



Ronald "Dexter" Coley

September 30, 1958 - September 30, 2020

Ronald "Dexter" Coley, 62, of Tunnel Hill, Ga., passed away on his birthday, Wednesday, Sept. 30 2020. Born in Akron Ohio to William and Sarah Lewis, Coley was a celebrated member of the Ringgold/Catoosa County community. He served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from Sept. 30, 1976 to Sept. 21, 1977. Dexter spent the past several years as a valued and beloved employee of the City of Ringgold and a permanent fixture in a variety of community events such as the Haunted Depot, Ringgold's Down Home Christmas, and the local community theatre scene. An instant friend to every person he met, Dexter was known for his southern charm, his hearty laugh, and his never-ending repertoire of "dad jokes."

Dexter was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jesse Coley.

Dexter is survived by two brothers, Mike Ellis and Richard Coley; his children Stephanie Villalba (Carlos), Phillip Coley, and Brittney Cook (Chad). Dexter was also a proud and doting grandfather to his eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and six step-great-grandchildren. Dexter will also be missed by numerous nieces and nephews, as well as countless friends and community members.

The family will gather for a viewing Friday, Oct. 2 beginning at 1 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home in Ft. Oglethorpe, and will begin accepting friends at 2 p.m.

followed by viewing all day on Saturday, Oct. 3. The funeral service will take place at Wilson's Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, and will be followed by interment at Boydston Cemetery in Tiftonia.

Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home 555 W Cloud Springs Rd, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Cemetery Details

Boydston Community Cemetery

3335 Boydston Road
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Visitation

OCT 3. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ Dexter was a very nice man. Center Grove Baptist where his dad was a member and Dexter visited now and then, will be praying for the family. Everyone liked Dexter.

Debbie Watson - October 07, 2020 at 04:18 PM

ST

Thank you ma'am

Stephanie - October 21, 2020 at 12:24 AM

TL

“ Teresa Long lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Dexter" Coley



Teresa Long - October 06, 2020 at 02:28 PM

ST

Thank you ma'am

Stephanie - October 21, 2020 at 12:24 AM

LO

“ Dex was one of the first people I met doing the haunted depot he loved when wed get blood and make up scare him and getting ready to do the hay ride that he did so well. He will definitely be missed and the Haunted Depot will never be the same again without him he did so much more than the pubic saw and made all of us feel safe and have fun even after hour's of volunteering and feeling tired.



Liz Osborn - October 04, 2020 at 03:28 PM

ST

Thank you so much for your kind words ma'am.

Stephanie - October 21, 2020 at 12:25 AM

CL

“ Ceci Ledford lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Dexter" Coley



Ceci Ledford - October 04, 2020 at 12:19 AM

ST

Thank you

Stephanie - October 21, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ Dexter was like a brother to me. I first met him at the Lewis Reunion in Ohio. He was at the McCutcheon Cemetery at our family decoration almost every year and sang songs for us. My favorite song was He Touched me. I met his family when his Dad William Bill Lewis passed away, and they made me feel like one of the family. There were so many things we all admired about Dexter, His honesty about his life story, the good and the bad. His smile and his warm way of becoming part of the family. His happiness and joy in just living and seeing the wonders of the world. His ability to share that happiness and joy with others. His VOICE- his wonderful voice and the emotion as he sang. He always said that GOD gave him that gift. We loved him and will miss him as we're sure many people will. We think GOD will love having that VOICE singing in Heaven. God bless all of you who mourn him.
Bill & Sharon McClain

James McClain - October 02, 2020 at 04:10 PM

ST

Thank you so much for your kind words. Daddy was irreplaceable and is missed so dearly. He loved going to West Virginia with papaw and being with you guy's. He spoke highly of you and I think it's your wife that makes the coconut cream pie that he loved soooooo much lol it was nice meeting you while you were down here even though the circumstance. Take care and thank you again.

Stephanie - October 21, 2020 at 12:31 AM

HL

“ Dexter was a step-son of my brother William (Bill) Lewis and from the first time that i met Dexter I fell in love with him. He always had a funny joke to tell which got the whole group laughing. He also was a great singer and loved to perform. He always tried to make the Lewis Family Reunion in Ohio and now there will be a hole in the reunion because he was loved by all of us so much.
Love you Dexter, Uncle Henry and Aunt Marsha Lewis

Henry Lewis - October 02, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JL

So sorry for the loss of Dexter he was a very nice man we got to know him when his step dad and mom was on my husband deacon ministry at church always a very friendly praying for his family

John and Anna Lewis - October 08, 2020 at 08:51 PM

ST

Thank you Uncle Henry, he loved all of y'all so much.

Stephanie - October 21, 2020 at 12:33 AM

 Joe
Lewis

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joe Lewis - October 02, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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Lewis

Rest in peace cousin.

Joe Lewis - October 02, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Dexter was a loving caring person always happy and loved to make people laugh he was like a brother and my best friend he was more than a cousin and I will miss him more than words could describe but I know he is in a better place.*

Belinda Maples - October 02, 2020 at 01:09 PM