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ROGER O. GODWIN

April 26, 1959 – December 25, 2017 Age: 58

December 26, 2017



Roger O. Godwin, 58, passed away at his residence Monday, December 25, 2017. A native and life-long resident of Fernandina Beach, Roger was a son of the late Harold Lee and Willie Hulett Godwin, Sr. He was a 1977 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School and after high school, he attended Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, GA where he played baseball.

While at Georgia Southern he also was a member of the USA All Star baseball team and played in Cuba as part of the Intercontinental Cup Games. After leaving Georgia Southern he later graduated from Florida State University.

After completing his degree, Roger played professional baseball for three years as part of the Houston Astros organization and also played professional ball as part of the European League in Holland.

He would return to the States and begin a career as a teacher. He taught PE at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School and coached baseball for four years. He then went on to teach PE at Yulee Middle School. He also coached girl's softball and soccer while there.

Roger then returned to the family commercial fishing business. He loved being on the water whether it was commercial shrimping or sport fishing. He was always at home on the water.

He also loved playing the guitar and singing. Although he never sang or played professionally, he never turned down the opportunity to play or sing before a group. It was said of him, "he was a pretty good hobby class singer and guitar player".

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a nephew, Phillip Godwin.

His surviving family includes: his brothers and sister, Mary Bennett and her husband, Al, of Fernandina Beach; Albert Godwin and his wife, Kay, of Crawfordville, FL; Bob Godwin and his wife, Kathy, of Hilliard; Lee Godwin and his wife, Annette, of Fernandina Beach; three nephews, Deron Bennett of Fernandina Beach and Brad Bennett and his wife, Kristi, of Fernandina Beach and David Godwin and his wife, Hilarie, of Yulee; a great niece, Hayley Godwin of St. Augustine as well as 3 great-great nieces.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors.

He will be laid to rest in a private family service at a later date.

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LYNDA BUNCH HOLLAND December 26, 2017

I am so very sorry for your family's loss. I pray that the Lord comforts you in your time of sorrow.

BRIAN ROWLAND December 26, 2017

Lee, Annette, and all the Godwin family, please know we are all very sad with you. Roger was a great friend growing up and was always good-hearted and kind whenever I would run into him. So very sorry to hear this sad news.

CHRIS BRYAN December 26, 2017

I am so sorry about the loss of Roger. He was a special man and I always loved to see him and that wonderful smile. Please know all of you are in our prayers.

RUSSELL FULLWOOD December 26, 2017

wow where do I begin growing up 1 block away from each other playing baseball together pick up games in the back yards just and all around fun guy to hang with .had the meanest fast ball ever his slider wasn't bad either Roger was always the friendly one always had that smile and could carry on a friendly conversation at any point and time it's hard to see friends leave this world we've lost so many of our close friends we grew up together with Roger will be sadly missed by many Lee & Annette may GOD Put his hand on the Godwin Family GOD BLESS

GENEVA E KONES December 27, 2017

To the godwin family Roger will never be forgotten in my heart I got a chance to hug Roger and talk with him at our class reunion in Sept .always smiling rip my friend till we meet again.

CARL AND BARBARA ANDERSON December 27, 2017

Lee and Annette very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Barbara and I praying that you find peace during this most difficult time.

LYNN BRIDGES COLLINS December 27, 2017

Hearing of Roger's passing made my heart so sad but the memories brought a smile. Growing up on 16th Street with Roger made for wonderful childhood memories. Roger and I started out in first grade together with his brothers' Heavy metal albums and ended our school days our junior year at Georgia Southern. Needless to say these were fun times. Roger a college athlete with all the perks and me a broke college student. Roger would bring me home from Statesboro when I just had to come but I had to pay

for the gas. You will be missed by all who knew and loved you my friend. My prayers for your family.

CINDY CASS FETCH December 27, 2017

It's hard to believe he's gone. I haven't had the good fortune to see Roger in quite some time but he left me with an indelible memory of his big heart, his big smile and his big hug. Roger was just one of a kind. Rest In Peace, Roger. You left us too soon. Much love and deepest condolences to the entire Godwin family.

FRANZ AND MARTHA LEE MITCHELL December 27, 2017

Praying you feel God's comfort during this time. Roger was quite a challenge in the classroom, but I loved him dearly!

JW December 28, 2017

My condolences to the family, no one can prepare us for the grief we experience when we lose a loved one, at 1 Peter 5:7 we are encouraged to "throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." Even though missed your loved one is not forgotten and God who is the life giver is eager to restore life to those who have fallen asleep in death and promises to do so by means of a resurrection. (John 5:28,29)

MARTHA AND RANDY SORENSON December 28, 2017

we are very sorry for your loss...may memories bring you peace

DUANE SIMS December 28, 2017

To all the Godwin Family,

My most heartfelt sympathies are with you all. Roger was my very good friend. The priceless memories of growing up together...school, baseball, football, hunting, fishing, and just about everything else will never be forgotten. Roger left us far too early but I'm so thankful for our friendship and the final time we shared together at our 40th class reunion in September. Rest in peace my friend.

N. RALPH GREEN December 28, 2017

I was so sorry to learn of Roger's passing. We have lost one of the bright stars of the old 16th Street neighborhood. Lee, Mary, Bob and Albert my thoughts and prayers are with you and all the rest of your families.

MARC BLANKINSHIP December 28, 2017

It's hard to believe another member of our fighting Pirates has left us my blessings to the Godwin family Roger will be missed

KATHY AND BUCK BLAND December 28, 2017

So sorry to hear of your family's loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

BRAD FREEMAN December 28, 2017

Another good man has left this world and he will be missed by everyone who knew him, Roger was always a guy of good character always seem to have things in control. He sure could hum a base ball or we called it bringing the heat. My family is sending prayers of comfort.

CORDON HART December 29, 2017

Very sorry to hear about Roger. He was a great guy and it was always good to see him and find out what he was up to. I will mis him.

THE KEVIN DRAKE FAMILY December 29, 2017

We were both shocked and saddened to hear of Roger's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Godwin family during this difficult time. May God grant you His grace and His peace in the days ahead.

KELLY (STEELE) JOHNSON December 29, 2017

So incredibly sad to hear of Roger's passing. He was always so kind to me and his constant smile was contagious! My heart is broken and I send heartfelt condolence to his family and friends.

ANDY WARD December 29, 2017

Roger was one of the first friends I met when I lived on 16th street and my dad was in Vietnam. He was like a brother to me, always there when I had no friends, in a new town. When we all grew up, he was still one of the kindest, most decent people I have ever known. I dearly miss him playing that 5 string guitar at Bad Street! Rest In Peace, my friend. I pray that we meet again. ❤️

SUSAN DUNN ,MIKE CONKLIN December 30, 2017

Roger rest in peace. Such a gentle soul who everytime we saw him , had a smile on his face and we will miss him. Our deepest condolences to the family, our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll..

We will see you on the other side Roger, God bless.

Sincerely,

PEGGY MUDD December 30, 2017

Rest In Peace Roger. Roger was always kind to me and could make a room light up by his everlasting smile. I'm glad that we got share some laughs at the reunion. Your friendship will be missed. Blessings to the Godwin family.

MARSHA HAMILTON CARMAN December 31, 2017

I am sorry I couldn't attend Roger's celebration of life service! I wanted you to know that your sweet family are in my prayers!

Roger has entered into God's peace and God's rest! He was a wonderful man he will be missed!

For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:7-8

God bless your family, Marsha Hamilton Carman

HENRIETTA & JOHN January 1, 2018

To the family of Roger,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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