all of his medicine was administered properly, and that he was pain free these last few months. You deserve so much more credit than anyone has or could express. You have been a wonderful wife and a great mother. We want you to know how thankful we are for everything you have done. We love you more than anything.

Heather & Jared Olmstead - October 14, 2010 at 01:54 PM

JU

“ Dear Mrs. Olmstead, I am so sorry to learn that your beloved Roger has passed. I know that he was a wonderful person. Your store was always such a welcoming place to come. My heart goes out to you today and you will be in my prayers.

JudyMiller - October 14, 2010 at 01:48 PM

MY

“ Debbie and Family, Roger and your whole Family have been such good friends all these years, he will be greatly missed. He always had a smile on his face and a kind, encouraging word for everyone. The clock on my wall ya'll gave is a constant reminder of our friendship. We love you. Mike and Bev Yeager

Mike Yeager - October 14, 2010 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ Dear Julie, Debbie, Jared and Family, During the years we worked together it was very clear how much you loved your Daddy and how much he loved each of you. You always had good things to say about him. I pray that as time goes by your pain will ease. May the sunshine of comfort dispel the clouds of despair. Love, Jann and Charlie

Jann Baker - October 14, 2010 at 11:37 AM

DC

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I truly enjoyed going to the store and sitting in the back laughing and talking with Roger. More than that I really enjoyed seeing your daughter eating chicken wings at Nancy Pyes retirement party.

Don Conway - October 14, 2010 at 11:04 AM

KS

“ Debbie, So, sorry to hear about Roger. You and your family are in our prayers. Jimmy and Kathi Sumner

Kathi Sumner - October 14, 2010 at 10:24 AM

RB

“ May God be with you Debbie and your family during this time of sorrow,..Roger is in the house with the Lord and is in no pain now,, You are in my thoughts and prayers ,,,,

Rick Billitteri - October 14, 2010 at 10:19 AM

PV

“Debbie and family, Paden and I share your sadness at the bright light that has gone out in your lives. You will miss the whole Roger that he was most of his 65 years for the balance of your lives but he will still be a light in you through your memories as he will be in ours and all others who knew him. Our Love, Bea

Paden and Bea Vineyard - October 14, 2010 at 09:41 AM

JS

“Jules --I am so very sorry for your loss. I know how close you were to your father and what an influence he had on your life. He is watching over all of you now, thankful for every minute he had with all of the people that he loved, and grateful to god to have let him stay long enough to kiss his grand daughter. My sincere condolences -- Julie

Julie Schad - October 14, 2010 at 09:34 AM

DW

“Debbie, Julie, & Jarred, I know that you will miss Roger so much but you know that he is not suffering anymore. He has a whole, well body now. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and the days to come. All of you are so special to me and will be in my heart always. Love you so much!

Dale Westbrook - October 14, 2010 at 07:55 AM

NF

“Dear Debbie, Julie, Jarred, Mike, Miss Joann and Scott, Our hearts are breaking for all of you but we know that Roger is well now. You have been in our thoughts and prayers for a long time. What a wonderful day it will be when we get to see Roger again. Take care and we love you all.

Nancy Neal and Family - October 14, 2010 at 07:51 AM

BB

“Debbie and family..May God bless you all and give you comfort and strength daily to face the days ahead. Roger has complete healing now that he is at home with our heavenly father. We love you..Betty and Ronnie Boyt.

Betty Collins Boyt - October 14, 2010 at 06:58 AM

JM

“Daddy was such an amazing man. He loved his family and friends very much and although we are glad he is not suffering anymore we miss him so terribly already. He and Mama are the rock to our family. She took care of him sun up to sun down everyday for months and deserves that credit along with Heather and Jared. Daddy loves his Heather and was so proud of Jared's fire and paramedic careers..I'm glad we have that kind of family that can get along and take care of what needs to be done. Thank you Mama, Jared, Heather, Mike, Scott Cheryl and Grandma for being there every single day for hours to help do whatever needed to be done. Also I'm very happy his brothers were with him through this battle and are now closer.

Julie Matthews - October 13, 2010 at 10:23 PM

PH

“Debbie are prayers and thoughts are with the family left behind. It has been a long hard struggle for you and Roger and the family. God will now fill the void. Look to him for all your needs and he will supply. God Bless we love ya'll.

PAT AND MARION HELTON - October 13, 2010 at 04:55 PM

JL

“Jared, I would like to express my condolences to your family for the loss of your father.

