



## Rodger Dale Clifton

July 20, 1956 - October 19, 2025

Rodger Dale Clifton passed away peacefully at his home in Walnut, MS, on October 17, 2025, at the age of 69. He was surrounded by family after a well-fought health battle.

Dale was born to the late Mary Lillian Rutherford and Vance Lee Clifton on July 20, 1956, in Memphis, TN. Dale's primary education was in Ripley, MS. He worked most of his life in either the furniture or elevator industries, where he made numerous friends. Dale, also affectionately known as Goose by his softball buddies, enjoyed having fun in all aspects of life - both work and personal. Dale always kept a positive attitude, even through the most challenging times. He was a member of County Line Baptist Church. Dale was proudest of his family, and his lasting legacy is built upon his life as a husband, daddy, pawpaw, and avid Ole Miss Rebel fan.

Dale is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Betty. Married in 1974, Dale and Betty celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary on October 12, 2025. In addition, Betty served as Dale's primary caregiver for many years later in life, and she was the best honorary nurse that he's ever had.

Dale is also survived by two sons, Shannon Clifton of Walnut, MS, and Cody Clifton, of Savannah, GA; a sister Dian Young (Floyd) of Freeland, MI; a special friend: Tara Skinner of Walnut, MS; and a companion Rebel Clifton

(French bulldog); and a host of nieces and nephews, including sharing special bonds with nieces Lou Ann Clifton Gonzalez and Tonya Settlemares.

Grandchildren include Kelsey Bennett (Luke) of Walnut, MS, Amber Wilbanks (Cole) of Falkner, MS, and Patrick Clifton of Walnut, MS. Great-grandchildren include Abigail and Ellie Bennett and Cohen and Kenna Wilbanks. Bonus grandchildren include Addie and Wesley Jones.

The family extends their most heartfelt gratitude to the community who supported Dale throughout his journey, his incredible healthcare providers, and their teams across the Mid-South, and Legacy Hospice of New Albany.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, David Clifton and Bobby Joe Clifton; one sister, Inez Brockwell; and his great-grandson Bentley Wilbanks.

Officiated by Bro. Howard Goolsby, Assisting Minister: Bro. Tim Watson and Bro. Bradley Watson

Pallbearers: Patrick Clifton, Luke Bennett, Cole Wilbanks, Billy Shane Young, Robert Jackson, Kerry King, Dennis Dickey, Shane Brockwell, Andy Jones.

Honorary: Johnny Eaton, Jim Jackson, Terry Jones, Gaither Barnes, Bobby Joe Talley, Donnie Clifton, Dale Clifton, James Clifton, Joe Clifton, Phillip Bates.

# Cemetery Details

**County Line Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
(662) 837-8101  
mbrideripley@gmail.com  
<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

### Visitation

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

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## Service

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*Graveside service after at County Line Cemetery, Walnut, MS*

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *As a very young child my sisters and myself loved the plums you and Betty would bring to mama’s: you were loved.* ”



Bonnie melton - October 21, 2025 at 09:00 PM

TB

“ *Tommy & Tina Bonds lit a candle in memory of Rodger Dale Clifton* ”



Tommy & Tina Bonds - October 20, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.* ”



October 20, 2025 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ *CPESN Mississippi purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.* ”



CPESN Mississippi - October 20, 2025 at 02:21 PM

LF

“ Love, Randy,Robert and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.



Love, Randy,Robert and family - October 20, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ I'm so sorry. Sending prayers to the family.



Stephanie McClintock - October 20, 2025 at 10:01 AM

GM

“ Gayle McCracken purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.



Gayle McCracken - October 20, 2025 at 09:14 AM

JM

“ Joe and Ashley Moose purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.



Joe and Ashley Moose - October 20, 2025 at 01:01 AM

HF

“ Harskin “HJ” Hayes & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.



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**Harskin “HJ” Hayes & Family** - October 19, 2025 at 11:25 PM

BB

“ Bettie Bass lit a candle in memory of Rodger Dale Clifton



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**Bettie Bass** - October 19, 2025 at 08:05 PM

RM

“ Randy & Carol McDonough purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodger Dale Clifton.



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**Randy & Carol McDonough** - October 19, 2025 at 06:54 PM

BG

“ Dale will forever and always be know as Goose to a lot of BenchCraft people!!! Always thought a lot of him and Betty!!! So very sorry for the loss of such a precious guy!!!!  
Brenda Grant



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**Brenda Grant** - October 19, 2025 at 06:51 PM

BW

“ Dale was a great guy. I am blessed to have known him and call him a friend. Go rest high on that mountain. Prayers for the family.

Belinda Wagoner - October 19, 2025 at 06:44 PM

SM

“ Sandra Miller lit a candle in memory of Rodger Dale Clifton



sandra miller - October 19, 2025 at 12:49 AM

MM

*Sending our love and prayers, your way..Betty and Cody. Ralph and Margaret Meeks*

Margaret Q Meeks - October 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM