



## Mr. Rodney Russell Sr.

April 11, 1941 - March 19, 2023

Mr. Rodney Russell, Sr., age 81, passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023, in Jackson, TN. Mr. Russell was born April 11, 1941 in Taylorville, IL to the late Earl and Pearl Dornon Russell. HE was a retired superintendent for All-Tri-R and a member of Rock Hill Baptist Church. A devoted husband and father, he loved giving to others. He also enjoyed wood working and gardening.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Mrs. Nancy Blankenship Russell; his son, Rodney Russell, Jr. (Anyce); two daughters, Sherri McKee (Shane) and Kim Joyce (Sean); two bonus sons, Edwin Blankenship and Reed Blankenship (Cindy); one brother, Terry Russell (Nancy); his nephew, Shawn Jones (Karen); eight grandchildren; and eleven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 PM, Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Rock Hill Baptist Church. Interment will follow in New Hope Methodist Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday 10 AM – 2 PM at Rock Hill Baptist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope Methodist Cemetery

4770 Shady Hill Rd.  
Lexington, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

605 Rock Hill Rd  
605 Rock Hill Rd  
Lexington, TN 38351

## Church Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rock Hill Baptist Church  
605 Rock Hill Rd  
Lexington, TN 38351  
(731) 968-3689

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ Sorry for the loss of your husband Mrs. Nancy  
I'll be praying for you



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**Linda Elam** - March 22, 2023 at 08:00 PM

SL

“ Sarah Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Rodney Russell Sr.



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**Sarah Lewis** - March 21, 2023 at 01:34 PM

JW

“ Nancy my heart goes out to you and your  
family. I never got to know your husband but I  
know how happy he made you during your  
marriage. Praying for comfort during this time  
and in the days, weeks, months, and time to  
follow. Love Jan and Jerry Wood



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**Jan E Wood** - March 21, 2023 at 07:55 AM

EB

“ My father passed away in November of 2001. I got married and moved to Arizona. After I moved, my mother and Pops got married. My mother asked me what I thought about her getting married again. I think what I told her kind of shocked her. I told her as long as she was happy, she has my blessings and I thought it was the greatest thing in the world. My mother wanted for nothing while Pops was around. He opened and held the doors for her. He pumped her gas. Just was a true gentleman to her. I could tell that he made her happy. They loved each other very much. I got to know Pops better when I moved back to Tennessee in 2019. I would go over to their house on Shady Hill Road, and we would sit on the front porch and talk of life. The subjects were politics, health, religion, construction, women, and good places to eat. One of our favorite subjects to talk about was Jesus Christ. We talked about how He had made both of our lives better. We talked about how blessed we were even though we had endured many hardships in our lives, we were blessed even though all these bad things had happened to us. I know he loved my mother dearly and she loved him the same way. I could talk to Pops about anything. Even though he was my step father, I felt like we had a true father/son relationship. And so it was. We talked about working construction and the various jobs that we had been on and the companies that we had worked for. I told him many times that I loved him and thanked him every time I saw him for taking care of my mother and how much that meant to me. The last time I saw him, I told him I loved him, and he wasn't doing to good but he looked right at me and told me he loved me too. I know Pops is in heaven now without all the worries of this world. He will be missed big. I love you Pops.  
Ernest Reed Blankenship 3-21-2023

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Ernest Reed Blankenship - March 21, 2023 at 01:11 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Russell Sr.*



Barbara Willis - March 20, 2023 at 11:22 PM

BW

*Nancy I am so sorry for your loss ,sorry I have not been by to see you .we are out of town want be home till the end of the week ,have been Praying for all of your family .love you Barbara.*

Barbara Willis - March 20, 2023 at 11:29 PM

JH

“ *Prayers for the family. Bruce & Joyce Hughes*



Joyce M Hughes - March 20, 2023 at 10:12 PM

JH

“ *Janice Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Russell Sr.*



Janice Houston - March 20, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Rodney Russell Sr..*



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March 20, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Rodney Was A Good Man, and Will Be Missed. Glad to have called him my Friend!*

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**Bill Rhodes** - March 20, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Jerry Stegall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rodney Russell Sr.*



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**Jerry Stegall** - March 19, 2023 at 08:29 PM