



## Mr. John Oliver Ross

January 28, 1950 - July 30, 2022

John Oliver Ross, Sr. 72, of Guntersville, Alabama, passed away peacefully July 30, 2022.

John was born in Guntersville on January 28, 1950 to Zoanne Green and Oliver Street Ross.

He graduated from Darlington School (Rome, GA) in 1968, and went on to obtain a degree in Industrial

Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1972, where he was a member of Sigma Nu

Fraternity. It was during his time in Atlanta that he met the love of his life, Christine Cheryl Birkholz.

John and Chris wed on October 14, 1972, and subsequently moved to Guntersville. John joined the

family business, Ross-Graden Lumber Company, and ultimately became a third-generation partner

before retiring in 2015.

John's prolific hobbies and interests included sailing, trains, flying kites at the beach, Marshall County

history, meteorology, astronomy, and exploring sites around Guntersville. He loved bluegrass music, and

played the bass, mandolin and banjo, occasionally joining the Front Porch Pickers. He was known for

always having a "Big Time" and enjoyed "gatoring" at weddings and events. In

retirement, John's love of history led him to his involvement with the Guntersville Historical Society in researching General Andrew Jackson's march through Marshall County.

John leaves us with countless stories and memories that bring smiles to many faces and keep us laughing. This, along with his generosity to his family and numerous friends, is his legacy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Oliver Street Ross and Zoanne Green Ross, and his sister, Nancy Ross Hindman.

John is survived by his wife, Christine Birkholz Ross, his children, Carolyn Ross Jordan (Frank "Bubba"), John Oliver Ross, Jr. (Sarah), Amelia Ross Ricks (Adam), Beavis Ross, and seven grandchildren (Madeleine, Frank, Ceile, Oliver, Anna Louis, Anderson and Agnes).

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Carr Funeral Home. Please visit their website or call for information.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Guntersville Historical Society, P.O. Box 236, Guntersville, AL 35976.

# Cemetery Details

**Guntersville City Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 6. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Guntersville City Cemetery  
O'Brig Avenue  
Guntersville, AL 35976

### Graveside Service

AUG 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Guntersville City Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Oliver Ross.*



August 04, 2022 at 11:29 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Oliver Ross.*



August 04, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. John Oliver Ross.*



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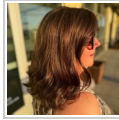
“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May you all find comfort in your memories and peace in the arms of angels. - Debbie Fields, LHH*

**DEBBIE FIELDS** - August 01, 2022 at 02:37 PM

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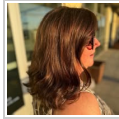
“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Chris and family at this sad time. I remember sharing Sunday School classes with John at First Presbyterian Church . We attended many Bible School activities and worked on projects together. He will be greatly missed by family and friends .*

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**Kathleen Lawlor nee Lynch** - August 01, 2022 at 10:06 AM



*We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our heart and prayers go out to Chris and the entire family. Our mother was a classmate and friend.*

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**Ruth Durden** - August 03, 2022 at 12:37 PM



*John will be missed.*

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