



## Guy D. Roberts Jr.

September 15, 1953 - January 4, 2025

Guy D. Roberts, Jr. of Asheville passed away unexpectedly on January 4, 2025 at the age of 71 after a period of declining health. He was born on September 15, 1953 to Guy D. Roberts, Sr. and Barbara Chandler Roberts.

As a young boy Guy enjoyed playing little league and being a Scout. Growing up near Asheville Cleaners he attended Claxton School. Guy loved to talk about life growing up and fun times with friends. He taught himself how to ride a unicycle and had many interesting stories about where he rode. Guy grew up in Asbury Memorial Methodist Church and was a member of Central United Methodist Church. He was a proud 1972 graduate of Asheville High School. He could tell a great joke and could make anyone laugh. Guy loved to talk about the cars he had growing up. The biggest highlight of his life was marrying Leesa. Guy loved listening to music, watching golf, car racing and college basketball. He became an avid golfer and was proud of his five hole-in-ones and was a member of The Country Club of Asheville. Guy looked forward to playing weekend golf and occasional golf trips with his friends. He enjoyed special holiday family gatherings and celebrations. Guy deeply loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. He supported many charities over the years.

Guy grew up in the family business Asheville Cleaners and Dyers which his grandfather, A. Fulton Roberts, Sr., established in 1938. He worked with his

grandfather, father and uncle learning the business and was proud to be the third generation. Guy was an owner of Asheville Cleaners and Dyers. He dedicated his working career to the business and was hoping to retire.

Guy was preceded in death by his parents, Guy D. Roberts, Sr. and Barbara Chandler Roberts; Gail Roberts Garmany (sister) and Jeffrey Chandler Roberts (brother).

Guy is survived by his loving wife of over 40 years, Leesa; Knox Garmany III (brother-in-law), Leslie and Bobby Roland (sister-in-law and brother in-law), Robin Whiteside and Shea Pilgrim (sisters-in-law); Ashley Roland, Bella Whiteside (nieces), Knox Garmany IV, Michael Garmany, Robert Roland Jr., Trevor Whiteside (nephews); Griffan Garmany (great nephew); Dakota Garmany (great niece); two aunts, Susie Ray and Marie Flowers Ray and many special cousins. He also leaves behind his most precious doodle girl, Millie.

The family will receive friends from 2:00pm until 4:00pm on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease, Manna Food Bank or a favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Family will Receive Friends

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care

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# Tribute Wall

BO

“ So sad to hear. AVL Cleaners has been a solid fixture in this town for as long as I can remember. - Peter

Bob - July 08, 2025 at 02:16 PM

PA

“ Leesa, I am so sorry to hear of Guy's passing. He was such a sweet man. He reached out to me after Doug passed. He will be missed. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Penny Abe



Penny Abe - January 26, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CH

“ My condolences to Guy's relatives and Asheville Cleaners family. He was an easygoing, solid and fun character to find at the store. He will be missed.

cindy holman - January 26, 2025 at 10:36 AM

KH

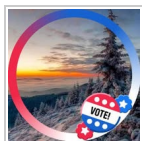
“ My deepest condolences to the Roberts family and their extended Asheville Cleaners family. Gone too soon.

Kate Roberts Henry - January 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM

GM

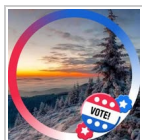
“ Guy and I first met in the latter 1950s ! Sharing the same birthday, we threw some epic joint parties with our birthday buds Harold Cole and Lynn Robinson. Everybody has a Guy D. story. I have dozens. Guy loved fast cars, golf, and shooting pool, but most of all he loved Leesa. Carol and I will miss you. Rest in peace, old pal.

Gil & Carol Michael - January 18, 2025 at 11:39 AM

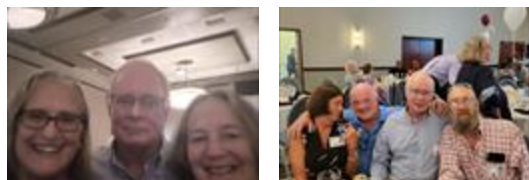


“ Guy D was one of a kind. We were friends for over 50 years, but he never seemed to age. He also liked to remind me that you and I both graduated from Lees-McRae. I'm so glad we had an opportunity to spend some fun time together with our other friends at the AHS 50th reunion. He will truly be missed.

