



Mr. Eldridge Rafael Byron

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Tennessee - Mr. Eldridge R. Byron, 73, formerly of Mt. Olive, NC went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee surrounded by loved ones. Graveside Service will be held Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Greenfield Cemetery, 471-B Greenfield Cemetery Rd, Seven Springs, NC 28578. There will be a chapel viewing on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:45-10:15 A.M. at J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home & Cremations 1701 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534.

He was born in Mt. Olive, North Carolina, and resided in Murfreesboro for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Andrades Byron, his brother Ricardo (Ricky) Byron, and his first wife Vicki Whitsett Byron.

Eldridge was a 1968 graduate of St. Emma Military Academy in Powhatan, Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electromechanical Engineering from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania. Eldridge was a member of Franklin Road Baptist Church.

Eldridge (Ray) is survived by his wife Sallie G. Byron of 34 years, children Nicholas Byron, Heather Harness (Jim), Rafael Byron, Dollie Byron (Ryan), and Tiah Grimes (Ed); grandchildren: Kaylee, Lydia, Kyle, Isaiah, and Julia. He also leaves a brother Ronnie Byron, three brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law, a host of nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends to cherish his memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Franklin Road Baptist Church Bus Ministry.



Events

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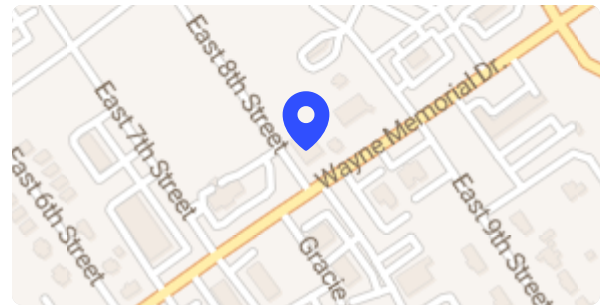
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Chapel Viewing

 **Saturday**, October 21, 2023

 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM ET


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1701 Wayne Memorial Dr., Goldsboro NC 27534

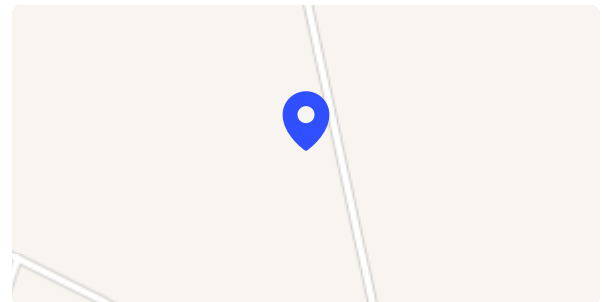


Graveside Service


 **Saturday**, October 21, 2023

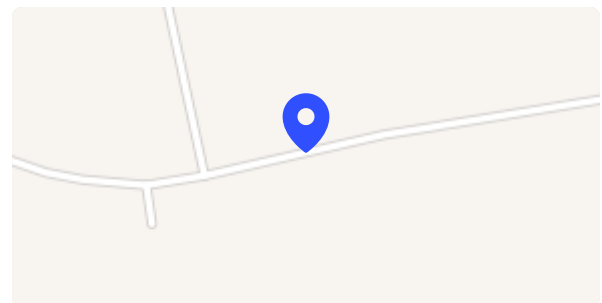
 11:00 AM ET

 **Greenfield Cemetery**
471-B Greenfield Cemetery Road, Seven Springs
NC 28578



Cemetery Details

 **William & Mattie Greenfield Memorial Garden**
Greenfield Cemetery Road, Seven Springs NC
28578





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Verlinda Whitsett posted:

What I most remember about my Uncle Ray is the interest he had in meeting my mother. At the time I wasn't sure if he thought she was an extraordinary person to be raising 2 girls on her own. Maybe he thought my sister and I was amazing and wanted to know who was responsible. Either way, he came by our house and met my mom in person. Uncle Ray, offered his help to my mom. I remember his happy face during their brief conversation at the front door, then he was gone. I never forgot his concern for us the moment he met us. I smile every time I think about it. Love you Uncle Ray! Lynn Whitsett

