



## Mr. Rodney Marcus Kittrell

August 17, 1946 - March 5, 2021

Rodney Marcus Kittrell of Roswell, Georgia, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family on March 5, 2021. Rod was born on August 17, 1946 in Griffin, Georgia to the late Jessie and Helen Kittrell.

Rod was a “military brat” moving many times as a youngster and graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Frankfurt, Germany where he excelled at football and baseball. He attended Lees-McRae Junior College where he met the love of his life and future wife Elsie. He completed his college education as a proud graduate of the University of Georgia earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Rod was an avid Dawg fan and enjoyed nothing more than a Saturday “between the hedges” with 92,000 of his closest friends. As much as he loved Georgia football, his true passion was baseball. He was a devoted fan of the NY Yankees. He also followed golf, attending the Masters every spring and generously hosted many friends and family to enjoy it with him.

His love of team sports and competitive drive made him an amazing coach and mentor both in business and sports. He coached baseball for many years and believed in being tough but fair; often quoted saying “there is no crying in baseball”. His influence was far reaching, and he believed in working hard, learning from your mistakes, and always striving to be better than you were yesterday.

Rod enjoyed a very successful career in computer and software sales. He started his career as a salesman and was quickly promoted into various leadership positions where that competitive drive, strong mentorship, and ability to build successful teams were apparent. His work ethic and dedication to achieve were evident and why he continued working until he retired at 71 years of age as Vice President, North American Sales. His integrity, ethics and moral character never wavered and were the foundation of his success. He related to all walks of life and people of all ages and was loved by many. He was known for always having a good joke to tell and a boisterous laugh that will be sorely missed.

With all his many achievements throughout life, he considered the greatest of these to be his family. They were the absolute pride and joy of his life and were treasured above all else.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Helen Kittrell and brother Randy

Kittrell. He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Elsie McGowan Kittrell, daughter Kim Gkant and husband Ernie of Asheville, North Carolina, daughter Kristin Rohland of Canton, Georgia and son Marc Kittrell and wife Morgan of Woodstock, Georgia, as well as his eight grandchildren, Wesley and Benjamin Gkant, Garrett, Kelsie and Kade Rohland and Piper, Tatum and Tripp Kittrell as well as many nieces and nephews.

Due to the pandemic, a celebration honoring his life will be held later this summer and announced by Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, 12050 Crabapple Rd. Roswell, Georgia 30075. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>) or Sacred Journey Hospice (<http://www.sacredjourneyhospice.org>).

# Comments

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“ It's sad to lose the good one's, but great to have known them.

Wayne Mathews

Wayne Mathews - March 17 at 06:33 PM

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“ Kevin Naughton purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Rodney Marcus Kittrell.



Kevin Naughton - March 15 at 10:26 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the entire Kittrell family. Rod was a tremendous inspiration and mentor during my tenure at Stratus in the late '80s. He was a man of great humor and integrity and an awful lot of fun. Remember taking him to The Black Rose in Boston for an evening of Irish music and adult beverages and being invited on a fabulous fishing trip on the White river in Arkansas. He was also a vast encyclopedia on “The War of Northern Aggression” who taught me a lot. I will miss my very dear friend. God Bless.

Sincerely,  
John Gaudio

John Gaudio - March 11 at 11:09 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. SOAR HIGH EAGLE

Paul Bailey FRANKFURT AMER.H.S. '66 - March 13 at 06:16 PM

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“ To the Kittrell family, Rod was one in a million. I remember him fondly from my time at Stratus. He was a great champion, a mentor and a friend. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, Thank you for sharing him for so many years with us. He is one co worker I won't ever forget.  
Cheryl (Eaton ) Pinder -

Cheryl - March 11 at 09:09 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rod's passing via LinkedIn this evening. I only worked for him for a short time at StorageTek but he make a lasting impact on me. He was a fantastic sales leader but an even better person. His kindness shined through and we need more people like him today. We still kept in touch for work anniversaries and my congratulations on big Georgia Bulldog wins. We lost one of the ultimate good guys. My condolences to the Kittrell family and friends.  
May he rest in peace.  
Frank Luckangelo

Frank Luckangelo - March 10 at 08:37 PM

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“ Elsie and Family,  
My condolences go out to Elsie, Kim, Kristin, Marc, and the entire family for your loss. When thinking of Rod, I hear his unforgettable laugh. Very few could tell a story like him; he was a naturally funny man. He also had an uncanny ability for remembering facts...along with a well-honed bs detector...a formidable combination to be sure! He will be sorely missed by family, and friends. My thoughts go out to you at this difficult time.

Gary Mackintosh

Gary Mackintosh - March 10 at 10:48 AM

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“ Sincerely, your friends at Stratus Technologies purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Rodney Marcus Kittrell.



Sincerely, your friends at Stratus Technologies - March 10 at 08:53 AM