



Rudy Blake Frazier

January 5, 1950 - March 11, 2026

Rudy Blake Frazier, age 76, of Milton, GA passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Mr. Frazier was preceded in death by his father and mother, AB Frazier and Eunice Joyner Frazier. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Linda Samford Frazier; daughter, Kelli Daye Hardy and husband, A J Hardy of Buford, GA; grandchildren, Alex Blake and Brooke Hardy of Cumming, GA and Jessica Daye Hardy of Flowery Branch, GA; great-grandchildren, Gia Mae Fehrenbach, Weston Blake Hardy, and Wyatt James Hardy; sister, Debi (Rick) Davenport of Nashville, NC; sister-in-law, Betty (Jim) Fair of Conroe, TX; brother-in-law, John (Cindy) Samford of Quincy, FL and Billy (Sharlene) Samford of Tallahassee, FL; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rudy and I were married over 50 years so I can only tell you what I know about this amazing man, and that's just about anything. His given name is Rudy Blake Frazier and Rudy was born in Nashville, NC on January 5, 1950. He was born at home on a four-poster bed, and he slept on that bed all of his growing years, and then Kelli slept on that bed all her growing years. We still have that four-poster bed.

Everyone who knew Rudy for the first 29 years of his life called him Rudy. He graduated from Florida A&M University with a degree in Architecture and started working. Around this time, he decided to use his middle name, Blake, because he thought it sounded more professional. So, if you know him as

Blake, now you know why.

Rudy loved his daughter, Kelli, more than he thought she knew. He forgot what it was like being a teenager and worried about her so much. Or he "remembered" what it was like being a teenager and that's why he worried about her so much.

Rudy was excited to gain an instant grandchild, Corey, when Kelli married AJ. It was amazing to watch Rudy and Corey together. Rudy was truly happy to have a grandchild around. After Kelli and AJ had "Rudy's" other grandchildren that's when he showed more of his softer side. Rudy couldn't believe he was a grandfather to these wonderful children; Corey, Alex and Jessi.

As a member of Tallahassee Baptist Church, Rudy gave his life to Christ and served as a deacon. Rudy's career changed over the years, which allowed us to travel to several wonderful countries, which he loved. He was an avid IndyCar fan and enjoyed Nascar as well. His collection of muscle cars and motorcycles gave us years of enjoyment on the open road. While he lived in Denver, we enjoyed the winter activities. And in the summer, we all loved our houseboat and it gave us great memories with Kelli, AJ, and the grandchildren.

After high school Rudy joined the Air Force and spent a few years in the Vietnam War. As time and years went on, Rudy was diagnosed with Leukemia due to different chemical exposures while in the Vietnam War. A stem cell transplant was the only option for Rudy if he wanted to enjoy his great-grandchildren; Gia Mae Fehrenbach (Corey's daughter) and Weston Blake Hardy (Alex & Brooke's son). Thank the Lord Debi, Rudy's sister, was a perfect match as a donor. Rudy lived over six more years after that transplant and was able to enjoy Alex and Brooke's second child, a third great-grandchild, Wyatt James Hardy.

As Rudy was getting sicker, he loved watching Jessi and Skyler begin their life together. Rudy told me he will be with all of us and his "Little Doodle" on her wedding day. Knowing Rudy, I don't doubt that at all.

Rudy passed away at our home on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 12:30pm. We sat together holding hands; we were looking at each other as the Lord took my Rudy to his forever home.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home. Interment with Military Honors will be at 2:00 p.m. at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. until time for the Service.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 10:30 AM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment with Military Honors

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgins Dr
Canton, GA 30114

Tribute Wall

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“*Blake was an incredible friend, mentor, and leader who helped shape the man I am today. He came into my life when I was in my mid-20s, and from the very beginning, he challenged me in ways I didn't always appreciate at the time. Truthfully, he drove me crazy, and I'm sure I did the same to him. But that was part of what made him so impactful. Blake believed deeply in doing things the right way. He was all about relationships, no shortcuts, no rushing the process, no cutting corners. He taught me the value of slowing down, writing things down, planning ahead, and truly learning how to communicate with people. One of my favorite memories is how he refused to let me use GPS. Instead, he would give me directions his way, "So Ryan, you are going to go out here, turn right and head east. You'll see a red barn, take a left, then you'll be heading west." I would sit there completely confused, telling him I had no idea what he was talking about. He would just smile and say, "One day you will." And he was right. Blake stuck with me. He invested in me, taught me, and never gave up on me. That kind of mentorship is rare, and I will carry those lessons with me for the rest of my life. I feel honored to be part of his legacy. I will always cherish the time we had, and I will continue striving to live in a way that would make him proud.*

Ryan Carney - March 19 at 09:58 AM

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“ Goodbye my dear Rudy. Our life together for 50 plus years showed us the light and love only a child can bring! We watched as our child shared the light with her children, our grandchildren. And now our grandchildren have passed forward that ray of light to our great-grandchildren, whom you greatly enjoyed. Jesus refers to His followers as the "light of the world" so I know your light is still shining strong in heaven! You will be missed, my dear Rudy.
Linda

Linda Frazier - March 13 at 06:30 PM

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Linda..it's Mikey Baker. I just wanted to send my condolences to you. Richie had sent me a message about his passing and I didn't see it until today. I have so many great memories of Rudy from when he was in town and I believe he visited me once at Road Atlanta when I was up there displaying cars? Actually..I think it was there or in the Carolinas..that I brought him a Volvo in the hauler and (maybe) took a car back? That day ended hilariously with Richie in a rental car behind him. Considering he didn't live right here..I sure have a TON of great memories when he did come in town. I just want to send Hugs and Love to you..Mikey.

Mike Baker - April 08 at 06:46 PM