



Roger Blake Large

December 22, 2023 - December 22, 2023

POUND, VA — Roger Blake Large, 84, died Friday, December 22, 2023, at Ballad Hospital in Bristol, Tennessee, following a gradual decline in health of two years since the death of his beloved wife.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Emma Grae Large, son Jeffery Large, and brother Darrell Large.

He is survived by his son, Michael E. Large (J. Lynn), grandsons, Emory Large and Mason Large, and granddaughter, Finley Large. He is also survived by his big brother, George Ray Large, and sister, Sandra Waters.

Roger was born and raised on Caney Ridge, in Dickenson County, and is the son of Hiram and Garnett (Mullins) Large.

Directly after graduating high school in Clintwood, Virginia, Roger followed the career paths of his older brothers and join the United States Army in the late 1950s. After completing his commission, he returned home to begin work learning the trade of coal mining. He began this career in its basics, traveling great depths underground to “pull coal”. After years of this labor, he ventured into coal mining ownership and eventually owned and operated a significant size coal mining enterprise known as Kentucky Prince Coal Company. Roger retired in the early 90s from his career in coal.

He and his wife Emma Grae were always active in church. In the 1960s they performed every Sunday in the Clintwood Bible Church, Emma playing piano while Roger would sing hymns such as their favorite, “How Great Thou Art”.

Roger devoted his life to the Lord and was active for decades supporting and

worshiping in the Clintwood Methodist Church as one of it's longest living members.

Roger took great pride in a good day's work, and in all his years, rarely would stop even while being very sick. In his retirement years, his need to be productive continued and he did so with home projects and especially horticulture where he loved making his estate "High Reaches" a park like showpiece. He also loved birds and would continually keep feeding different species so that he could admire their habits and beauty. On the day of his son Jeffery's death, he was visited by a bird that had never appeared before, a white dove. This touched him deeply and he believed was sent by God to comfort him.

Roger always had a passion for music, playing many types of instruments during his life. He was a trumpet player in Clintwood High School and when not on school campus, played drums in a jazz group. Later, he taught himself guitar and loved playing country music. After injuring his hand while woodworking, he taught himself how to play the autoharp, an old mountain music instrument. Roger also honored our local veterans by playing "Taps" at many gravesites over the years. Roger's passion for music influenced both of his sons into becoming musicians themselves.

Roger had a kind smile and handshake for all people that knew him. He was loved by his community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

The family will receive friends January 6, 2024 from noon until 1:00 pm in the Mullins Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 1:00 pm with clergymen Tom Renfro officiating. There will be no procession and Family and friends are asked to meet at Temple Hill Cemetery in Castlewood, Virginia at 3:00 pm. Military Rites will be conducted by the local Military Honor Guard

Pallbearers will be the member of the local Military Honor Guard

Honorary Pallbearers will be Michael Large, Mason Large, Grahmn Martin, Dr.

Tom Renfro and Emory Large

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Roger Blake Large please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Receiving friends

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel
210 Main Street
CLINTWOOD, VA 24228

Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Blake Large*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - January 05, 2024 at 08:00 PM

DT

So sorry for your loss. Mr large was a vary nice and kind person. You don't see that in this time and day. He will be missed. He worked with the school system for a few years. With construction □ of the schools. My condolences. David Tunnell

David tunnell - January 12, 2024 at 05:56 PM

DT

That was vary nice 👍. I love seeing old photos. Brings back memories of the time gone by. Thanks for sharing your memories with me. I'm going to look again. God's blessings to you and your family. Your children have some wonderful memories of your father and your mother. She was a fantastic person.

David tunnell - January 12, 2024 at 06:30 PM

PP

“ *It was a pleasure to be Roger's pastor. I know that Roger and Ken Childress are now in a Heavenly band. May God give comfort to all his family and friends. Pastor John Price*

Pastor John Price - January 09, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - January 05, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Blake Large.



January 04, 2024 at 11:31 PM



“ Michael, I am so sorry to hear of this sadness and heartbreak. He sounds like a wonderful man. Stay strong and keep the faith my friend. ~Angie~

Angie Turbyville - January 04, 2024 at 02:18 AM



“ Leslie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Blake Large.

Leslie A. - January 03, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Blake Large.



January 03, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Kathryn L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Blake Large.

Kathryn L. - January 03, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Michael and family,
I'm so sorry to read about the loss of your father. It is tough losing both your parents in such a short time. Thank God for His promises for those who belong to Him.... This is only a temporary separation. May God bless you, your wife and children.. I pray you find comfort in God's word.
I wasn't aware that your dad was a Veteran. I wish I could thank him for his service and sacrifice. I work at the VA in Mountain Home. It is a honor to care for our Veterans. Praying for you, Friend. 🙏
VinDetta Potter Fleming, RN

VinDetta Potter Fleming - December 31, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Blake Large.*



December 31, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Blake Large.*



December 30, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *We are so saddened by Roger's passing. He was a man among men; a characteristic uncommon these days. We know his legacy will continue in the lives he has touched over his many years on this earth. He was a beautiful soul; we loved him and Emma both immensely.*

Joe and Judy Kennedy

Judy Kennedy - December 29, 2023 at 09:47 PM



Thank you. He indeed was the type of dutiful man not seen as much these days as in past years.

Michael Large - December 31, 2023 at 09:34 AM

BV

“ Roger was great man. Michael, your family has always been special to us. Let us know if we can do anything for you. We Pray God's comfort for you during this time and always.

Bill Varner - December 28, 2023 at 08:42 PM



Thank you Bill. You and your sister Sandy were family to us.

Michael Large - December 29, 2023 at 09:34 AM

DD

“ I want to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to Roger and Emma's family. Roger was a Clintwood High School classmate and fellow graduate. His smile that is in his picture was always present in school and when I would see him at different places. My wife, Pat and Roger sang together In the choir at Clintwood Methodist Church.

David and Pat Davis

David Lee Davis - December 28, 2023 at 02:17 PM

SW

“ I always enjoyed when he played music at church. He will be missed.. Deepest sympathy. You are in my prayers

Rev Shane Wallace

Shane Wallace - December 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM



KP

“ SO sorry to hear of Roger passing. He was a great person and friend we work together with military funerals and he was always there to help us with all the funerals bad weather and good . he will be missed by all wko knew him. roger rest in peace

KERRY& Pun Yon Phipps - December 26, 2023 at 07:44 PM



In the last couple of years due to declining health, he could not play Taps as well but when called, he gave it his best to honor veterans.

Michael Large - December 31, 2023 at 09:39 AM

KP

michael he sure did his best. I will miss him. He was great help at military funerals. I always remember his smile when he talk to you. R.I. P. ROGER

KERRY ANSD PUN YON Phipps - December 31, 2023 at 07:17 PM

DD

“ I am sorry to hear about Rogers passing I worked for him when he own the business at Lonesome Pine Airport. My condolences to the family.

Donnie Dotson - December 26, 2023 at 07:35 PM

BV

Donnie, I hope you're doing well. It's been a long time since the airport days. Many good memories there.

Bill Varner - December 28, 2023 at 08:39 PM

BJ

*Michael, Lynn & Family,
I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved father.
My sincere condolences & prayers to you .
Sorrowfully yours,
Barbara Johnson*

Barbara Johnson - December 29, 2023 at 05:43 PM



Michael - My condolences for the loss of your father.

Lewis Foreman - December 30, 2023 at 09:53 AM