



# Roy James Ruff Jr.

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**O**bituary of Roy James Ruff Jr. Please share a memory of Roy to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book Colonel Roy James Ruff Jr. Sunrise: December 30, 1951 in Winnsboro, South Carolina. Sunset: September 1, 2022 in Humble, Texas. Colonel Roy J. Ruff Jr. was born to Roy J. Ruff Sr. and Annie Ruth Clark in Winsboro, South Carolina. Following graduation from Frankfurt High School in Frankfurt, Germany he returned to Columbia, South Carolina and joined the Air Force; first being stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado, for training in 1971. He proudly served his country for 31 years before he retired as a Colonel. While in service he obtained his B.A. Degree in 1977, MBA Degree in 1981, as well as attending Squadron Officer School in 1983, Air Command and Staff College in 1986, the Interagency Institute in 1995 and Harvard University in 1997. While serving in the military, he spent many years as a Hospital Administrator. Throughout his military career Colonel Ruff received recognition and honors for his service such as, The Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Force Excellent Organization Award; and the National Defense Service Medal. After serving his country he continued to serve others as a valued employee of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Colonel Ruff is preceded in death by his parents, Roy J. Ruff Sr. and Annie Ruth Clark; sister Lula M. Perry; brothers Stanley A. Ruff, Willie J. Ruff; and brother-in-law Richard Maple. He is survived by his loving wife Vy Nguyen Ruff; daughters Camisha Lalita Ruff, Chanetra Ruff Clisby, Nicole Kyoko Ruff Lehman (Jeffrey Robert Lehman), Lauren Christine Ruff; sons Richie Nguyen Ruff, Ronnie Nguyen Ruff; sisters Annie L. Randolph (James), Rose Marie Maple, Priscilla Ruff; grandchildren Johnathan Wayne Dokes Jr. (Tianna Charmaine Dokes), Amaya Deziree Dokes, Emery Craig Clisby Jr., Akiya Siray Goodwin, Sha'Marr Amaanii Jibreel Odom, Simone Marie Lehman, Robin Reese Lehman; great grandchildren Mia Isabella Dokes, Matthew Isaiah Dokes, Myles Ian Dokes,



## Obituary

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Evanua Shantara Clisby, Sophia Aliana Tenney, Jamal Amaanii Odom, and a host of many other family and friends. Colonel Ruff loved the life he lived and enjoyed his hobbies of playing golf every chance he could, listening to the Golden Oldies, Motown, Funk, and Jazz music, playing cards with friends, and just being surrounded by family, friends, and neighbors. He helped others without hesitation with a kind heart and giving spirit. Colonel Roy J. Ruff Jr. will remain in our hearts for a lifetime. We will love you always. "A man's love for his family is like no other. Your unconditional love for us will be in our hearts for a lifetime. Until we meet again for you to hold us in your open arms rest in peace. We love you dearly. "



## Tribute Wall

**Roy James Ruff Jr.**

RC

**Rosa De La Cruz** posted:

RJ was one of the nicest, intelligent, and remarkable boss I ever had during my working career. Although he did not know it, he was my mentor. I loved him dearly because he was honest, fair, and handled himself with great integrity. He is well missed. I pray for his wife, Ivy, and all his children, that God will give them strength to continue his legacy.

June 14 at 7:00 PM

WR

**Willie J Ruff Iii** posted:

You were a great man Uncle Roy. Uncle Roy, Uncle Stan, Granddad Roy and my Dad Willie J Ruff were my role models. I really miss y'all and love y'all. Thank you so much for being in my life Uncle Roy!

September 23 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Justin Maple** posted:

Uncle Roy, You will forever be missed and I love you.

September 9 at 7:00 PM

AR

**Annie Randolph** posted:

Tribute to Roysl can't find enough words to express how truly Blessed we were to have Roy as our big brother. He was always kind hearted and loving. He loved God and his family. He never forgot where he came from. He always taught us to stick together and love each other. Also to be a leader not a follower. He was always full of joy and laughter and had a big contagious smile that would light up any room. He always had a positive attitude and was the glue that kept the family together. May his love, inspirations, and advice remain in our hearts forever. His memories will live on. We will forever love and miss him. May you rest in peace in Heaven with God. Gone but not forgotten. Love Always,  
Your Sister Annie

September 8 at 7:00 PM

GW

**Gwen** posted:

Continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand. Camisha keeping you and your family in our hearts and prayers. Gwen

September 8 at 7:00 PM



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SH

**Shamika** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Ruff family. I pray that God gives you a peace that no man would understand. 2 Cor 5:6...To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

September 8 at 7:00 PM

ST

**Su & Tran** posted:

Our deepest condolences!