October 20 at 11:39 AM



Jeffrey Nelson posted:

Worked with Eldridge in the IEEE Switchgear Committee for many years, and I cherish the friendship we had. He will be missed. My prayer is that God will comfort Eldridge's family during this difficult time and give you His peace. Jeff Nelson, Chattanooga, TN

October 19 at 1:14 PM



Karlotta Richards lit a candle in honor of Eldridge.

"Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but, by the moments that take your breath away! Uncle Ray has left us all with many breath taking moments. He was a brilliant, kind, funny, thoughtful, and honest man. We have learned a lot from our many conversations and discussions with Uncle Ray. We have enjoyed the many occasions of brilliant banter between Uncle Ray and our mom. He was very clever and had a quick-wit that kept him way ahead on most debates. Uncle Ray was very patient and willingly shared information that has led to our person and professional growth and development. We always learned something after every chat with Uncle Ray. In all our conversations, he always ended with encouraging words. Uncle Ray has left us all with a lifetime of cherished memories of a life well traveled, and well lived! He was a loving husband, caring father, devoted grandfather, awesome uncle, dependable friend, brilliant role-model, and great citizen. My deepest sympathy to his wife, Auntie Feanning, my cousins: Nicholas, Heather, Rafael, Dollie, Tiah and the rest of the family and friends. Know that those we love never leave, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near...Uncle Ray, you have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith, well done good and faithful servant, well done. Rest peacefully! Gone but never ever forgotten! You will live on in our hearts and mind forever, always missed and always loved! Dr. Karol & Dr. Karlotta Richards



October 9 at 10:42 PM



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Dr. Aldrich Perry, Family And Staff sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Byron family.



October 18 at 11:30 AM



Classic Monument Co.Llc Terry Wynn lit a candle in honor of Eldridge.



October 18 at 11:11 AM



Janet Greenfield-Loftin lit a candle in honor of Eldridge.



October 18 at 6:12 AM



Janet Greenfield-Loftin October 18 at 6:13 AM

So sorry for your loss. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.



Anne Bosma posted:

We were saddened by the message that Eldridge had passed away. I have had the pleasure to work with Eldridge in standadisation in IEC and IEEE and have learned to appreciate his knowledge. He will be missed by the IEC and IEEE Switchgear community. Our heartfelt condolences to the next of kin. Anja and Anne, Ludvika, Sweden

October 18 at 4:42 AM



Terry Woodyard posted:

Like many other folks, I have had the pleasure of working with Eldridge on several standards committees for several years. I considered him not only to be a mentor in all things electrical and standards related but also a friend. I will miss not only his calm, patient way of sharing his knowledge and experience but his signature laugh, easy going style and his smile.

October 16 at 10:43 AM



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PB

Paul Barnhart posted:

May the Holy Spirit provide peace and comfort to all the family during this time. I worked with Eldridge on many different standards committees, and considered Eldridge to be a good friend. We had a lot of fun picking at each other during the meetings, and I will always remember how we used to rib him for being the last to show up at the meetings. Now, when I am called home to be with the Lord, Eldridge can have the last laugh and tell me I'm the one arriving late!

October 16 at 9:59 AM

JL

Janet R. Greenfield-Loftin lit a candle in honor of Eldridge.



October 13 at 8:33 AM

DH

Deborah Hobbs sent a virtual gift in honor of Eldridge.



October 11 at 5:39 PM

WR

William T. Reid October 13 at 6:25 AM

My dearest sympathy to Sallie and family. He was a very good person. For the family I am any support you may need during this sorrowful time. Be blessed and your memories will always be with. My love William and Annette Reid. Love William Thomas. Be blessed.

CW

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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