



Rickey Glenn Cornelius

August 15, 1950 - March 15, 2024

Rickey Glenn Cornelius, age 73, of Altoona, passed away on March 15, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, Gramps, and pastor. Rickey was born August 15, 1950, to Dee and Lillian Cornelius of Gadsden. He was a graduate of Emma Sansom High School and Jacksonville State University.

He married Sharon Walker, his wife of 53 years, on April 18, 1970.

Rickey served his country in the U.S. Air Force in the early years of their marriage. After leaving the military he worked for the Kendall Company, and then for Ronnie Watkins Ford until his retirement.

He pastored several churches over the course of his life. He was a good and faithful servant to the Lord and never failed to set a godly example for his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon Walker Cornelius; daughter Christie (Anthony) Wofford; sons: Todd (Dana) Cornelius and Luke (Melinda) Cornelius; grandchildren Hayley (Colby) Moore, Andrew Cornelius, Caleb (Shelby) Wofford, Dylan Cornelius, Joshua Cornelius; great grandson Brooks Moore; sister Pat (Jacky) Brewer; brothers: Don (Judy) Cornelius, Keith (Betty) Cornelius; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lillian Cornelius Johnson and Dee Cornelius; brothers Gaylon Cornelius and Austin Cornelius-Machen; father-in-law and mother-in-law Perry and Rene Walker.

A special thanks to our caregivers and hospice workers.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Etowah Memorial Chapel. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Bro. Joe Wise and Bro. Stanley Naylor will be officiating. Pallbearers will be Colby Moore, Andrew Cornelius, Caleb Wofford, Dylan Cornelius, Keith Cornelius, and Jeff Thompson. Honorary pallbearer is Joshua Cornelius. Etowah Memorial Chapel directing.

Cemetery Details

New Welcome Cemetery

Egypt Rd.
Altoona, AL 35952

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Etowah Memorial Chapel
12600 US Highway 431
Sardis City, AL 35956
(256) 593-4994

Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Brother Ricky played a big part in my life and my children’s lives. His teachings of the word of God will always be a big part in my life. He showed me and my kids so much love and helped me understand how much God loved me. Thank you Sharon, for sharing brother Ricky with so many. Lots of love and prayers to the family.*”

Nicole Patterson - March 17, 2024 at 10:54 PM

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“*Egypt Community has lost one of the best members it has ever had. Rickey and Sharon were founding members of the community center...and without their time and effort, there would not be a community center in Egypt for our families to enjoy. We often forget that! I have many, many loving memories of times we spent working and praying over that construction. I will always be grateful to the Corneliuses, my brother and sister in Christ.*”

Linda Holloman - March 17, 2024 at 10:50 AM