



Rodney Wayne Cockerham

September 26, 1948 - February 12, 2023

Rodney Wayne Cockerham passed away on February 12, 2023 at the age of 74 surrounded by his wife and two daughters. Rodney was born on September 26, 1948 in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albin Valentine (A.V.) Cockerham and Gretchen Morrison Cockerham, and his brother Roy William (Chip) Cockerham.

Rodney is survived by his wife, Sherry Josey Cockerham; his daughters, Laura Cockerham Buisson (Benjamin) and Jenny Cockerham Yarbrough (Lowry); his four grandchildren, Lillie Mae Yarbrough, Vivi Leigh Yarbrough, Blaire Whatley Buisson, and Beau William Buisson. He is also survived by one nephew, William Shane Cockerham (Abby).

Rodney was a resident of Laurel, MS and a long-time member of First Baptist Church. He enjoyed golfing with friends and spending time with his family. Rodney graduated from Northeast Jones High School and then attended the University of Southern Mississippi graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Business. He finished his education at Louisiana State University School of Banking. His career in banking brought many opportunities with Laurel Federal Savings and Loan, First Federal of Andalusia, AL, and Commercial National Bank (now Trustmark). The greatest milestone of his career was founding The Bank of Jones County and serving as CEO until its merger with First State Bank.

Arrangements include a visitation on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at First Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m. The funeral will follow at 1 p.m., officiated by Dr. Randy Turner, and a graveside service at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Pallbearers: Jeffrey Bynum, Billy Horne, Jon Howard, Billy Sumrall, Tony Thaxton, and Wayne Traylor. Honorary Pallbearers: Ronnie Clark, Joe Sanderson and the men of Tom Blake's FBC Sunday School Class.

To sign the online guestbook, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

FEB 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ Grew up with Rodney(aka Buddy) and his brother Chip since grade school. Have many fond memories of things we did together (looking back now some were really dumb).
Didn't see Buddy much over last number of years but I did stop and see him at the Bank when I was in town. We would share some memories. He will be greatly missed and my prayers for family.

Claude Fox - February 18, 2023 at 10:02 AM

JC

“ jo campbell lit a candle in memory of Rodney Cockerham



jo ann campbell - February 16, 2023 at 01:38 PM

MB

“ We send our love and prayers to all of you. Rodney was such a dear friend to us. He will certainly be missed. Margaret and Michael Brooks.

Michael Brooks - February 14, 2023 at 04:39 PM

RG

“ Sending love and prayers of comfort to Sherry and the family. Rodney was loved by many, respected by even more, cherished by his many friends and definitely feared by his adversaries. As a boss, he made many of us want to do better and be better. He will be sorely missed but he is completely healed now! Love, Rhonda Gilbert

Rhonda Gilbert - February 14, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Cockerham.*



February 14, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Sherry I will not be able to go to the service I am sick. I loved Rodney and I love you and the girls. Love and prayers, Margaret Wilkerson*

Margaret Wilkerson - February 14, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Cockerham.*



February 13, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Cockerham.*



February 13, 2023 at 04:45 PM

JC

“ I knew Rodney when he was with Commercial National Bank, and as a father of a daughter on my "T" Ball team "The Angels" A fine man, and an asset to Jones County. I'm saddened to hear of his passing!

John C. Cox - February 13, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Wayne Cockerham.



February 13, 2023 at 02:29 PM