



Roland G Belew

April 17, 1949 - June 16, 2020

Mr. Roland Belew, age 71, of Guntersville, Alabama passed away June 16, 2020 at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham. He is survived by a son, Kai Belew (Traci); a daughter, Julie Belew Love (Che'); former wife and mother of his children, Margaret Belew; brothers, William Belew (Barbara) and Donald Belew (Linda); grandchildren, Jacob Belew, Parker Belew and Landon Love; and a host of family and friends.

Roland grew up in St. Louis, Missouri and was a football and track athlete. He set multiple state records in track. Roland later moved to Honeycomb Valley, near Guntersville, after his Grandfather purchased 900 acres to help on the farm, while attending Snead State Community College.

He was accepted to The United States Military Academy at West Point, but was unable to attend due to a failed physical exam from a football knee injury. He went on attend college at Auburn University and received his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following graduation, he moved to Hawaii where he attended The University of Hawaii after receiving a grant for his Masters in Engineering.

He traveled and worked throughout the world extensively. He lived and worked in Cairo, Egypt. He helped design the Kings Terminal in the Riyadh Airport in Saudi Arabia. He went on to work for many years with the US Army

Corp of Engineers. He also worked at the Panama Canal, in Panama, before the turnover. In addition, he worked many years, during the war times, in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

He loved his children and grandchildren immensely, continued to have a close relationship with his former wife and gave to all generously. He also loved taking pictures and recordings of life's precious moments. In addition, he greatly loved his German Shepherds, fishing, gardening, and generally being outdoors.

Roland will be missed by all that knew, loved and respected him.

Cemetery Details

Guntersville City Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Carr Funeral Home
1960 O'Brig Avenue
Guntersville, AL 35976
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Funeral Service

JUN 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ I've been trying to contact Roland and am shocked to hear of his passing. I worked with Roland in Afghanistan (Camp Zafar/Herat) for roughly 6 months. Smart - hard-working - knowledgeable ... all these adjectives and more describe Roland. Such a great guy ... I'm so sorry for your loss and will miss him.

Timothy Bishop - August 02, 2021 at 09:58 AM

AD

“ I worked with Roland for several years on multiple programs at Huntsville Center, USACE. Roland was a terrific project manager, and was thoroughly organized. He was always incredibly helpful, and was never too busy to help a colleague. I have a fond memory of him coming back from Afghanistan. He brought boxes of scarves into the office, and he wanted to ensure that everyone received one! I loved to hear his stories about his travels. My prayers go out to his family during this time.

Amy Doss - July 02, 2020 at 04:24 PM

PM

“ Roland was a good friend. He was the first PM that I ever work for way back in the 1984-85 time frame. He was the most productive ordnance project manager in our branch easily carrying twice the project load as the rest of us ... and he liked it that way. He loved to be in the field whether it was at a project site in Florida or deployed to a combat zone. He really loved people and had a particular affinity for the folks in Egypt, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Roland was always on the go in the service of the people of the world.

Plyler McManus - June 23, 2020 at 07:50 AM

BH

“ My sincere condolences to Roland's family. I worked with him at the Corps of Engineers and saw first hand what a kind, generous and compassionate person Roland was. If there was a need, Roland would be first in line to give, help and support in whatever way he could - never calling attention to himself or his generosity. Roland chose to make a difference and he held himself to a very high standard - I will miss him but I won't forget what a wonderful person he was. May God comfort your hearts at this sad time.

Brenda Hatley - June 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JC

“ My condolences to Roland's family on his passing. As a contractor, I was fortunate to know and work with Roland on and off for over 20 years. I saw Roland's one side as an intense, hard-driving Project Manager, who was on top of everything with his projects; he was a true professional. I also saw Roland's more relaxed side too, his sense of humor and personal qualities. Roland was a pleasure and a hoot to work with. The last I saw Roland were days before his retirement from CEHNC and I will remember him as someone who I was glad to meet, know and work together. John Chionchio

Jonathan Chionchio - June 22, 2020 at 04:02 PM

BS

“ I have a lot of great memories working with Roland over an 18 year time span. Spent many long hours working on projects together and traveling around the US to visit project sites and figure out how to solve problems. He was very organized and was the very best at documenting sites through video and pictures so even if you weren't on the trip with him, you understood what the technical challenges were. He was a dedicated worker, a wonderful friend and is greatly missed by all of us at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Our Prayers to his family during this difficult time.

Bob Selfridge - June 22, 2020 at 03:17 PM

DE

“ I had many projects with Roland and traveled with him from New York to Nevada to Culebra. He would certainly stay on top of his projects, which I admired. What I do remember about him personally is how kind and caring he was to me. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Debbie Edwards - June 22, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DN

“ My condolences to the family and I am sorry for your loss. I worked with Roland on a project in Puerto Rico and I appreciated that he was able to share his obvious experience working in the region. I really enjoyed the short time that we worked together because of the insight he provided to me.

David Nelson - June 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

HP

“ I met Roland many years ago, I'm grateful for all he taught me about the munitions world. His sense of humor and willingness to take others along left a large imprint on this world. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

heather polinsky - June 22, 2020 at 11:51 AM

NJ

“ Please accept my sincerest condolences on your loss. I worked at the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville District. I never met Roland in person, just over the phone. He was kind man and very passionate about his job.
Rest in Peace, Roland.

Nancy Jones - June 22, 2020 at 11:18 AM

JK

“ I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Roland cleaning up environmental contamination on former military installations in Florida and the Caribbean. Whenever we had a difficult site or extremely short timeline, Roland was the person that would always get it done. He was an extremely hard worker.

John Keiser

John Keiser - June 22, 2020 at 11:05 AM

KE

“ I worked with Roland for several years on projects in Culebra, PR. We took a few trips there and once you got him relaxing after work he told some great stories. I am very sorry for your loss and send my condolences to his family.

Kelly Enriquez - June 22, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JU

“ Julie sent a virtual gift in memory of Roland G Belew



Julie - June 21, 2020 at 11:48 AM

MB

“ Mark, Patricia & Nathan Belew purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roland G Belew.



Mark, Patricia & Nathan Belew - June 21, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Roland G Belew*.



June 20, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Roland G Belew*.



June 19, 2020 at 10:00 PM