



Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick

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Roy Clyde Kilpatrick, 83, died at his home in Statesboro, Georgia, on September 13, 2020, from a sudden illness. He was a native of Oconee County, Georgia, having been born in Salem, and reared in Farmington. Roy was the youngest child of Glen and Eula Vickery Kilpatrick. A 1954 graduate of Watkinsville High School, he attended Georgia Southern College and Georgia State University. He was a graduate of Northwestern University School of Mortgage Banking, Chicago, Illinois. Roy was a licensed real estate broker, real estate appraiser, and insurance agent.

Roy began his career in Atlanta where he was employed with D.L. Stokes and Company, and Mortgage Company of Georgia which later became The Georgia Loan and Trust Company. In 1970, he and his wife, Thelma, moved to Swainsboro where he was employed with R.J. Waller Real Estate & Insurance until they opened their own business, Kilpatrick Realty & Insurance. Roy and Thelma operated their business in Swainsboro for more than 25 years until their retirement. Following retirement, Roy continued to work part-time in insurance for many years.

Roy's life was one of service to his community. While residing in Swainsboro, he was a member of Swainsboro First Baptist Church, Steadfast Sunday School class, and he served on the church Board of Trustees. He served in many offices of the Swainsboro Rotary Club, including president. As a Rotarian, he was a Will Watt Fellow as well as a Paul Harris Fellow. Roy served as president of the Swainsboro Golf & Country Club, as chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, as chairman of the Economic Development Committee, and as president of the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce for two terms. Roy served on the Board of Trustees of Swainsboro Technical College, on the Board of Directors and President of the Altamaha Basin Board of Realtors, on the Board of the Georgia Association of Realtors, as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Georgia (IIAG), and on the National Board of IIAG as State National Director.

In 1999, the Kilpatricks moved to Statesboro and made their home on Thelma's family

farm. A lifelong Rotarian, Roy was a member of the Downtown Statesboro Rotary Club, Forest Heights Country Club, Statesboro First Baptist Church, Open Door Sunday School Class, 10:30 Coffee Club, and Country Store Coffee Club. In 2011, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Roy to serve on the Georgia Student Finance Commission representing the 12th Congressional District of Georgia.

Roy will be remembered as a true Southern gentleman, a giant of a man with a personality and joyful spirit to match. He seldom met a stranger and, if so, they were sure to quickly become friends and golfing buddies. His wit, stories, and bear hugs are legendary and will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, Robert Harvey Kilpatrick and Frances, sister-in-law, Jennie Kilpatrick, and nieces Lisa Kilpatrick and Mary Alice Kilpatrick.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Thelma Mallard Kilpatrick, of Statesboro, brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Barbara Kilpatrick of Conyers, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bobby Hall Mallard and Josephine, of Norfolk, Virginia. Many nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, as well as many cousins also mourn his death.

A service to celebrate the life of Roy C. Kilpatrick will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home, 502 Miller Street Extension, Statesboro, Georgia 30458. Visitation with family will be held at 10:00 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel with Dr. Bill Perry officiating. Burial will follow at East Side Cemetery. Pallbearers will be nephews: Jason McGee, Justin Brunet, Jorge Brunet, Joash Brunet, Keith White, Brian White, Michael Mallard, Keith Mallard, Pete McCoy, Ryan McCoy, and Guy Kinney.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Downtown Statesboro Rotary Club, 10:30 Coffee Club, Country Store Coffee Club, and Roy's golfing buddies.

All CDC social distancing guidelines will be observed.

Services are streamed using Facebook Live through a private group. Only members of the group will be able to view the service. In order to view the service, log into Facebook on your phone or computer and join the group "Joiner-Anderson Live Stream" at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jafhlive/>.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 108 North Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458 or Georgia Southern University Athletic Foundation, P.O. Box 8115, Statesboro, Georgia 30460.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Eastside Cemetery

Northside Drive

Statesboro, GA, 30458

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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SEP **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - September 16 at 03:08 PM



“ Just beautiful. I was actually able to watch most of it through my tears. Uncle Roy will be dearly missed.

Debi - September 16 at 09:21 PM



“ Met Roy when he moved to Swainsboro in the late 60's I would think. I knew him through business and some social. He always had a smile. Thelma, I know you shall miss him.

Delaine G. Maglioli - September 17 at 04:57 PM



“ Ms. Thelma, sorry for your loss

Drew Brown - Yesterday at 08:57 PM



“ Thelma, I am so sorry to hear of Roy's death. I pray for your family and you that God will bring you healing and peace. May you always let the best of memories flood your heart.

In DAC love and friendship, Mary S Kuntz

Mary Kuntz - Yesterday at 01:49 PM



“ Roy was my cousin and I fondly remember our good times at family reunions. We are the same age and when we were younger we spent a lot of time together and I loved him very much. I will really miss him and send my condolences to Thelma and the rest of the family.