Amy Dodson - January 17, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Leesa, and family, Guy D was one of a kind. We were friends for more than 50 years and our friendship never changed. I'm so glad that we were able to spend a fun night at our 50th Asheville High reunion. He always reminded me that you also graduated from Lees-McRae - class of '74 here. He will always be missed.



Amy Dodson - January 17, 2025 at 05:03 PM

TS

“ Leesa, I am so sorry to hear about Guy. He was such a sweet friend for so many years. Please let me know if you need anything - my love and prayers to you

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**Terry Stone** - January 16, 2025 at 10:54 AM

MD

“ Leesa, I am so sorry to hear of Guy's passing. Praying for your comfort and sending you love.

*Michele Swicegood Demetriou*

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**Michele Demetriou** - January 15, 2025 at 07:26 PM

RW

“ Guy D your life was beautiful. Thank for always being a friend. Peace and love to your family.



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**Ryan Whittington** - January 15, 2025 at 05:54 AM

JT

“ Leesa,

*I was saddened to hear about Guy passing. Guy was one of the first people that I met when I moved to Asheville in 1976 as he had become friends with Mike Willis who I knew from school at Chapel Hill. Later we had a lot of fun playing golf at High Vista and on several trips to Myrtle Beach. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

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**Jim Tart** - January 14, 2025 at 05:43 PM

TC

*There was not a time that I didn't know Guy D. He used to let me drive all those cars he loved. We went to some High School Reunions together with Leesa driving and picking us up. When my dad Jim Chapman died he came to the house and stayed with my sisters all day. I loved him for that. I will always miss my good friend. Fly High ❤️*

Teri T Connelly - January 17, 2025 at 05:23 PM



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Morris Funeral Home - January 13, 2025 at 04:05 PM

MH

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Morris Funeral Home - January 13, 2025 at 03:21 PM

SS

*You were halarious in school, and a good friend as an adult. You will be missed! Vikki Riddle Smith*

Sophie Smith - January 26, 2025 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ My cousin Guy D was always a good friend to me and everyone he met. I have many fond childhood memories of us growing up together, especially the time we let your father's car roll off across the golf course and scaring everyone to death. My you rest in peace my brother until me meet again.

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**Jackie and Kim Boone** - January 12, 2025 at 11:42 AM

MR

“ I met Guy while growing up in Kenilworth where we both lived. As many have said he had a quick and sharpe sense of humor. He was also an individual who was loyal, and always there if needed. Our prayers are with his family.

*Mark Ryan*

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**Mark Ryan** - January 12, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KI

“ My memories of Guy D are best described by the word devotion. As a lifelong resident of Asheville, he made friends with many people. His devotion to friendships spanned from early childhood through his entire adult life. He was devoted to 40 years of marriage to the love of his life, Leesa. He was devoted to his family; grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; sharing of himself with them during good times and challenging times. He devoted his working life as a partner in the operation of Asheville Cleaners, joining his grandfather, father, and uncle over the years to sustain the family business and it's legacy. He devoted his time and treasure to several charities. Thank you brother for your devotion and may you rest in peace.



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**Knox Garmany III** - January 12, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JN

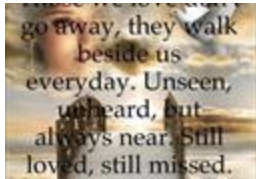
“ Guy D was more than a cousin. He was like a brother to me. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace Guy D. I look forward to seeing you again in heaven. God bless

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**Joel Neilson** - January 11, 2025 at 08:36 PM

KC

“ So sad to hear the passing of Guy D. Praying Lisa for you & your family!



