



George Allen Ragsdale

June 6, 1955 - March 17, 2026

George Allen Ragsdale was born June 6, 1955 in Talladega Co Alabama to Jessie and Ulua Ragsdale. Allen grew up in Sylacauga Al and lived there until he married the love of his life Claudette Gable on April 28, 1978. They later had 2 daughters, Misty and Marcy, 4 grandsons and eventually great grands. Allen was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, uncle and friend, but his favorite title was Paw Paw. His grands and great grands were his true joy.

Allen spent many years as a truck driver but after he had a family, he knew over the road wasn't where he wanted to be. So, he worked many jobs until he found his true calling. Allen started his role in the fire service in 1983, taking his firefighter training course and first responder course at Vincent Fire Department. Soon after, Allen started another role in the fire service, as a salesman, that allowed him to still serve along his brotherhood of firefighters. Allen sold fire equipment for many years in Alabama, and he then took a position in Tennessee in 2004. This allowed him a district position with a lot of travel and even more territory and departments to cover. He was elated to form friendships, relationships, and bonds with so many firefighters from multiple states and areas. As Allen started facing some disabling health problems, he came off the road and briefly did his best to still serve from his home office. Allen officially retired in 2020.

After his retirement he found his true passion in life, that was his grandsons and his great grands. There was no higher honor for him than to be a Paw

Paw. He would light up and his heart would melt every time he heard those 2 words, Paw Paw.

Allen was a member of Vincent Revival Center in Vincent Al for many years and in the last few years of his life, he attended Redemption Church in Pulaski Tn, as often as his health would allow. Allen loved his church family and thanked God for the friendships he blessed him with along the way.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, form 12:00pm to 2:00pm at Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory.

The funeral service will follow at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 21, 2026 in the chapel of Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory with Ashlee Kimbrough and Jesse Miller officiating.

The burial will take place at Redemption Cemetery in Pulaski, TN.

Allen was preceded in death by his dad Jessie, mom Ulua, brothers Arlie, Row, Cecil, and Robert, Sisters Essie, Clara, Margie Ann, Margie Marie, and Glenda, his great grandsons Braxtyn, Zylar and Dayton.

Allen is survived by his loving wife Claudette, daughters Misty (Randy) and Marcy (Brian), his grandsons Joseph (Skylar), Jacob (Liv), Josh (Shelby), Ethan, and his great grands, Delilah Lou, Eleanor, Delilah Wynter, Oaklynn, Aerabella "Bella", Shalynn and soon to be here, Theo. He is also survived by his brothers Ray (Marilyn), Boyce (Gail), his sisters Helen and Angie, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Allen's dedication, loyalty and love to his family, friends, and brotherhood of firefighters will be sorely missed, but as he starts his new service in Heaven, he leaves a legacy of love that we are proud of here on earth.

The family would like to thank you for your many prayers, love, and support at this time. The family would like to thank and acknowledge the wonderful care that he received from the following in his time of need and for the love and compassion they have shown to us as well. NHC rehab Pulaski, NHC home

care, physical therapy and wound care of Pulaski, Fresenius Pulaski, SCATS public transportation, Compassus Hospice care, as well as his great team of doctors and specialists.

Cemetery Details

Redemption Church Cemetery

Pulaski, TN 38478

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory
1910 Elkton Pike
Pulaski, TN 38478
(931) 363-0828
bennettmay@energize.net

Funeral Service

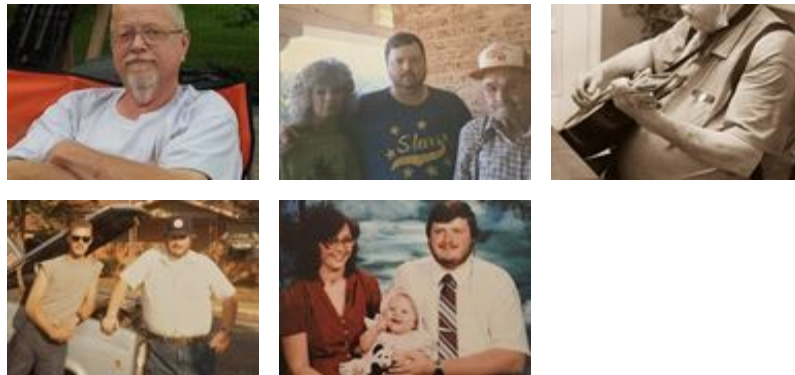
MAR 21. 2:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



