



## Ralph Cecil Ferrell Sr.

July 23, 1941 - January 26, 2017

What a man likes is a day away from things, a blue sky and a body of water. The west wind gently blowing, for when the fishing's sure, a friend to share the glory with, and when the fish has taken the lure. Ralph Cecil Ferrell, Sr., was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish and hunt. Just as the trees teach us acceptance when the leaves die in the fall, Ralph Ferrell passed away suddenly at his home in Crawfordville, Florida, on January 26, 2017. Like the old stones that suffer with memory, may we learn renewal like the seeds that rise in the spring. Ralph was born in Hayesville, North Carolina, on July 23, 1941, to the late Clinton Lamar and Hettie (Beal) Ferrell. He spent his early years in Tallahassee, Florida, and graduated from Leon High School in 1960. He joined the Air Force to see the world and was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base! During this time, he married Patricia Ireland from Tallahassee and from this union they had a son, Ralph Cecil Ferrell, Jr. (better known to us as Bo). After his honorable discharge, he returned to Tallahassee, Florida, and began his 35+ year career with the Florida Department of Revenue and retired in 2003. After retirement, his new passion became golf and he enjoyed the beauty and challenge of the game. He also made a Hole in One at the Hilaman Golf Course which was documented by his golfing buddies, Jeff Jansen, Harry Symons, and John Holgan. Ralph is a Past Exalted Ruler of Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Julia Montford Ferrell, and three sons: Bo (wife, Brenda, and sons Cody [Shelby] and Dillon and great grandson

Carter); Scott (wife, Mandy, and daughters Laila, Madalyn, and Harli); and Grayson (wife, Jennifer, and daughters Emma and Abigail). He is also survived by his sister, Donni (Vernon) Drawdy of Clermont, Florida; brother-in-law, Tommy D. Montford of Beacon Hill, Florida; and sister-in-law, Judi (Donnie) Sellers of Beacon Hill, Florida. He also leaves behind his beloved nieces and nephews: Debbie (Joe) Akos; Trip (Elyse) Drawdy; Diane (Edmond) Millar; Clint (Jennifer) Drawdy; Jayce Sellers; Rod (Samantha) Sellers; Jillian Sellers; Keefe Sellers; and Barrett (Melissa) Sellers. Relatives and friends are invited to join the Ferrell family to remember a father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother; pay tribute to the thrill of the hunt and big catch and to celebrate virtue, diligence, and brotherly love at Ralph's Life of Celebration on Sunday, February 5, 2017, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm at the Tallahassee Elks Lodge (276 North Magnolia Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301). No flowers are requested but donations may be made in his memory to the Harry Anna Trust Fund, c/o Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937. Todd Wahlquist of Bevis Funeral Home, is assisting the Ferrell family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee Elks Lodge  
276 N. Magnolia Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Ralph married my mom Linda in the early seventies and I and my brother Craig were granted the best step-dad that a kid could ever ask for. He taught me valuable life lessons and the proper way to treat people. I have never forgotten and never will forget how he would mow the front yard in a way that it would leave stripes in the grass to look like a football field just so a little kid ( me ) could run up and down the field scoring touchdowns in my uniform. Ralph was more than a step-dad to me he was my Dad and I will forever be grateful for Ralph being in my life as a young boy. He was the best and I will always have love in my heart for Big Ralph my Dad. Im a better person for Ralph being in my life, Rest in peace*

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**Britt Burton** - February 02, 2017 at 07:36 PM

DJ

“ *Grayson, Jennifer, Emma A and Abby J and rest of the Ferrell family: Prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. God will be with each one of you during this time of sorrow. Remember all the good times.*  
*Derrill & Janice (Cooper) Jones*

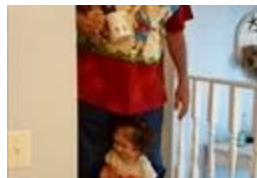


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**Derrill and Janice (Cooper) Jones** - February 02, 2017 at 06:27 PM

GF

“ *Dad and Abby Christmas morning*



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**Grayson Ferrell** - February 02, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ *Ralph's smiling face will be missed at the Tallahassee Elks Lodge. He was always happy to see you and had a friendly word for you. Andrea and I enjoyed being friends with Ralph and are sad to see him go, but we know he is still with us in Spirit. We are sad for the loss of our friend and the deep loss felt by Julia, family and friends. Til we meet again...*

Wayne Harrell - February 02, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Abby loved her Papa!*



Jennifer Hallaian-Ferrell - February 02, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Shelby Kramm - February 02, 2017 at 08:49 AM



*Miss you my friend.*

Nancy Linsdsey - February 04, 2017 at 01:54 PM

DG

“ *Julia and Family,  
May God's grace carry you through this sad and difficult time.  
Love,  
Dorothy and Lee  
Bill and Caitlin  
Matt and Julie*

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**Dorothy Gilbert** - February 02, 2017 at 08:20 AM

VN

“ *Rest in blessed peace, Ralph. God called a good man home. Julia, I pray for peace and comfort for you, yours and the Ferrell family in this difficult time.*

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**VERENA NIX** - February 02, 2017 at 06:13 AM

PL

*Prayers for peace and comfort for Julia and family.*

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**Patti Liles** - February 02, 2017 at 02:06 PM

SL

“ *I was at Ralph & Julia's wedding. The love lasted. Rest In Peace Ralph.*



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**Su Lynch** - February 01, 2017 at 09:01 PM