



## Lee Roy Stafford

June 6, 1938 - August 18, 2018

Lee Roy Stafford, age 80 years, a resident of the Reevesville Community, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday morning, August 18, 2018 at 6:50 AM at his home surrounded by his family.

Lee Roy was born to Alvis "Buck" and Georgia V. (Buttrum) Stafford on June 6, 1938.

Lee Roy was united in marriage to Karolyn P. Henderson on March 9, 1968. She preceded him in death on April 1, 2002.

Survivors include: a daughter-Vicki (James) Murrie; 3 sons- Mike (Debbie) Stafford, Tim (Jody) Stafford and David (Tawny) Stafford all of Reevesville; 12 grandchildren- Jason Fraser of Grand Tower, Corey Fraser of Reevesville, Heather Stratmeyer of Belknap, Trever Murrie and Jess Murrie both of Reevesville, Cassie Schaefer of Murphysboro, Colten Stafford of Berea, Kentucky, Kayla Quint of Reevesville, Miranda Stafford of Goreville, Christian Stafford, Olivia Stafford and Payton Bennett all of Reevesville; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister -Barb (Bob) Konemann of Reevesville; 2 brothers- Dallas (Janice) Stafford of Metropolis and Wimpy (Alice) Stafford of Vienna.

Lee Roy started working out of High School in Elgin, Illinois at Edison McGraw on the assembly line. In 1964 he went to work in Calvert City, Kentucky at the

Steel Mill. Lee Roy worked approximately 17 years and then was laid off due to budget cuts in 1981.

In 1982, Lee Roy was hired at the Vienna High School as a school bus driver and in 1984, he became the full time transportation manager. In 2002, Lee Roy retired from Vienna High School.

After retirement, Lee Roy decided to go back to work driving the bus part time for the Vienna Grade School. He worked there for 12 years and retired again in 2014.

Lee Roy had faithfully sold basketball and football tickets for Vienna High School for over 30 years.

He also wrote for the Reevesville News for 16 years. Lee Roy had attended the Reevesville Community Church for over 50 years.

Lee Roy will be missed by all who knew him. He was a hard worker and always wanted to be doing something. He had only missed a few days of work in his entire working career. He loved and was proud of his school, county and home.

Lee Roy also loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed listening to gospel music, hunting and trapping, watching baseball, but most of all, he loved his Lord and Savior.

A service honoring the life of Lee Roy Stafford will be held Wednesday afternoon, August 22, 2018 at 1PM at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Steve Watkins and Brother Corey Fraser will officiate. Burial will be at the Reevesville Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday evening, August 21, 2018 from 5PM-9PM at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Reevesville Cemetery c/o Bruce Cummins, 9 Chick Street, Metropolis, IL 62960.

# Cemetery Details

## Reevesville Cemetery

15 Wright Lane  
Grantsburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 21.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

**AUG 22.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lee Roy Stafford*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *We just learned of your father's passing, and we are deeply saddened by your loss. We will always have fond memories of your father. His quick smile and positive attitude always cheered us up. Everyone who knew him will miss him. He was such a good friend to our family for so many years.*

*Skip Morris*

**Skip Morris** - September 18, 2018 at 07:06 AM



“ *Dave & Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Dave & Pat Prewitt** - August 22, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ *The Lay Family lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**The Lay Family** - August 22, 2018 at 01:14 AM

TF

*LeRoy was one of my best customers on my mail route. Always ready to say Hello and talk a minute. Rest in peace from the Lay Family.*

**The Lay Family** - August 22, 2018 at 01:16 AM

SW

“*Thankful for Leroy and his commitment to the Lord. I'm thankful that over 28 years ago he asked me to go to church....which had a part in my salvation years later. He will be missed here by many..but there's not a person that knew him that couldn't say right now that he's in the presence of Jesus.. praise God for His love, mercy and gift of salvation that we can rejoice knowing we have a place to go for eternity...Prayers for the family.. love you all!*

**Sherri Wright** - August 21, 2018 at 08:04 PM

BC

“*Reevesvilles loss, Heavens gain. See ya later, bud.*

**Bruce Cummins** - August 21, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“*Lee Roy was one of the kindest men I knew. I always enjoyed sharing a conversation with him after he completed his bus run and came into the media center to read the newspaper. I also remember how he shared his garden produce with so many of us.  
A very good man!  
Barb and Larry Mizell*