Jere Furbacher - September 20 at 01:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr .Kilpatrick's passing. He was the nicest man. He always made a point to talk to me before Georgia Southern home football games. I always looked forward to it.

Ann Baker

Ann Baker - September 18 at 08:11 AM



“ Dear Ms. Thelma and family,
My heart is saddened to hear of your loss. It has been many years since, I have saw you. But, you have always been in my heart. The heavens opened its arms and Celebrated the infectious spirit and smile of this precious Southern Gentleman. I will never forget the many times we all sang, laughed and loved each other in that little country church, in Farmington Ga.(Freeman's Creek). The times were sweet and the memories made a lasting impression on a simple, young country girl. May you know, we deeply miss seeing you and our prayers are always with you. God, is bigger than any of us, May he comfort you as only, he can. In his Love, Sincerely, Cindy Peck



cindy peck - September 17 at 09:50 PM



“ We always enjoyed seeing Roy at our family reunions. He was a real Southern Gentlemen. Our thoughts are with you Thelma, at this time.

Bobby and Melissa Mallard
Savannah GA

Melissa Mallard - September 17 at 09:18 PM



“ Thelma, God's Peace to you and your family as we remember and grieve for the loss of Roy. He always had a story to tell, a golf ball to his and a love of his life. He will be dearly missed by so many. What a legacy he's left behind. Hit one up the middle to remember him, but don't forget to use your driver! Love you. Betsy Olson

Betsy Olson - September 17 at 11:06 AM



“ I will always remember the first time I met Uncle Roy. We were visiting from VA and had never met Uncle Roy. I didn't even know Aunt Thelma had a boyfriend! Of course, I was only six years old, they didn't tell me much! Haha. I was put to bed the night before and had no idea anyone else was coming (or I'm sure they wouldn't

have been able to get me in bed) so I woke up super early and was going to the room my parents were sleeping in. To get there I had to go through the dining room and the living room. Well, when I walked into that living room and saw this HUGE man sleeping in the middle of the floor (I guess he was too big for the couch!), I went screaming into my parents room, telling them “there’s some strange giant in here guys!”

That about sums up Uncle Roy for me, a giant! He had a giant heart and a giant capacity to achieve every goal and serve on every committee and a giant capacity to love his friends and family and thankfully, I felt that love. Although over the years we only saw each other a couple of times a year, if that, he’s always had a special place as my only uncle in my heart and always will. I was fortunate enough to watch him with my kids and now grand kids and feel blessed they know and will remember him. My visits to Statesboro just won’t be the same. I love you Uncle Roy!

Debi Cooper - September 16 at 09:42 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



September 16 at 03:12 PM



“ 59 files added to the album LifeTributes



Joiner Anderson Funeral Home - September 16 at 03:00 PM



“ Keith Mallard and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



Keith Mallard and family - September 15 at 05:26 PM



“ Roy was every ones friend and buddy. He must not have known how to say NO with all the things he took on. We will always miss his great greeting. Thanks for knowing him. Patty and Johnny Mallard

John Mallard - September 15 at 11:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



September 15 at 11:13 AM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Roy and working with him as a Board Member at Georgia Student Finance Commission. Roy always welcomed me with a smile and a hug and he will be missed dearly. Roy was a true southern gentlemen. My heart and prayers go out to Thelma and his family during this difficult time.

My deepest Sympathy,
Lisa Garrison



Lisa Baglio Garrison - September 15 at 09:42 AM



“ Love, Alton & April Burger purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.





Love, Alton & April Burger - September 15 at 09:16 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Thelma. Roy always had such a great smile for me. Statesboro won't be the same without him.

Paula Tompkins - September 15 at 08:19 AM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



September 14 at 11:04 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Thelma and the entire Kilpatrick family. Roy was a sweetheart of a man that I so looked forward to enjoyed seeing at nearly all of the IIAG events. He was always ready with a story of travel with my parents and made me feel special as I went through the IIAG chairs. He will be missed!! May his memory be a blessing.

Andy Siegel - September 14 at 09:48 PM



“ May God bless the Kilpatrick family with His peace and strength during this time. Mr. Roy was such a blessing to us, and we will miss his warm smile, genuine conversation, kindness, and friendship. Praying for you all during this time.

God bless you,
Rev. Ronald and Mrs. Merlene Cobb, and Lee and Christy Mitchell and Family

Christy Mitchell - September 14 at 08:46 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



September 14 at 08:24 PM



“ Love, Johnny and Beverly Smallwood purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



Love, Johnny and Beverly Smallwood - September 14 at 08:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Clyde Kilpatrick.



September 14 at 04:47 PM