Jay Lunstead - October 13, 2010 at 04:38 PM

TR

“ Roger will be sadly missed!! He had an amazing way of brightening my day each time I saw him. He never complained even when times got tough. I am such a better person simply by knowing him and his gentle ways. We love you and will always be here if you ever need us!!! Tammy Rabern

Tammy Rabern - October 13, 2010 at 03:29 PM

MD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through the days ahead and hope you find comfort knowing that others care and are always there for you.

Mike and Marsha Duncan - October 13, 2010 at 01:41 PM

TF

“ May Gods peace and comfort be yours through this valley. The love you all shared will always be in your memory. Lean on Jesus for your strength and He will walk with you. Roger was always making someone life or feel better about themselves. From the Calhoun family and all of us at Living By Faith Church, you remain in our prayers. Be blessed.

Terry Calhoun and Family - October 13, 2010 at 01:03 PM

EB

“ Miss Debbie, Julie & Jared, We are so sorry for your loss. The strength, love, compassion & selfless acts of all of you are what helped Roger keep going. May God place his hands upon you, take away your sorrow & provide you with the peace of knowing he no longer is in pain. Please know we are here for you if you need anything. Love, Erran & Laura Brown

ERRAN & LAURA BROWN - October 13, 2010 at 10:28 AM

SF

“ Ya'll are in my thoughts and prayers. I am glad that he is no longer in so much pain. I am so sorry. If ya'll need anything, please don't hesitate to call. I love ya'll! Roger and Sharmon

Sharmon Foster - October 13, 2010 at 10:14 AM

RL

“ Dear Debbie and Family, My family and I are praying for you at this time. As we have discussed before, only God can bring you the kind of peace you need at this time. We love You all.

Randy Lamb - October 13, 2010 at 10:00 AM

LD

“ Debbie, Julie and Jared you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers. In the next few days and weeks i pray you feel peace and comfort and know that Roger is with our Lord, Jesus Christ, in His Beautiful Home. And you will see him again.....Love, Lisa & Raymond

Lisa & Raymond Dorough - October 13, 2010 at 09:20 AM

DR

“ Julie, Although it must be difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. We are truly sorry for your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dawn & Bill

Dawn & Bill Rieck - October 13, 2010 at 07:43 AM

KS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you & your family in your time of need.

Kyle & Heather Sewell - October 12, 2010 at 09:05 PM

KS

“ *Debbie and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kim Sewell - October 12, 2010 at 09:05 PM

JW

“ *so sorry for your loss. roger and i started first grade together at grantville public in 1951. we've been friends since then. he was a great guy and will be missed. he fought a gallant fight for a long time.*

johnny wilson - October 12, 2010 at 08:02 PM

MS

“ *I was so sorry to learn that Roger has passed away. He was a really nice guy and I know he will be missed by many. My thoughts are with your family.*

Marcia Smith - October 12, 2010 at 06:44 PM

MH

“ *Debbie, I just wanted to let you know how much Roger, you and the kids have been in our prayers. I met you all back in 1981 and could not help just loving you all. These years have pasted by so fast. You both have had a loving home anyone would have wanted to be in. Thank you so much for sharing special moments of your lives with my Mom and I. You will always be loved and we hope you all will find comfort that Roger is no longer in that state. We will miss that sharp wit of his and that smile he always had for us. I can still see him turning away to leave the store and have his hand thrown up into the air saying bye. We all loved him and we love you guy's.
Michelle*

Michelle Adams Harris - October 12, 2010 at 06:03 PM

AS

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about Roger. You and your family are in my Prayers. May God's comfort and peace be with you and your family during this time.*

Angie Sims - October 12, 2010 at 05:16 PM

GG

“ *Dear Debbie, Julie, Jarred, Mike, Joanne and Scott, You all have been in our thoughts and prayers for months and will continue to be. We are so sorry for your loss, but what a relief for Roger to have God take him home. We was such a sweet man. He will be missed by many. We love you all!*

Greg & Dianne Ferrell & girls - October 12, 2010 at 04:55 PM

EA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Elizabeth Sosby Aspacio - October 12, 2010 at 03:37 PM

VP

“ *I am so very sorry. I know it has been a very stressful time for you and your family. If you need anything please call me.*

Vanessa Parker - October 12, 2010 at 03:05 PM

CW

“ *Debbie, We are so sorry to hear about Roger. Know that you and your family are very much in our thoughts and prayers.*

Chunk & Brenda Waters - October 12, 2010 at 02:46 PM

CA

“ *Debbie I am very sorry for your lost but now he can rest in gods house and have no more pain.*

Carol - October 12, 2010 at 02:26 PM