



Rudolf "Rudy" Overholser

March 19, 1949 - April 18, 2025

Rudolf "Rudy" Overholser, [76], passed away peacefully on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. A beloved resident of both Tallahassee, Florida, and Sterling, Virginia, Rudy touched the lives of many with his kindness, humor, and dedication to his family and community.

Born on March 19, 1949 on a U.S. Air Force Base in Munich, Germany, Rudy grew up with a passion for service in the community, a great love for his country because of his Dad's career service in the U.S. Air Force and passion for any kind of sport, but mainly football.

Coming to know Jesus, as his Lord and Savior in his Senior year of High School, he chose to forgo his scholarship to The Citadel and instead pursued his passion for ministry and spreading the gospel. He built a career serving the body of Christ in various pastoral and counseling positions in several churches within Virginia and Florida throughout his 40+ year career.

No matter where he was, he was always driven by the desire to lead others to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He was deeply involved in leading many Bible Studies, counseled new couples for marriage, supported other leaders in church ministry and traveled to several other countries to share the love of Jesus. His goal was always to uplift those around him by sharing the truths of the Bible. After retiring from full-time ministry, he restarted a

residential paint contracting business he first began as a young man, to help pay his way through college. Whether in church or on the jobsite, his leadership and desire to mentor and share about the truths of life, made a lasting impact on many.

Rudy is survived by his 6 children, Matthew Overholser (Melody), Jamee Wright, Jonathan Overholser, Stephen Overholser (Emily), Selestine Overholser, Ruth Gray, and his 13 grandchildren. His siblings, David Overholser (Becky) of Eagle Lake, MN and Kathryn O. Phillips of Suffolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his Father, James Andrew Overholser and Mother, Helga (Helen) G. Brawley (Helen G. Overholser)

His favorite moments were spent conversing and enjoying fellowship over a richly brewed cup of coffee, sharing a great meal, cheering on his favorite team or most anything, as long as it was with his kids, grandkids or host of cherished friends.

His heart and warmth will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Four Oaks Community Church (4500 W. Shannon Lakes Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309) on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 2:00pm with a Celebration of Life Service to immediately follow at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his honor be made to Grace Valley Ministries: www.gracevalleyministries.org

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Four Oaks Community Church
4500 W. Shannon Lakes Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear old friend. I know you will be greatly missed. You have fought a good fight and honored the Lord along the way. See you soon!

Patti Thomas Martin, FBC - May 27, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ Rudy was a a godly man and great pastor and leader in the church. It was an honor to have known him and experience his ministry in our lives. He finished the race well and is enjoying being with his Lord now. He will be missed greatly. Kerry and Ginny Schoolfield

Kerry Schoolfield - May 16, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ I'm very sorry to learn of Rudy's passing. I can't remember when last I saw him. Probably when Aunt Helga and Uncle Jim were in Tullahoma. I am his cousin, Brenda Overholser Craig. I remember when he first came to the US and spoke no English. He was just a little tot. I'm the oldest of the cousins. This is my email if any of you are interested. bcraigut@gmail.com I live in Alcoa TN. Again my deepest sympathy. Brenda

Brenda O Craig - May 14, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ I miss our chicken nights... they were always a good time.

Gene Bayer - May 06, 2025 at 01:06 PM

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“ I remember Rudy as a gentle spirit and kind man, I always enjoyed chatting with him. Matt I feel for you my bicycling friend. Prayers to the family, God bless.

Craig Brown - May 02, 2025 at 10:44 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Pictures with Rudy



Steve Watts - April 29, 2025 at 09:23 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of Rudy-overnight trips to Big Meadows Lodge-weekly Bible Studies Rudy taught in our home-helping us through Sarah's cancer treatments-many hallway conversations at church-seeing you in GA at our wedding vow renewal-we praise the Lord for you Rudy, your life and ministry. See you in heaven Brother. In Christ, Steve Watts

Steve Watts - April 29, 2025 at 09:19 PM