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Bennett - May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory - March 20 at 03:12 PM

CC

“ Allen, I will sure miss ya. You got me thru some of my darkest days. You were more than just a friend...you were like a Dad to me, and a brother. I will always cherish the memories of us playing music together. I will always miss that. It's not goodbye brother man... it's...I'll see ya later. RIP buddy. I love ya!!!

Chris Campbell - March 19 at 09:16 PM

PG

“ Always willing to go the extra mile, to help in your time of need, wither it be to pray for you, open a locked door. I've thought of him and his family with great love in my heart and a little selfishness want to come back home .you will always be in my heart I will uphold your family in my prayers as they go through these rough day

pamela greene - March 18 at 04:00 PM

YM

“ *Allen was such a great man. If you met him and made friends he was a friend til the end. Prayers for family and his many friends!!
RIP Allen you will be missed by many!!*

Yvonne Moore - March 18 at 03:36 PM

SS

“ I want to write this to tell you how much I love you and how much I appreciate everything you’ve done in your entire life.

First I want to say thank you

thank you for always being there even from the start you was willing to take me and j in when mom and dad was in a bad situation for that

it altered my life I will always be grateful.

Thank you for the days of just tinkering and working on cars.

You’ve taught me so much Skills that I will be able to teach my own son.

I remember in Lynnville you taught me how to change a tire And digging up that sewer with so much more.

I also remember when I was a kid riding on the lawnmower and seeing u fixing locks.

Thank you for letting me help you build things. To the buildings in Lynnville and making the fire pit.

just little fixes around the house. I probably slowed you down more than I helped, but you never made me feel like I was in the way.you made feel Like I mattered.

But the most important thing you taught me wasn’t working on a car or a building.

It was the way you showed me how to live my life and how to love.

You showed me how a man treats a woman. the love you showed Mawmaw is just amazing.

You taught how to respect, how to to have patience, loyalty, and the ability to strive to be a provider.

But to alway make time for memories cause at the end of the day that’s all that matters.

Show me to be a man of my word and always stand by it.

But

A whole a lot of who I am is part of you and I’m so proud of that. I’m able to brag about you being a firefighter and being able to sell fire

equipment you whole life something you was so passionate about.

But

I'm going to miss the stories , the lessons, the laughs, and just being around you. I going to miss working on things with you but be grateful for the things you showed me. But I know you have been fighting for so long and even the strongest men get tired pawpaw. But I know you're somewhere peaceful, somewhere without pain. And I know since you have gotten up there you're probably already finding something to fix or build.

Skylar Smith - March 18 at 02:30 PM

SS

“ *We love and miss you paw! Wish you was here to meet your great grand baby but ik you've met him before I even did we will miss you so much I'll always tell lil man about the best pawpaw ever* ❤️👍

Skylar Smith - March 18 at 02:17 PM

JM

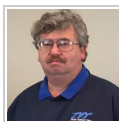
Allen was a wonderful person and he loved and took care of my sister on good days and bad days. I want him to know I loved him even more for his comment to Claudette and his kids. Going to miss you but I know where you are is much better than here. We will see you soon (maybe not too soon)

Joy Marler - March 18 at 07:24 PM

BW

Alan was a great and loyal person, an asset to the company and his fellow employees, everyone in the fire service in Tennessee knew and cared for him

Bobby Wharton - March 20 at 02:41 PM



Alan i worked together for several years. Always available, professional and was attentive to his customers. Goodbye old friend!

Mark Riggsbee - March 20 at 04:42 PM