



Herman Rooker

December 22, 1943 - January 30, 2019

Herman Rooker, 75, of Raleigh, North Carolina, passed away on January 30, 2019 at home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Warrenton, NC, on December 22, 1943, son of the late Eddie and Essie Rooker.

Herman attended John Graham High School where he was a member of the football, baseball and basketball teams. After graduating he went on to attend North Carolina State University and served nine years in the Army National Guard. Herman started his professional career as a teacher and coach at Plymouth High School and most recently was a kitchen cabinet designer in Raleigh, NC.

He was married to Kay Stanfield Rooker for 26 years and they have two children, Hunter Lee Rooker and Cara Stanfield Harrison-Thompson. As a family they enjoyed attending NC State football games and vacationing together.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Gertrude; brother, Therman; and first born son Stokes Rooker.

He is survived by his wife, Kay and their children; son, Hunter (Jacklyn) Rooker of Raleigh, NC; daughter, Cara (Matt) Thompson of Raleigh, NC; and newborn granddaughter, Charlotte Choe Rooker born Jan.31, 2019.

A visitation and memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Renaissance Funeral Home, 7615 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27615. The visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the service beginning at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive guests at the home of Cara and Matt Thompson following the memorial service at their home, 7729 Stonehenge Farm Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Herman's name to the NC State Wolfpack Club at 5400 Trinity Road, Suite 407, Raleigh, NC. or Transitions LifeCare of Wake County, <https://transitionslifecare.org/donate/>.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Renaissance Funeral Home and Cremation
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FEB **Memorial Service** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ From: The Retro and Swat team. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Herman Rooker.



From: The Retro and Swat team. - February 04 at 12:56 PM



“ To Herm's Family:

I knew Herm through Wildwood Green where he and I often chatted while awaiting the first tee to open up for our gang of Wildoats golfers. He always had a winning smile and a quip or two to share with me. I am so sorry that I learned of his passing on the Saturday afternoon of his service. Rest assured, had I known of it earlier, I would have been there. There are times in our lives when we encounter someone over a few year period that we have an immediate connection with. Herman was such an individual. I will miss him.

Fritz Kindsvatter

Fritz Kindsvatter - February 04 at 08:41 AM



“ Herman worked for my Daddy in the grocery store in Warrenton while in high school. I looked up to him as he was one of my sports heroes in high school. He encouraged me the year I went out for the girls' basketball team in ninth grade. He was one of the 'legends' of JGHS. One of the great traits he possessed was being down to earth and treating people in a kind and nurturing way. He truly was an unforgettable person. It's nice to know his granddaughter has my sister's name and was born on my grandson's birthday.

Sandra Wood Smith - February 03 at 08:56 AM



“ Prayers and condolences to all of the Rooker family. Herman is a true gentleman and I always appreciated his presence at Wildwood Green! A very kind and thoughtful man with always a kind thought. He will be missed greatly!
Jimmy Hamilton,PGA from The Golf Academy at Wildwood Green.



“ Rest easy coach! One of the greatest coach's I've known. Enjoyed meeting Monte Towe at his house while in high school. Always great to interact with him. One of those teachers / coach that you remember for a life time!

Clyde Naylor

Clyde Naylor - February 01 at 10:29 PM



“ Kitty and I are very sorry to hear of Rookers passing . Herman was not only a great teacher/coach, but a great friend . He made such a positive impact on me in high school. We will always cherish the friendship and good times we have spent with Kay and Rooker.

Chris Hedgepeth - February 01 at 05:00 PM



“ Good friend, great guy, nice person. Herman was all of that. Will never forget the '62 starting five at John Graham. What a great basketball team-- great in football too. Herman, Gordon, Clinton, Billy, and Chocky-- great guys from Warrenton. RIP good friend.

Lew Hege - February 01 at 04:58 PM



“ Renee Allen lit a candle in memory of Herman Rooker



Renee Allen - February 01 at 03:36 PM



“ KK- Frankie and I are so sorry to hear of Rooker's passing. We have had many memories with you and Rooker in Plymouth. He was a great teacher, coach and friend. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Frankie and Danette Arrants

Danette Arrants - February 01 at 02:12 PM



“ So so sorry to hear of this- Herman was so kind and fun to be around--I remember going over to Cara's house to "play" when we were younger and he was always in the best spirits and so fun and loving. Love to all of the family, Dina Faddah

Dina Faddah - February 01 at 12:30 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of Herman, such a great man. Always there to lend a hand if you needed it and held the best tailgates NCSU has ever seen.

Robby Caldwell - February 01 at 11:47 AM



“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Herman. It was an honor to have known such a great person and I will truly miss seeing his smile. May God embrace you in comfort during this difficult time. I am deeply saddened by the news of your loss.

Ellisa Yeliab - February 01 at 11:33 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Rooker's passing. We had many good times and laughs while he was at Plymouth High School. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Becky and Bobby Brown

Becky Brown - February 01 at 11:02 AM



“ Kay - thinking of you during this time. Praying for you to be surrounded by God's peace. Treasure the memories.

Wendy Pardue - January 31 at 05:57 PM



“ Dear Kay, family and friends. Sending my condolences on the passing of sweet Herman. He was such a kind and good man who made great hotdogs and always brought a smile. Best tailgating going on in heaven no doubt! Love, Peg Pinkman

peg pinkman - January 31 at 12:48 PM



“ We are so saddened by the death of Herman. Jimmy and I have so many fond memories of our fun times with him. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Sarah Bass

Sarah R Bass - January 31 at 11:42 AM



“ Kaye and family:
My deepest sorrows for your loss. Herman had a heart of gold and I am so blessed to been a recipient of his good will. Embrace your fond memories and continue to make him proud.
With heart felt condolences;
Karen Lifsey



Karen Lifsey - January 31 at 11:19 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Kitchen Magic



Karen Lifsey - January 31 at 10:25 AM