



## Mr. James Rodney Kennamer

May 5, 1950 - August 20, 2023

Mr. James Rodney Kennamer, age 73 of Irondale, Alabama passed away Sunday, August 20, 2023 at his home.

Rodney was born on May 5, 1950 (Cinco de Mayo, as liked to remind everyone) in Guntersville, Alabama to Elvin & Marie Kennamer. He graduated from Section High School, Southern Union Community College, UAB, and Samford University. Rodney was a master carpenter and taught carpentry at West End High School. He spent most of his career in the Tarrant School System as principal, coach, and as an administrator. In his retirement, Rodney enjoyed sailing, hiking, and fly fishing.

He is survived by his son, James (Stacy) Kennamer; daughter, Emily (Ken) Nebrig; two grandsons, Brooks Nebrig and Zach Kennamer; wife, Evelyn Kennamer; brother, DeWade Kennamer; sister, Paula Hall; great aunt, Bonnie Franks; along with a host of Kennamer relatives.

Visitation will be held at Grant Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 12 p.m. in the Grant Memorial Chapel with Bro. Steve Kennamer officiating. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery in Woodville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kennamer Family Association (626 Thomas Lane Woodville, AL 35776) for upkeep of the grounds of Pisgah Cemetery.

## Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

Co. Rd. 8  
Woodville, AL 35776

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 23.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grant Memorial Chapel  
4930 Main Street  
P.O. Box 484  
Grant, AL 35747  
(256) 728-2000  
grantmemorial@nehp.net  
<https://www.grantmemorialchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 23.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ RODNEY PLAYED AT SECTION. I PLAYED AT DAR. WE HAD SEVERAL BATTLES. RODNEY WAS A VERY GOOD BASKETBALL PLAYER PLUS HE WAS ALWAYS VERY FRIENDLY AND RESPECTFULL. ALWAYS WONDERED WHERE HE VENTURED OFF TO. READ ALL THE GREAT WORDS ALL HIS FRIENDS HAD TO SAY WHICH WAS AN HONOR. PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY AND RIP MY FRIEND. JOE LEMASTER

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**Joe b LEMASTER** - September 25, 2023 at 10:50 PM

LP

“ I was stunned when I heard Mr. Kennamer had passed away. I had seen him a few weeks earlier at Richard O'dell's retirement. I was so excited when I saw Rodney walk in the door. Through my teaching/ coaching at Tarrant, I grew to love the man. He was very special to me, because how he always treated me with respect. When I needed advice on a situation at Tarrant, I always went to Mr. Kennamer. This is very sad news for me. I considered Mr. Kennamer a friend. I miss you Rodney.. We had some good laughs together. I will never forget you my friend. You were a special person to me.  
God Bless Rodney Kennamer.

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**Larry Paulin** - September 21, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JH

So sorry to hear of Rodney's passing. He always came to the outings of the transportation Dept. at Tarrant High. He was a very funny and likable person. Rest In Peace,  
Your Friend  
Janet Hardin 🙏

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**Janet Hardin** - September 23, 2023 at 09:35 PM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



John E Schoen - August 28, 2023 at 09:08 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album Kennamer in Irondale



John E Schoen - August 28, 2023 at 08:53 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grant Memorial Chapel - August 23, 2023 at 11:33 AM

BB

“ I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Rodney. I taught at Section when was a student there and his father was our Postmaster. I pray God will wrap his loving arms around Paula , DeWade and the rest of Rodney’s family bringing them peace , comfort and understanding.  
~~Brenda Brown~~Section



Brenda Brown - August 23, 2023 at 10:34 AM

AW

“ I worked with Rodney and Evelyn at Tarrant Middle School. So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with Evelyn and the family.  
Alec Winston

Alec Winston - August 23, 2023 at 02:05 AM

CS

“ My name is Constance Seay, I was a substitute teacher doing a lot of the time he was at Tarrant, we had a nice friendship I often volunteer at the Middle school when he was there. My condolences goes to his family and friends. My prayers are for your comfort at your time of grief.

Constance Seay - August 22, 2023 at 10:42 PM

DR

“ My very best is sent to Rodney’s family. I worked with him in Tarrant cCty Schools System. He was always stopping by classrooms & always with a big smile. My sincerest thoughts and prayers. Dr. Judy Rapp



Dr. Judy Rapp - August 22, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Grant Memorial Chapel** - August 22, 2023 at 02:11 PM

TF

“ Tarrant City School Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. James Rodney Kennamer.



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**Tarrant City School Family** - August 22, 2023 at 11:57 AM

TF

“ Tarrant City School Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Rodney Kennamer.

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**Tarrant City School Family** - August 22, 2023 at 11:57 AM

MI

“ I feel so blessed to have had a friend like Rodney. Me and Dusty shared so many wonderful trips enjoying nature with Rodney. The trips were always an adventure. We hiked the Smokies, the Appalachian Trail through Georgia, witnessed a total solar eclipse, had an encounter with a bear, got lost, saw the synchronous fireflies, climbed Mt Leconte, saw the Big Tree in the Sipsey, and fly fished many mountain streams for the pure beauty of being in nature. At the end of each day we shared a campfire and had many great conversations. I know Rodney loved his family with all his heart. He nearly always talked about Zach and Brooks. I know Rodney was blessed to have Evelyn in his life. Rodney my friend you'll be missed. Happy Trails Tenderfoot...  
Mitch

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Mitch - August 22, 2023 at 11:04 AM

ES

“ Elba S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Rodney Kennamer.

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Elba S. - August 22, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Rodney Kennamer.



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August 22, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. James Rodney Kennamer.

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“ John S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James Rodney Kennamer.

**John S.** - August 22, 2023 at 07:37 AM



“ I had the privilege to work with Rodney at the Tarrant City Schools. Rodney was a great person to work with because he always had a positive attitude and cared about the students and fellow teachers. He was more than a coworker to me because he was good friend. He will be missed. I was so sorry to hear about his passing. His contributions will long be remembered by his students and coworkers. Godspeed.

*Fred Perkins Former Superintendent of Tarrant City Schools*

**Dr. Fred Perkins** - August 21, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ If not for Rodney, I would not have had a wonderful teaching career. I replaced him as Carpentry instructor when he went into admin. He was well liked by everyone. Sad news. Mike.

**Mike Echols** - August 21, 2023 at 08:45 PM