



Roger Dean Handley

October 21, 1944 - April 7, 2026

Roger Dean Handley, a devoted husband, cherished father, and dedicated public servant, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026, in Palmetto, Georgia, at the age of 81. Born on October 21, 1944, in Newnan, Georgia, he led a life marked by service, family, and a love for the simple pleasures of nature.

Roger was a proud firefighter with the Fulton County Fire Department, where he served his community with courage and commitment for 38 years, retiring honorably as a captain. His dedication did not end with his retirement; he went on to work as a valued employee at Wright Funeral Home and Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory, continuing to offer comfort and support to families in times of need.

Beyond his professional life, Roger was deeply involved in his local community. He served as a Palmetto City Councilman and contributed his expertise as a member of the zoning board for the city of Palmetto. His commitment to civic duty was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Roger also found joy in tending to his garden and raising chickens, activities that brought him peace and satisfaction.

He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Claudus L. Handley and Annie Lou Davis Handley, and siblings Claudus L. Handley, Jr., Elizabeth Hembree, Hazel Hancock, and Margret Aiken.

Roger leaves behind his loving wife of 64 years, Joyce Belcher Handley, and sons Larry Handley, and Barry D. Handley (Dan Bergman). He is also survived by his adoring grandchildren, Tiffany Handley Ent (Patrick), Taylor

Handley Highnote (Brandon), and Payton Handley, as well as his great-grandchildren, Dakota Ent and Whitley James Highnote who will all carry forward his legacy of love and kindness.

A graveside service in his honor will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 2 o'clock at Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto, Georgia, with Reverend David Smith and Mike O'Hara officiating. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during the visitation on Friday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery Association, 502 Ramah Dr, Palmetto, GA 30268, in memory of Roger's generous spirit and enduring faith.

Roger Dean Handley will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his community, his love of family, and his gentle spirit. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Floral Hills Cemetery

Palmetto, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory
8355 Senoia Road
Fairburn, GA 30213
(770) 964-4800
info@parrottfuneralhome.com
<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Floral Hills Cemetery
209 Spring St
Palmetto, GA 30268

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Roger was as a good friend. He and I shared many times together just having fun with one another, Roger helped me with many funerals at several locations. I will always remember his happy attitude and wanting others to have the same. I am so sorry I could not make the memorial as I had responsibilities with my own church.

Buddy Waldron - April 15 at 09:26 AM

WL

“ Wayne & Patricia Lee lit a candle in memory of Roger Dean Handley



Wayne & Patricia Lee - April 11 at 01:40 PM



“ My deep sympathy to the family of Roger. We started 1st grade together, and graduated together from CHS. He also worked with my cousin at the Atlanta Fire Dept. I will never forget celebrating Lynn Bradley's 40th birthday party at his mom's home in Palmetto, when one of the fireworks set off caught the lower branches of a pine tree on fire, and we had great fun teasing Roger about calling the fire department. There were 13 of us who went from 1st grade all the way through school to graduation, and we have already lost so many of them. we remaining classmates and friends will miss you, Roger, and someday we 13 will have a reunion in Heaven with Jesus.



Carol Beaber - April 10 at 07:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Dean Handley.*



April 10 at 04:52 PM



“ *Love Laurie and Jon McGinnis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger Dean Handley.*



Love Laurie and Jon McGinnis - April 09 at 07:54 PM



“ *The O'Hara Family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Roger Dean Handley.*



The O'Hara Family - April 09 at 01:01 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Roger Dean Handley.*



April 09 at 12:54 PM

CA

“ I met Mr. Roger at Holly Hill funeral home when I was employed at Holly Hill Memorial Garden in 2016 .i worked with his son Larry HANLEY at the cemetery. Mr Roger will be missed by all who knew him



Cecilia Arnold Ms A - April 09 at 12:27 PM

BA

“ Bill & Margaret Arrington lit a candle in memory of Roger Dean Handley



Bill & Margaret Arrington - April 08 at 07:56 PM

ME

“ Loved being around Roger! I worked with him at Parrotts Funeral Home and really enjoyed his comments and humor. He was a "down to earth" guy and will be missed.

Mike Eidson - April 08 at 12:27 PM

LW

“ Larry Waters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Dean Handley.



Larry Waters - April 08 at 04:31 AM

PC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Roger. Loved the guy. Loved his family. He was always fun to be around with and work with. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family RIP ROGER.

Paul Chaknis - April 07 at 07:20 PM

LN

“ Lee & Pat Norton lit a candle in memory of Roger Dean Handley



Lee & Pat Norton - April 07 at 05:08 PM



“ Roger Handley was a very cool dude working with Him at Bradley's in 70s RIP

Sam Coggin - April 07 at 12:21 PM

BV

He was such a kind and gracious person. He will be missed by many and my heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

Brenda Eskew Varnadoe - April 09 at 01:42 AM

GM

I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My heartfelt condolences to the Family and Friends. I remember him well.

Gisela Mangus (Burke)

Gisela mangus - April 11 at 09:38 PM