



Mr. Roy Lee Vanderbilt

December 8, 1940 - January 1, 2020

Roy Lee Vanderbilt, a lifelong resident of Willow Springs, MO, passed away early Wednesday morning, January 1, 2020 while at his home. He was born December 8, 1940 to Dale Gaymon and Gladys (Keeler) Vanderbilt in Burnham, MO, and was 79 years old.

Roy attended the one room school at Pleasant Valley through the eighth grade. He worked briefly as head sawyer for a sawmill in Arkansas. He had his own cattle at a young age, and it was then that he discovered how much he enjoyed working with cattle. He went on to start his own dairy farm on the same property where he grew up near Willow Springs. It has been said that Roy loved his dairy cattle, and more importantly, he just simply loved to work. He remained self employed as a dairy farmer for sixty-one years before his retirement on July 5, 2019. He married Lola Raye Stone on September 12, 1958 in Salem, AR and to this union two sons were born. He and Lola were married forty-three years before her passing on April 2, 2002. He then married Shirley Wells on December 8, 2004. When Roy wasn't working, he enjoyed fishing and woodworking. However, his favorite times were spent spoiling his grandchildren. He shared a special relationship with his great-grandson, Keegan. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, and all who knew him.

Roy is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Lola, and a grandson,

Daniel Vanderbilt.

He is survived by his sons: Jerry Vanderbilt and his wife, Debra, and Jackie Vanderbilt and his wife, Rose, all of Willow Springs; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive. He is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the USO, PO Box 96860, Washington, DC 20077-7677 and may be left at the funeral home.

A family night/visitation for Roy will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Burnham General Baptist Church with Rob Rakestraw officiating. Interment will follow at Epps Cemetery in Pomona, MO. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Epps Cemetery

County Road 1310 s/o 5320
Pomona, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Willow Funeral Home, LLC
106 E 3rd St
Willow Springs, MO 65793
(417) 469-3141

Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Burnham Baptist Church
AA Highway
Burnham, MO

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Roy was such a gentle man, an avid farmer who loved his cattle, his trucks and tractors, and very faithful to the Lord and serving him at church. We already miss him so much.



Barbara Crouch - January 07, 2020 at 05:40 AM

MV

“ Missy Vanderbilt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Lee Vanderbilt



Missy Vanderbilt - January 06, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Lee Vanderbilt.



January 05, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ Carolyn GC Robertson Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Lee Vanderbilt



Carolyn GC Robertson Collins - January 03, 2020 at 10:19 AM

TS

“ So sorry for your loss Jackie and Rose. Roy was always 1 of the man i ever known. He always had a kind word anytime i ran into him. He will be missed. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers.
Threasa Smith

Threasa Smith - January 02, 2020 at 11:54 PM

MK

“ Such a wonderful man. Blessed to have been part of his care team. Go test high on that mountain.

Melinda King - January 02, 2020 at 11:36 PM

JJ

“ Jack & Rose, our thoughts are with you! Just know your Pop is at peace.

Jerry & Pam Jones

Jerry & Pam Jones - January 02, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ You fought a good fight Mr Roy....R.I.p.and fly high with the angels.we'll see you At the pearly gates when we get there.

Donna Barbrow - January 02, 2020 at 05:49 PM

M-

“ Rot was an outstanding dairy farmer and a good neighbor. May he rest in peace.



Martha Cummings -Lawler - January 02, 2020 at 05:31 PM

BO

“ Bobby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Lee Vanderbilt



Bobby - January 02, 2020 at 04:32 PM

PW

“ Sending prayers to the family.

Penny Wilson - January 02, 2020 at 03:49 PM

KC

The country lost a true American Farmer
My name is Kip Collins...prayers!!

Kip Collins - January 02, 2020 at 04:05 PM

SB

“ Jerry, Jackie & Familys' sorry for your loss. Vanderbilt Farm was & is a place to admire.

Sharon & John Bacon - January 02, 2020 at 03:30 PM