September 8 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Recie Floyd-Miller** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved father. May you and your family feel the power of God's love and presence in your lives. May you find comfort in remembering the special moments that brightened your days, and allow all the memories you shared to shine in remembrance for years to come. May your father rest in peace, in fulfilment, love, and reunite in God's embrace. Brooke Army Medical Center, Business Operations Division sending our love and prayers!

September 7 at 7:00 PM

BD

**Brooke Army Medical Center, Business Operations Division** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences on your loss. May you look back on the precious memories and find peace in knowing your father raised an amazing person.

September 7 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Chanda Plair** posted:

My deepest condolences and sympathies to the Ruff family. Uncle Roy was such a nice man. Love Chanda Plair (Stanley Ruff Stepdaughter) and Mom Gwen.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

RO

**Rayford O. Irvin, Eeoc Houston District Office** posted:

RJ, you will remain in our hearts forever. On behalf of EEOC and the Houston District office, thank you for your wisdom, insights and service! V/r,

September 6 at 7:00 PM



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SD

**Stephen Damiani** posted:

I was fortunate to have worked for RJ at EEOC. RJ was so full of life ! He loved people. He was always smiling and positive, always uplifting. I can probably count on one hand the number of people I've met in life with all those qualities on display each day. The first day we met him he told us how he was going to help each one of us to do our best. He did so ! He helped his employees in every way he could. We did great work with RJ but it was never only about work. I remember him walking around at Christmas time, sitting in employee offices, asking how they were and telling them to go home to be with family. One of our best investigators was having personal issues and considering leaving the service. RJ went in their office, told them he valued their work, asked what he could do to help and offered them 6 months of leave to get help. There are so many stories like that. Attached is a voice message RJ left for me after the birth of my first born. This is classic RJ !

September 6 at 7:00 PM

BF

**Bivens Family** posted:

May your memories of your Dad be eternal, our sincere condolences to you as well as the family. We offer our prayers that god will give you peace and strength during this difficult time.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sharon Mcelroy** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Ruff Family. RJ was the Director of the Houston District Office during my tenure as an Investigator. May Allah have mercy on him and give his family patience during this difficult time.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

KT

**Ken And Nora Tyson** posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences Love, Ken and Nora Tyson

September 4 at 7:00 PM

KT

**Ken And Nora Tyson** posted:

My condolences to the family. RJ - thanks for being a great mentor and friend. Your wise counsel and encouragement helped guide me and my family to success. We are grateful to you. RIP Sir.

September 4 at 7:00 PM



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ER

**Eric** posted:

My golfing buddy for decades and friend. We will miss your smile and friendship. My sincere condolences to your family and friends. Rest in Heaven Daddy Ruff.

September 4 at 7:00 PM

WJ

**Wanda Johnson** posted:

To the family of RJ Ruff, he was my Manager at the US EEOC for 5 plus years. He signed my retirement paperwork. May he Rest In Peace Sir!

September 4 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Mark Mabry** posted:

So long, RJ! I know we didn't agree on everything, but you were never afraid to put it out there for me to cross-examine! You faced change just like you faced most of your battles: just flew right in! Keep up the good work in all of our hearts!

September 4 at 7:00 PM

DD

**Dd** posted:

To my Beautiful Cousin Roy you will be forever missed and it's been a honor and blessing, to have you in our lives and our hearts. We, also thank you for serving. we love you Roy. Love From ~ Dede~Jahnari Rose & Kenny & Whitney.

September 2 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Chanda Plair** posted:

RIP Uncle Roy. You were really such a nice and upstanding guy. Thank you for your service to this Nation. Signed, Chanda Plair (Stan's Stepdaughter)

September 2 at 7:00 PM



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**Tameika Jones(Lula's Daughter)** posted:

My Uncle Roy. Man this one hurts!!!! You were truly a Man of honor, a Man of Courage, a Man about Discipline and Respect. I'm truly going to miss your smile and miss seeing you when you came to SC. It's been a rough couple of days for all of us! We will all be there to honor you on Saturday. I Love You Uncle Roy!(heartbroken)

September 2 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Roy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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