



Karl M. Ratliff

October 15, 1942 - May 22, 2025

Karl Maurice Ratliff, age 82, of Milledgeville, passed away at home on Thursday, May 22, 2025, due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease.

He was born in Tylertown, MS on October 15, 1942. He moved to Savannah in 1990, where he met and married the love of his life, Carol Cook Ratliff. Karl retired from Gulfstream Aerospace, General Dynamics. They later moved to Milledgeville to enjoy friends and family. Karl enjoyed visiting with friends on the lake, but most of all, attending to his beautiful yard, and building things. He is predeceased by his father, H. Ratliff, by his mother and step-father, Alma and James Petty, and also by his daughter, Melissa Lewis, all of Mississippi.

Karl is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol C. Ratliff ; his son, Jeffery (& Cynthia) Ratliff of Ft. Walton Beach, FL ; his step-children, John (& Mary) Bland of Spartanburg, SC, Brian Bland, Savannah, and his sister, Alice Walch, of Moss Point, Mississippi ; his grandsons, Hunter Ratliff, Eli Bishop, Garrett Shouse and Slay Shouse ; his step-grandchildren, Laurel Bland, Bryant Bland, Lindsay Jackson, Jessie Bland, Nic (& Mykayla) Bland, Megan (& Mike) Foster, and 13 great grandchildren.

There will be a private Memorial Service in Savannah at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

HM

“Karl was a gracious, quiet, and lovely man who I meet around 7 years ago when I started volunteering at the at the hospital with Carol. He would call in on Wednesdays to see how our day was going and give Carol the home front news. He and I had a mutual love of sweets and would challenge Carol to make us a treat. He absolutely enjoyed his cats, and they loved him. I am sure he will be missed by those who knew him.

Harriet Morris - May 29, 2025 at 12:42 PM

AS

“Love out to Carol. Karl can finally rest pain free. You both need some rest now. Love you, Annette

Annette Stookey - May 28, 2025 at 04:50 AM

WF

“So sorry about this sad news. Sending love and hugs. Praying for you, Carol, and all your family. Psalm 46:1



Wilder, Sandra Frankin - May 26, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MC

“Jeff, I'm so sorry for your loss. Lossing a parent is a tough thing to go through!

Mark Carter - May 25, 2025 at 02:25 AM

JS

“ I never met Karl, but met his lovely wife Carol at the ALZ support group at the Methodist Church in Milledgeville. My prayers and thoughts are with Carol and the rest of the family.

Judy Speer - May 24, 2025 at 08:13 PM

GM

“ I did not know Karl but prayers for his wife who I have become good friend with at Kroger where I work. Prayers for all the family and friends.

Gale Master - May 24, 2025 at 01:55 PM