**Barbara Mizell** - August 20, 2018 at 11:02 PM

JP

“ *Enjoyed my visits with LeRoy. For sure, God has blessed him. Prayers for the family.*  
*Jerry Palmer*



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**Jerry Palmer** - August 20, 2018 at 09:28 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Brenda Johnson** - August 20, 2018 at 05:58 PM

BJ

*The sting of death is felt near and far...Leroy was a dear family friend, a child of God, a father, stepfather, grandfather, brother and a Stafford family anchor...Rest in Peace dear one for you will be loved and remembered always.*

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**Brenda Johnson** - August 20, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to his family and friends and all those who knew him. May GOD be with you through this difficult time.*  
*Love & Prayers, Barbara Averitt*



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**Barbara Soulsby** - August 20, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lee Roy Stafford.*



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August 20, 2018 at 03:18 PM



“ *The Lehigh Process Group purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lee Roy Stafford.*



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**The Lehigh Process Group** - August 20, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Your Lehigh Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Lee Roy Stafford.*



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**Your Lehigh Family** - August 20, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Tom and Carmen Murrie** - August 20, 2018 at 01:13 PM

TM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!! May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.*

**Tom and Carmen Murrie** - August 20, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DM

“ *Leroy was a wonderful man who will be missed by family, friends and community. Our sympathies go to all. I May your treasured memories help you through this difficult time.*



**David & Faye Mize** - August 20, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Elaine Rotan** - August 20, 2018 at 09:25 AM

BW

“ *Brent And Tracy Williams lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Brent and Tracy Williams** - August 19, 2018 at 08:26 PM

PW

“ Pat Womack , Justin Womack Tc Womack lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



pat womack , justin womack tc womack - August 19, 2018 at 07:08 PM

JM

“ Jeff And Linda Mathis lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Jeff and Linda Mathis - August 19, 2018 at 06:38 PM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Justin & Tricia Hartline - August 19, 2018 at 05:28 PM

SM

“ Sherry Rhymer Moore lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



sherry rhymer moore - August 19, 2018 at 05:22 PM

DO

“ *Barbara, so sorry for your loss.....David Oliver*

David Oliver - August 19, 2018 at 04:04 PM

SG

“ *Lee Roy was such a special man. We all looked forward to his article in the paper. I am keeping his family in prayer. God bless.*



Sondra Goins - August 19, 2018 at 02:16 PM

JT

“ *Leroy was a very good man and a lifelong friend. Reevesville lost another good part of its history prayers to all of his family*

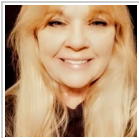
Joyce (shaw) Taylor - August 19, 2018 at 01:07 PM

RS

“ *Rebecca Stone lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



Rebecca Stone - August 19, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



Teresa Anderson - August 19, 2018 at 11:56 AM

BF

“ Miss you already Uncle LeeRoy~Brandi & Doug



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**Brandi & Doug Fisher** - August 19, 2018 at 10:57 AM

BM

“ I met Leroy when I was working at the Jolly Red Pig.He was a nice man and put up with a lot being a bus driver.I read his column every week. He will be missed.

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**Brenda McCall** - August 19, 2018 at 10:55 AM

JF

“ Such a good soul has left us. He will be remembered and missed by so many. R I P. My old friend. Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.



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**Joan Faulkner-Owen** - August 19, 2018 at 09:35 AM

CH

“ Charles And Cindy Harner lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



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**Charles and Cindy Harner** - August 19, 2018 at 08:52 AM

MK

“ Monda Hill Kreutzer lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Monda Hill Kreutzer - August 19, 2018 at 06:55 AM

LS

“ Lynne Snelling lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Lynne Snelling - August 19, 2018 at 03:25 AM

TR

“ Tracy And Lori Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Tracy and Lori Robinson - August 19, 2018 at 12:34 AM

HV

“ Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Harold & Georgia Vinson - August 19, 2018 at 12:12 AM

HV

*So sorry for your loss. Leroy was a wonderful person and will be truly missed by many.*

