



## Roger Nease Oakley

June 17, 1937 - July 28, 2018

Roger N. Oakley, age 81, passed away on July 28, 2018.

Roger was born July 17, 1937 to parents, George and Cleeta Oakley. He and his 10 siblings grew up in the White Oak section of Greensboro, N.C. Roger graduated from Rankin High School and joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served four years and was honorably discharged in 1959 as an Airman 1st class. He returned to Greensboro where he met his wife, Brenda, and raised his two children, Reid and Pamela in Julian, N.C.

Roger worked in the textiles industry as a colorist and later as plant manager.

Roger loved his family, nature and all God's creatures. He would adopt animals in need and often had a menagerie of dogs, cats, horses, chickens, ducks, goats and occasionally raccoons, possums and other wild things. His favorite past times included quiet walks through the woods and along the creek alone or with his children and especially his grandchildren; or, sitting in the gazebo listening to Willie Nelson or Emmy Lou Harris and looking out over his animals and gardens. He loved sharing his home with family and friends and the annual Halloween parties were notable events for his extended family and friends for many years.

Roger is survived by his wife of 58 years, Brenda; son, Reid, and wife, Brande; daughter, Pamela Oakley-Lisk, and husband, Tim Lisk; grandchildren Jaime Lisk Weatherly, Jeri Oakley and Tanner Lisk; great-grandchild, Ivy Nance; sisters, Nancy Palmer, Mazie Mahaffey (Chester) and Laura Cheek; brothers, Danny (Cynthia), Delano "Smick" (Sandy) and Don (Jill); sister-in-law Anna; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Cleeta, brothers Ernest (Anna), Julius "Duke", John "Jolly" and Randy.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 24, at Gate City Vineyard Church, located at 204 South Westgate Drive, Greensboro, N.C. at 3 p.m. Roger's ashes will be returned to the earth at a future date in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice or a local animal rescue.

# Comments

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“ I just happened to run across Roger's obituary today. Since I left Greensboro 30 years ago, I seem to miss things. I loved Roger, my first cousin and all his brothers and sisters. May God continue to comfort the family and may God bless the memory of Roger Oakley.



**Paul Simpson** - August 07, 2019 at 01:16 PM

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“ A most wonderful Uncle, I so enjoyed his wit and humor. He was a gracious host. Such a warm and genuine person. I loved visiting him and Aunt Brenda and my cousins throughout my life. He will be missed. God bless all.

**Donna Steed** - August 13, 2018 at 09:27 PM

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“ It's so hard to find the right words. I have so many beautiful memories of my "second" dad growing up!! The Oakley's made their home like mine, and I love you all! I remember the laughter, and the constant teasing... And I also remember the career advise and resume review when I was graduating college. Love, hugs and prayers for all of you. And thank you for the treasured memories. Tina Gardner Martin

**Tina Gardner Martin** - August 09, 2018 at 07:25 PM