



## Royal Edward Rohrbach, Jr.

April 27, 1948 - April 27, 2014

Royal Edward Rohrbach, Jr., age 66, loving husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend was called to heaven on April 27, 2014. Ed was preceded in death by his brother, Paul Jeffery Rohrbach. He is survived by his wife, Karen Baswell Rohrbach; his parents, Royal Edward Rohrbach, Sr. and Frances Jeanette Hubbard Rohrbach; his daughter, Kim Byers; his granddaughters, Ashley Phillips (Jeremy) and Shelby Lynn Byers; great granddaughter, Caroline Phillips; his sister, Cathy Graves (Larry); his brother, Tim Rohrbach (DeAnn); his sister-in-law, Mary Beth Rohrbach, many nieces and nephews, extended family and many friends. Ed was born in Rockford, IL on October 9, 1947. The family relocated to Bessemer, AL when Ed was very young. He graduated from McAdory High School then attended the University of AL in Tuscaloosa before joining the Air Force during The Vietnam War. Ed was the president and one of the founders of Training Associates, Inc., a safety training company. He never met a stranger and had a generous heart. He was always ready to help when needed. Ed will be greatly missed until we see him again in heaven. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Ed's home church, Pleasant Hill United Methodist in McCalla with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Ed was truly a treasure among those blessed to have known him. Online condolences may be sent to [www.bessemerbrown.com](http://www.bessemerbrown.com).



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**Larry Sellers** - September 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

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“ May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you have. May God bless you during this time and the times ahead. Ed will truly be missed and for me, my life is richer by having known him. He has been a true inspiration to me personally and the knowledge he has shared with our agency will never be forgotten. \r\nMy thoughts and prayers are with you all. \r\nAnna Perry

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**Anna Perry** - September 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

AE

“ So hard to believe....such a wonderful person.\r\n\r\nGod bless you Karen....

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**Anna and Eddie** - September 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

ME

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Meryl

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**Meryl** - September 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

KC

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**Kim Charnock** - September 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

CA

“ Karen, I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Carol** - May 01, 2014 at 09:41 AM

DO

“ Karen we are so Sorry & in total shock just heartbroken, sending Special Prayers for You & Family.

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**donnapenfield** - April 30, 2014 at 05:17 PM

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**Kim Charnock** - April 30, 2014 at 04:22 PM

VR

“ Please share the following condolences with the family of Royal Edward Rohrbach, Jr.: I have not seen Ed in a long time. BUT, Karen and Ed are some of the finest people I ever got to know and I cherish the little time we had together. I am so terribly sorry that God needs him more than we do. I know he will be so tremendously missed. Thank you, Vangi Rose 04/30/2014 10:08:54 AM

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**Vangi Rose** - April 30, 2014 at 12:44 PM

SC

“ Such a wonderful, caring, and intelligent man. Three cheers for Ed.

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**Shane Christian** - April 30, 2014 at 10:50 AM

FJ

“ Praying for strength for the family. Ed will truly be missed by all.

Freddie Armstead Jr - April 30, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TH

“ Please share the following condolences with the family of Royal Edward Rohrbach, Jr.: k.b., I am so very sorry. Know you are loved and thought of during this time. Thank you, Tom AND jANE  
hARTSFIELD 04/30/2014 06:46:06 AM

Tom and Jane Hartsfield - April 30, 2014 at 09:22 AM

TB

“ Please share the following condolences with the family of Royal Edward Rohrbach, Jr.: Karen, so sorry to hear about the loss of you beloved Ed. I wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. I pray for God's love to surround you and for His comfort to fill the void that has been left. Love, Terry  
Thank you, Terry Barksdale 04/29/2014 03:18:19 PM

Terry Barksdale - April 30, 2014 at 09:20 AM

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Anna Perry - April 29, 2014 at 06:17 PM

TT

“ We are so sorry for lost..God to someone he needed to manage his army against evil..So, we all know he is watching ya'll forever an ever...AMEN

Toni Tudisco - April 29, 2014 at 03:59 PM

JB

“ Prayers and Blessings to the family.

June Brewer - April 29, 2014 at 03:40 PM

PT

“ Ed was always a joy to be around. I cannot believe he' s gone but will not be forgotton. He was a great trainer to all the Transit Providers in Alabama. Karen and family you are in my prayers.

Pat Tapley - April 29, 2014 at 03:30 PM

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**Larry Sellers** - April 29, 2014 at 03:24 PM

NA

“ Our world is not as sweet now.

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**Nadine** - April 29, 2014 at 03:24 PM

DW

“ So sorry Karen about your loss. May God bless!

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**Don F Wiginton** - April 29, 2014 at 03:07 PM

MJ

“ Ed was an amazing human being and friend. He will be greatly missed amongst our transit family. He always had kind and encouraging words of wisdom. I will forever be grateful for the time I was allowed to work with him. God Bless

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**Megan Jones** - April 29, 2014 at 02:51 PM