**Harold & Georgia Vinson** - August 19, 2018 at 12:13 AM

RT

*“ I had many bus rides with Lee Roy when he was driving for VHS. Just about the nicest man I've ever known.*

**Randy Tanner** - August 18, 2018 at 11:32 PM

EJ

*“ Eric Jennings lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Eric Jennings** - August 18, 2018 at 10:40 PM

JR

*“ James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**James and Diane Rainbolt** - August 18, 2018 at 10:22 PM

MR

*“ Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Mike and Teresa Richerson** - August 18, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ *Tara Lee lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Tara Lee** - August 18, 2018 at 09:32 PM



“ *Dan Troutt lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Dan Troutt** - August 18, 2018 at 08:57 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**John Slack** - August 18, 2018 at 08:49 PM

JP

“ *So sorry for the loss of your Father, he was a very kind and thoughtful man. His article was usually the first thing we read in the Vienna Times, will miss seeing him. Prayers for all of you.- Jerry and Judy Phelps.*

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**J Phelps** - August 18, 2018 at 08:23 PM

PK

“ I am so very, very sorry. LeeRoy was a classmate of mine - VHS Class of 1955. A kind, gentle man. He will be sorely missed. -Pat Gray Kitner

Pat Gray Kitner - August 18, 2018 at 08:15 PM

EH

“ Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Ernie Henshaw - August 18, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Valerie Lynne - August 18, 2018 at 07:45 PM

IL

“ My father Maurice cox has known some of the family for years. He would read Leroy's articles every time he was in the paper. He knew Leroy's dad he would take my dad fishing when he was a child. My dad is 93, he messaged me this morning and was so sad. He will miss this kind gentle man. God bless the family.

Irllys lorkiewicz-Haack - August 18, 2018 at 07:40 PM

DB

*Sorry for your loss,I still miss Gene very much,I think of you all often,Dianne Bremdr*

**Dianne Bremer** - August 18, 2018 at 09:08 PM

DB

*Sorry for your loss,thinking of all of you,I still miss Gene so much,Dianne Bremer*

**Dianne Bremer** - August 18, 2018 at 09:13 PM

KB

“ *Kristi Burnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Kristi Burnett** - August 18, 2018 at 06:55 PM

EB

“ *Elizabeth Brown lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Elizabeth Brown** - August 18, 2018 at 06:48 PM

VB

“ *Vonda Burnam sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**Vonda Burnam** - August 18, 2018 at 06:47 PM

DM

“ *LeeRoy was always a kind, friendly man and I know he will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

**Doug Mathis** - August 18, 2018 at 06:38 PM

KB

“ *Kim Bent sent a virtual gift in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**kim bent** - August 18, 2018 at 06:15 PM

KB

“ *Chris, Kim, Dallas, Beaner, and Addison Bent*



**kim bent** - August 18, 2018 at 06:14 PM

KB

“ *Kim Bent lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



**kim bent** - August 18, 2018 at 06:12 PM

MR

“ Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Mike and Teresa Richerson - August 18, 2018 at 05:55 PM

ME

“ Mark & Beth Elliott lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Mark & Beth Elliott - August 18, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ Rebecca Ditterline lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Rebecca Ditterline - August 18, 2018 at 05:34 PM

KB

“ Kathy Belt lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



Kathy Belt - August 18, 2018 at 05:30 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - August 18, 2018 at 05:21 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Elizabeth Kerley** - August 18, 2018 at 05:12 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - August 18, 2018 at 05:06 PM

DP

“ *Deanna Penrod lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



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**Deanna Penrod** - August 18, 2018 at 04:47 PM

DH

“ *David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford*



David and Ellen Hill - August 18, 2018 at 04:25 PM

 Theresa McKenzie

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Sending Prayers of Comfort to ALL of you*



Theresa McKenzie - August 18, 2018 at 03:47 PM

WF

“ *Offering sympathy and prayers for peace to the Stafford Family. So sorry for your loss.*



Wanda Florey - August 18, 2018 at 03:35 PM

JB

“ *Ted and Joy Beggs*



Joy Beggs - August 18, 2018 at 03:32 PM

PB

“ Pat & Jim Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



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**Pat & Jim Blankenship** - August 18, 2018 at 03:18 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Lee Roy Stafford



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**Larry and Carolyn McGill** - August 18, 2018 at 03:16 PM