



## Gregory Steven Rushton

February 20, 1949 - October 24, 2023

Gregory "Gregg" Steven Rushton, born on February 20, 1949, in Montgomery, Alabama, peacefully passed away after a brief illness at Shelby Baptist Medical Center, at the age of 74.

A visitation in honor of Gregg will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Columbiana United Methodist Church in Columbiana, AL followed by a memorial service at 12:00 PM. Dr. Carl Kyle will officiate, and Bolton Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

In his early years, Gregg spent time in Montgomery, AL, and Denver, CO, but it was his time with his beloved Aunt Emily and Uncle Judge "Bill" Rabren in Columbiana that profoundly shaped his life. Their influence extended from his youth into his adulthood.

He was a member of the Class of 1968 of Shelby County High School where he played football and ran track. He later attended Auburn University where he became a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Gregg's passion for history, politics, and government was boundless. He could, and would, engage in thoughtful conversations on these subjects with anyone willing to participate. Driven by his love for civic duty, he entered the political arena and was elected as a Shelby County Commissioner, District 1

in 1984. Later, he served as a City Planner for Prattville, AL. In 1993, he founded Rushton Valuation Services, dedicating most of his professional life to real estate appraisal.

As a member of Columbiana United Methodist Church, Gregg engaged in mission work through the Alabama Honduras Medical Education Network (AHMEN). He embarked on multiple trips to La Ceiba and the neighboring remote villages, forging enduring relationships and fostering a deep passion for the people of Honduras.

Gregg's greatest source of joy was his granddaughters, Addison and Ansley. He wholeheartedly supported their interests, attending dance recitals, piano performances, soccer practices and games with unwavering dedication. Regardless of the location, he was there to cheer them on. He became a familiar face among their teams and their parents, known as "Poppy" who always had a Werther's candy to share.

Gregg's jovial spirit, generosity, and kind-hearted nature resulted in countless lifelong friendships. His absence will be profoundly felt by his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Langley Kyle, his favorite son-in-law, Jeff Kyle, and his adored granddaughters, Addison and Ansley, all residing in Birmingham, AL. He is also survived by his brother, Rick Rushton (Millie), of Raleigh, NC; sister, Eleanor Wise (Gary); sister-in-law, Levis Rushton; aunt, Emily Rabren; cousins, Lynn Rabren (Beth) of Fairhope, AL, and Rebecca Blackman (Dan) of Birmingham, AL; nephew, Dan Wood (Sarah) of Raleigh, NC; niece, Miranda Rushton of Montgomery, AL; niece, Anna Wise of Birmingham, AL; cousins, Anna Grace Green (Jacob) of Carillon Beach, FL; and Evan Blackman (Amanda) of Dallas, TX, as well as numerous cherished extended family members.

Gregg is preceded in death by his mother, Betty Evans Cooner; father, Jack Edward Rushton; brother, Walter Randall Rushton; and his uncle, Judge Wilton "Bill" Rabren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to support AHMEN, the Alabama Honduras Medical Education Network, by visiting [www.honduranmissions.com](http://www.honduranmissions.com) or via mail at 287 Tommy Robinson Rd, Jasper, AL 35504. Your generous donation will further the crucial mission that Gregg was deeply committed to.

Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Columbiana United Methodist Church  
200 N Main St  
Columbiana, AL 35051

## Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Columbiana United Methodist Church  
200 N Main St  
Columbiana, AL 35051

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Kathy Morris lit a candle in memory of Gregory Rushton*



Kathy Morris - October 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JJ

“ *Gregg was a dear friend & my Sigma Nu Fraternity Brother at Auburn 🦋 -Thought the world of him-So saddened to learn of his passing today 🙏🙏 RIP Gregg 🙏🙏 Joe & Rheta Justice*

joe justice - October 27, 2023 at 08:36 PM

JM

“ *Janice McGuire lit a candle in memory of Gregory Rushton*



Janice Ferguson McGuire - October 27, 2023 at 05:06 PM

CW

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers for peace and the comfort of great memories to you and your family. Christy White-Porter*



Christy White-Porter - October 27, 2023 at 03:33 PM

FL

“ Frenchell Lansford lit a candle in memory of Gregory Rushton



Frenchell Lansford - October 27, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory Steven Rushton.



October 26, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory Steven Rushton.



October 26, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory Steven Rushton.



October 26, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gregory Steven Rushton.

October 26, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family of my friend Greg. He was a kind man that took time to coach my son in track and took him to Montevallo for training. I will miss our talks when we would see each other around town with that heart warming smile on his face. Take care family.

**Tommie Head** - October 26, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Greg was always nice to everyone during high school and when running into him since around Columbiana. Jerry Hill

**Jerry Hill** - October 25, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ Langley & family - we are praying God's peace & comfort for y'all. Gregg will be missed around here so much! Love & prayers, Frank & Letty Owen

**Letty Owen** - October 25, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ Greg was a high school friend. We spent a many a day in the dirt on the football field under coach Bulger and coach Cost! He was respected by all and his wit and smile will be missed. He was a good friend!!! Benny Morris

**Benny Morris** - October 25, 2023 at 04:31 PM

YR

“ *My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you all. I've known Greg for about thirty years while I worked for First National Bank in Columbiana then Renasant Bank and First US Bank. Greg was always such a good person, one we looked forward to see. I know he will be missed greatly by his family and countless friends he left behind, including me.*

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**Yvonne Raia** - October 25, 2023 at 04:02 PM