



## Roland Wade Perrin III

August 7, 1962 - August 10, 2023

Roland Wade Perrin, III was born on August 7, 1962, to the late Roland Wade Perrin, Jr. and Evelyn Bannister Perrin and gained his heavenly wings on August 10, 2023. Roland's journey through life was one marked by dedication, passion, and love. He graduated in 1980 from Gordon High School in Decatur, GA. Upon graduation, he joined the military where he traveled the world as an Army Reservist and proudly served in the Gulf War. As a young child, Roland loved trucks and became a long-distance truck driver and traveled across the country, earning countless awards, and had the admiration of his colleagues.

Roland loved distance running and embraced the freedom and challenges of the sport. As a proud Braves fan, he would wear his Atlanta Braves baseball cap during his runs. Whether it was running twenty-one years in the Atlanta Peachtree Road Race, a simple jog, or a 5-mile run at his truck stops, he was always pushing himself to new limits while inspiring others to do the same. He believed that he would be healthier and trained for the Atlanta Peachtree Road Race following his second stem cell treatment with strong faith and assurance that he would receive his next t-shirt.

Roland was a master gardener and maintained multiple gardens that produced beautiful muscadine vines and other fruits and vegetables. In addition to gardening, Roland took pride in his landscaping and creating USA flag designs on his lawn to celebrate the 4th of July.

Roland loved God and joined Green Pastures with his family. Roland leaves to mourn his loss his children, Shenika, and Xavier (Sharon) and Vanessa Perrin, who loved and cared for Roland immensely. His children blessed him with five amazing grandchildren who called Roland their “Pa-Pa.” He found boundless joy as a doting grandfather to Avery, Alyssa, Alivia, Xavier Jr., and Xander. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren’s school and sporting events and celebrating birthdays and family gatherings. Pa-Pa would always talk with his grandchildren about the principles of healthy eating and physical fitness and encouraged physical fitness by creating ramps and basketball goals from the oddest household items he could find. Roland’s grandchildren will forever have loving memories of their Pa-Pa and will find comfort in knowing that Pa-Pa loved them dearly.

Roland leaves behind his siblings whom he deeply loved—his brother Jonathan (Vivian) and his three sisters Phyllis (Todd), Stacy, and Courtney (Raven) known as the “Perrin 5.” Big Boy’s siblings cared for him lovingly and tirelessly during his illness. Roland loved spending time with his siblings especially on Sundays watching the Falcons or Braves while eating a home cooked meal. He also loved reminiscing and laughing about the times shared as children on Fairway Hill Drive.

Roland also leaves behind his aunts Ella Marie, Mary Jean, Lonnie Kate, Vernice and Patricia; uncles Peter, Henry and William; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a countless number of friends including friends from Gordon High School, MedLine and AAA Cooper.

Rest in peace, our dear Roland, Big Boy, and Pa-Pa, we will profoundly miss and love you forever.

Service entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-

South DeKalb 404.241.5656

# Cemetery Details

## Kennedy Memorial Gardens

2500 River Road  
ELLENWOOD, Ga

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **15**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

## Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Decatur, GA 30034  
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# Tribute Wall

FF

“ *Phyllis, So sorry about your loss. You and your family are in our family's daily prayers.*

Frank F - August 22, 2023 at 04:12 PM

RJ

“ *I was a neighbor of Roland, lived across the street on Banks Way, I just found out about Roland transition and my prayers are with the family. I discovered after meeting Roland that we both were veterans and shared a lot in common, he will be missed. RIP*

Robert Johnson - August 19, 2023 at 09:40 PM

YM

“ *Phyllis, you will forever be a leader for Umoja and a member of the Red Cross family. Thank you for sharing stories about your brother and how our work as the Red Cross collecting blood helped sustain your brother and family in your time of need. Love and blessings to you all. Yvette Miller*

Yvette Marie Miller, M.D. - August 18, 2023 at 01:48 PM

KO

“ *Phyllis, our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Know that your Red Cross family is there for you no matter where you go! With love and care, Koby and Adina Langley*

Koby - August 18, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.*



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August 16, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *We will miss you dear brother!!*



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**Phyllis Harris** - August 16, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.*



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August 14, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.*



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August 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.*



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August 14, 2023 at 10:42 AM



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August 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.*



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August 14, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Our Condolences, MH Miles Company purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.*



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**Our Condolences, MH Miles Company** - August 14, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roland Wade Perrin III.



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August 12, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roland Wade Perrin III.

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August 12, 2023 at 06:16 PM