



## David J. Rather

October 8, 1945 - April 14, 2019

David Judson Rather, 73 of Graysville, passed away on Sunday April 14, 2019 at his residence. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War; a member of the Sumiton Church of Christ; and a retired Master Electrician from M&A Electrical. He loved being a Granddaddy.

Funeral services will be Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Ministers Neil Gilbert and David Lauderdale will officiate. Burial will follow in New Horizon Memorial Gardens. Visitation is Tuesday from 1-2 pm in the chapel.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cora Mendes and his first wife, Patricia Rather.

Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Dorothy Jane Rather; stepdaughters, Amanda Cook and Amy Austin Reeves (Chris); grandchildren, C.J., Aislynn and Trent Reeves; brothers, Robert and Richard Rather and Jerry Tart; sister, Janie Lowery (Johnny); four nephews and two nieces.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

# Cemetery Details

## **New Horizon Memorial Gardens**

5203 Hollis Goodwin Rd.

Dora, AL 35062

(205) 648-8749

<http://www.newhorizonmemorial.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *David J. Rather*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Jane, grief is so hard, but special memories will help you cope and as the days and weeks pass and you return to life's routine, you will be comforted by the love and support of family and friends. Your heart will soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times you shared together as you celebrate a life well lived. In time you will cherish the memories forever. No one else can really know all that you feel, but, please know that many caring thoughts are with you and your Family during this time of sorrow.*



**Juliette Watts** - April 17, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *David was a man that Jane loved and the Church respected. Thank you for your life, Dave.*

**Jim Johnson** - April 16, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ *I remember that Papa Dave would take me to the lollipop store whenever I asked him to. (which was a lot) I always got an orange one and Papa Dave would get one too. Papa Dave would also let me style his hair with clothespins. I love you, Papa Dave!*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Aislynn Reeves*

**Amy Austin- Reeves** - April 16, 2019 at 09:12 AM

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*Amy and Aislynn,  
I sincerely enjoyed being David and Jane's neighbor and them talking about Miss Priss putting clothes pins in David's hair. The last time I talked to David I was walking in Centennial Park and sat down on a bench and talked to him for about 30 minutes before getting on the train to go to work. I hope that all of y'all were able to stay safe from COVID and tell Jane that I miss having her and David as neighbors.*

*Greg Russo*

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**Greg Russo** - April 17, 2021 at 08:07 PM