



## Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr.

March 16, 1934 - July 7, 2016

PRINCETON - Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr., 82, of Princeton died Thursday, July 7, 2016 at Princeton Community Hospital. Born March 16, 1934 in Pearisburg, VA he was the son of the late Wirt J. Ratcliffe and Zenobia Davis Ratcliffe.

Roy began his floral career when he was eleven years old at Roller Floral Greenhouses in Pearisburg, Virginia. In 1957, he opened and operated Roller Floral Company in Princeton for 38 years. Then he partnered with Mickey Chambers and managed Princeton Floral for 20 years. A year ago he fulfilled his dream of opening Myra's Flower Shop in Princeton with his daughter, Myra Dyer and son-in-law, Larry. Roy was a member of BPOE #1459 in Princeton, Princeton Masonic Lodge #134 AF & AM and the Shrine Club.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by seven brothers, Budley, Tommy, Luther, Cecil, Claude, Odell and Oakley and one sister, Sally Viars.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Harriet Ellen Wilson Ratcliffe; one son, Roy "Chuck" Ratcliffe, Jr. of Charlotte, NC; two daughters, Myra Dyer and husband Larry of Princeton and Valerie Young and husband Jim of Vienna, WV; grandchildren whom he adored, Ashley Ratcliffe of Glendale, CA, Brittany Riffe-Ries and Lisa of Van Nuys, CA and Hannah Dyer of Princeton; great grandchildren, Jack and Liam Silva of Glendale, CA; one brother, Roger

Ratcliffe and wife Brenda of Salem, VA; two sisters, Bonnie Ratcliff and husband Clyde of Pearisburg, VA and Francis Farley and husband Billy of Pearisburg, VA and special co-workers, David Pendleton and Dianna Cottle.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 2016 at Fairview Christian Community Church with Rev. Larry Dyer officiating.

Interment will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 11 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Pallbearers will be Bruce Blankenship, David Wert, David Pendleton, Clayton Hall, Mickey Chambers, Danny Buckner and Dana "Happy" Bragg. Friends attending the committal service are asked to meet at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton by 1:45 p.m. on Monday.

Friends may visit with the family from 5:00 p.m. until the service hour on Sunday, July 10 at Fairview Christian Community Church, 120 Black Oak Road, Princeton.

The Ratcliffe family is being served by Roy's friends at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home and Seaver Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com) or [www.seaverfuneralservice.com](http://www.seaverfuneralservice.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Fairview Christian Community Church  
120 Black Oak Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

## Funeral Service

JUL 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Christian Community Church  
120 Black Oak Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

## Graveside Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens  
450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740



# Tribute Wall



“ Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr.

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Roy!!*

*Some of the greatest memories in my life were visiting with you Aunt Ellen, Val, Myra, and Chuck as a child and everyone sitting around the dining room table talking and laughing. Those are memories I will never forget and cherish!*

*I love you Aunt Ellen, Val, Myra, and Chuck as always you are in my thoughts and prayers*

*Love,  
Junior*

Dewey Wilson Jr. - July 10, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ *I remember growing up on the mountain with all of Uncle Wirt's kids and my granddaddy's kids. There were a lot of us and sometimes Sunday dinners at either home house was something to see. Table and tables of food but of course us smaller kids had to eat after the adults. I can remember Roy handing some of us a plate so we could go sit on the grass and eat. I'll never forget that. I remember him as always being sweet. I haven't been around him since I grew up but my memories of us on the mountain will never ever leave me. I send my condolences to all his family.*

Carol Ratcliffe Ross - July 10, 2016 at 01:05 PM

PG

“ *Myra I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Ratcliffe was a wonderful person and he was so kind to me and my mom and we thought so much of him. He will be missed not only for his beautiful flower arrangements but because he was a kind and thoughtful person*

*Pat Glass*

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**pat glass** - July 10, 2016 at 10:19 AM

LA

“ *Libby Angell-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr.*



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**Libby Angell-Coleman** - July 10, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr..*



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July 09, 2016 at 05:55 PM

PW

“ *I have known Roy for yrs....he always had a kind word and smile to share....My prayers goes out to his family.....he will be missed by all who knew him.*

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**Patty Workman** - July 09, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr..*



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July 09, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *Had just visited Myra's to pick up vclass reunion flowers 2 Saturday's ago and had a nice conversation with Roy. As all have said he was so very kind and helpful. The Princeton Community will surely miss him, but he has someone wonderful to fill his footprints. My thoughts are with his family.*

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**Leisha Rice Cook** - July 09, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *I have known Roy for most of my life, he always had a kind word and a smile to share. My condolences go out to his family. He will be sorely missed by all of his friends in Princeton.*

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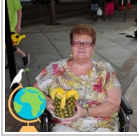
**Doug Coleman** - July 09, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *I have done alot of business with the flower shop, every time I went there he and the staff was good to me. I will miss his smile when I walk in the door of the shop.my heart goes out to the family .will be greatly miss. Patrick Broyles*

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**Patrick Broyles** - July 08, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ Ibbey Quesenberry purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "No Farewell Words Were Spoken" for the family of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr..



