

A TRUCKER'S PRAYER

by Bob Johnson

Lord, please help me be safe
as I travel each mile.

Let your presence guide me
and bring me a smile.

Take care of my family
while I am away.

Let them know I miss them
each and every day.

Steer me clear of danger
as I cross the country alone.

I put my hands in yours, Lord.

Keep me safe,
get me home.



PALLBEARERS

Da'drick Bartley

Kevin Bartley

Caphrus Dawson

D'Marco Dawson

Travis Jackson

Tyrese Scott

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To those of you who reached out to us in love, prayers, and kindness, the family extends our profound appreciation. It is our prayer that God will bless each of you as you have truly been a blessing to us.

The Family



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Celebration of Life



JERRY "ROAD DOG" BARTLEY

SUNRISE

July 28, 1955

SUNSET

December 1, 2023

Saturday, December 9, 2023

11:00 AM

Gaillard Church of Christ

2465 Zenith Mill Road

Roberta, GA 31078

Rev. L.M. McRae, Eulogist

REMEMBERING JERRY

Mr. Jerry Bartley was born July 28, 1955 in Roberta, GA to Fronnie Elizabeth Bartley and Melvin Fleming, Sr. of Perry, GA. In his early years, his family briefly relocated to Miami, FL. Several years later, they returned to Roberta where he continued his education in the Crawford County School system until he enrolled in Upson Tech. There, he briefly studied welding before finding his true passion, driving semi-trucks. Jerry worked other jobs during this time due to his young age restricting his ability to drive routes outside of the local area. He had no idea that one of his other jobs would lead him to another love, Linda Scott. Their love story would go on to include 44 years of marriage, 2 children, and 6 grandchildren whom he loved and adored.

Although he was a man of few words, Jerry was known and loved by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He was a soft spoken, yet firm man who loved the Lord, his family, and driving semis more than anything. His love for driving semis earned him his CB handle, "Road Dog", which he became known as on and off the road. His passion for the open road afforded him a fulfilling career that allowed him to drive throughout 48 states multiple times before his health forced him into an early retirement in 2008. He spent his remaining years with family and spoiling his grandkids. He passed away surrounded by family on December 1, 2023.

Jerry's parents, Fronnie Bartley and Melvin Fleming, Sr., both preceded him in death, as well as a devoted grandmother, Wonzie L. Bartley, uncle, Harry Bartley, brothers: Karl Bartley, Marcus L. Fleming (Brenda), and sisters: Ethelyn Fleming Ekorikoh (Udom), Jennifer Fleming Jackson (Anderson), and Mattie Fleming Bryant (Aaron).

Jerry is survived by a loving, devoted wife and soulmate, Linda Bartley, two children: BrenDeshia Bartley and Brad Bartley (Kenya), six grandchildren: Jalen Bartley, Adrienne Bartley, Dorian Bartley, Kaleb Bartley, Loryn Bartley, and Raleigh Bartley. He is also survived by a devoted aunt, Willie Mae Rumph, and siblings: Colleen Jackson, Jacquelyn Rutherford (Bobby), Micheal Stephens, Shirlene Bartley, Lawanda Bartley, Stevie Bartley (Angela), Melvin Fleming, Jr. (Betty), Zerita Copeland, John Fleming, and lifelong, devoted friend, Winston Jones. He also has a large host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and close friends that will continue to keep his memory alive.



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