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**Karen C Carter** - January 10, 2025 at 06:26 PM

CA

“Guy D” was one of the most quick-witted members of Asheville High School's Class of 1972. His dry humor was always "en pointe" and infused with a certain sagacity beyond his years. He was an integral member of our Class and very popular. Guy D: "Thank you for the gifts of wit you gave us in sometimes trying times." Sincerely, Clayton B. Austin



Clayton Bartholomew Austin - January 10, 2025 at 04:17 PM

MI

“ I've known Guy D. since middle school. We were really close friends for many years. He was a great man and he will be missed by many. Prayers for his friends and family.

Miriam - January 10, 2025 at 11:36 AM

LC

“ Lisa, Guy was such a sweet man. I enjoyed our conversations and will miss seeing him come to the bank. He will definitely be missed. I'm praying for you and so sorry for your loss.

Leisa Capps - January 10, 2025 at 06:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Guy D. Roberts Jr..



January 09, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Guy D. Roberts Jr..

January 09, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ Tommy and I were very sad to hear of Guy D's passing. He was always so nice to me (Pam). He and Tommy went way back. Prayers for all of the family. May he rest in peace in God's hands.

**Pamela Coleman** - January 09, 2025 at 08:45 PM



“ I've known Guy D. Since 5th grade. He was a good person and friend. I especially remember riding inside those huge dryers at Asheville Cleaners. Condolences to the family.

**Rick Weaver** - January 09, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ I grew up with Guy D in our Claxton Elementary neighborhood where we always had a ball game of some kind going on. Guy D was a friend to everyone and will be missed.

**Gary Simpson** - January 08, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ My condolences to Guy D's family, he was a bright light in our community

**Peggy Gardner** - January 08, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Guy D. Roberts Jr..*



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“ *JanetDavid lit a candle in memory of Guy D. Roberts Jr.*



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**JanetDavid** - January 08, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Guy D's passing. I was introduced to him by my late husband Gary Erwin and always found Guy D to be friendly and kind. He will be missed. Praying for peace and comfort in the coming days.*

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**Annette Erwin** - January 07, 2025 at 10:11 AM

MH

“ I met Guy D. in the 3rd grade at Claxton Elementary School and became instant friends. We played little league baseball for many years together and just basically ran our North Asheville neighborhood 🙏. Guy D always had a great sense of humor and could make you laugh at anything. Rest In Peace, my friend. We will see you again!

Mike Harris - January 06, 2025 at 06:31 PM

SR

I met Guy D. In the 1st grade at Claxton. We became friends then and stayed friends over the years. Guy never met a stranger and was everyone's friend. So funny, he could always make you laugh. I will miss him. RIP sweet Guy.

Sheri J Richardson - January 06, 2025 at 07:37 PM

BC

Guy D. was truly a great person. He will be missed by all who know him. This is not "Good Bye" Guy, it's "See you later". R.I.P. I'll always remember your kindness and remember seeing you at the cleaners and how you fixed my daughter's prom dress to get it ready for wear! Go rest high on that mountain my friend.....

Barbara Carnegie - January 07, 2025 at 08:11 AM

RS

I am so sorry for your loss. I always found Guy D. to be highly personable and tremendously kind. He was blessed with a strong streak of lighthearted humor that gave him a gleam in his eyes. I am glad to have known him. Your family is in my prayers.

Rebecca Sandoval - January 07, 2025 at 12:22 PM

KL

Lisa, I'm so sorry to hear of Guy D's passing. I worked with him at the cleaners for many years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family those dreaded coming days. 🙏

kathy lee - January 09, 2025 at 07:40 PM

BD

*Lisa our thoughts and prayers are with you. We enjoyed being neighbors on Gibson and on Merrimon. He will be dearly missed.*  
*Becky Dosier*

**Becky Dosier** - January 10, 2025 at 11:03 AM

MJ

*RIP Guy, known him since Claxton Elementary School around 1958. He was a good guy and will be missed. See you again one day.*

**Michael Jones** - January 13, 2025 at 07:34 PM

SH

*Godspeed Guy D. We had a lot of fun & thanks for the memories,*

**Scott Holsclaw** - January 16, 2025 at 08:28 AM