Ibbey Quesenberry - July 08, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ Ibbey Quesenberry purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." for the family of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr..



Ibbey Quesenberry - July 08, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ I am very sorry. Roy was a friend of my mom's for many years, and I remember when neighbors Bill and Gladys Jones worked for him at Roller Floral. Bill and I were in high school. He taught them a lot. That was in the 60's.



kaye williams - July 08, 2016 at 09:57 PM



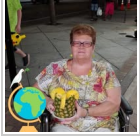
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kaye williams - July 08, 2016 at 09:54 PM

FM

“ Roy was always kind, creative and caring. RIP. Prayers for his family, friends and co-workers.

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**Fran Morris** - July 08, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ I can remember Roy being in Roller Floral early in the mornings when I would get off work at 7:15. Even though the shop wasn't officially open, he would always take my order. He was a "fixture" in Roller Floral just as he had become in Myra's Flower Shop. Roy, your works of art will be missed just as you shall be missed. My deepest sympathy to the Dyer/Ratcliffe family.

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**Ibby Quesenberry** - July 08, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr..



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July 08, 2016 at 08:01 PM

JB

“ He was a hard worker and friendly man. I loved to tease him. He was my favorite florist ever. I've known him since I was a young girl. I will miss my Roy Boy dearly. I pray for his family. I know he has lots of beautiful flowers where he is going. He will probably make GOD a beautiful arrangement. May his love and memories be with us all forever.

*Roy Boy you made it. Hopefully we will all see your smile one day.*

*Jan B*

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**Jan Bowles** - July 08, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MD

*Thank you Jan....he loved you so much !*

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**Myra Dyer** - July 22, 2016 at 04:12 PM

JB

“ *Judith Buckner sent a virtual gift in memory of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr.*



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**Judith Buckner** - July 08, 2016 at 07:25 PM

JB

*Myra, so sorry for the loss of your precious father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. May God give you Peace and Comfort during this very difficult time. (Judy Buckner)*

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**Judith Buckner** - July 08, 2016 at 11:35 PM

JT

“ *A Little Something In Memory of Roy!*



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**Jo Ann Tilley** - July 08, 2016 at 07:00 PM

BJ

“ *Our thoughts are always with you.we love you. Barbara and Fuzzy Johnson*



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**barbara johnson** - July 08, 2016 at 06:20 PM

TB

“ *Tony Bowen lit a candle in memory of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr.*



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**Tony bowen** - July 08, 2016 at 06:01 PM

SB

“ *Susan Blake lit a candle in memory of Roy W. Ratcliffe, Sr.*



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**Susan Blake** - July 08, 2016 at 05:28 PM

BT

“ Roy was always so helpful and nice whenever you needed flowers. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Beverly Thomas - July 08, 2016 at 05:05 PM

CS

“ Myra, I am so sorry for your loss. Roy was a great man and will surely be missed here on this earth, but rejoicing with the angels in heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and your entire family.



Charlene Sexton - July 08, 2016 at 04:45 PM

CR

*Sending our love and hugs*

Carol Riffe - July 08, 2016 at 04:54 PM

CS

*So sorry to hear this. Roy was so very good to my mother. She was sick for 20 years and so many times he would knock on the door with flowers for her. The card would say from your buddy Roy..Just wanted to make you smile..He always treated the Tiller and Thomas family with the deepest respect. May God give peace to each of his family and friends ...Thanks for your service Roy..*

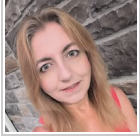
Connie Tiller Stalmach - July 08, 2016 at 06:06 PM

NM

“ I have known Roy for 30-40 years in the floral business and have always been treated professionally and sincerely. He was one of a kind and he will be definitely be missed by not only his family but by so many people in the area. RIP Roy.



Norma McKinney - July 08, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Roy was a great man. He always took great care of me & my family. Prayers for his family & friends.

Paula King - July 08, 2016 at 03:19 PM

TB

Prayers and thoughts to you and your family may you find comfort and peace with Jesus during this very difficult time prayers for every one and your family

Tamara Bradbury Broussard - July 08, 2016 at 04:24 PM

HY

Roy was a friend to everyone..Loved to make the beautiful floral arrangements..he will be missed..love and prayers to his family..

Helen Young - July 08, 2016 at 06:23 PM

DH

Blessings to the ratcliffe family. Don Huff

Don huff - July 08, 2016 at 11:37 PM

GW

Ive known Roy for over 40 years my brother in law worked in the Bluefield store for Roy i was young but for years mabe 3or 4 generations my family would only buy flowers an we requested Roy make the flower arrngment he would fix excalty what we ask for he was a wonderful person as a florist (the best) will be sadly missed RIP Roy God needs a special florit

Garnett Evans Wiley - July 09, 2016 at 01:18 AM

MA

Myra ,so sorry for the loss of your father.Mabel Thompson

Mabel - July 11, 2016 at 11:45 AM