



Rodger L. Gossett

May 7, 1939 - February 16, 2026

Rodger L. Gossett, 86, of Vienna, passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026 at the VA Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Rodger was born May 7, 1939 the son of Robert Otis and Doris Grace (Richardson) Gossett in Eldorado, Illinois. He married Janice Faye Miller on November 9, 1989 in Buncombe and she preceded him in death on March 4, 2017.

Rodger proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 – 1963. His military service reflected his courage, dedication, and love of country, and he will be honored with military rites. He was a former Illinois State Police trooper and retired from Choate Developmental Center in Anna.

For over 22 years he served as president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Association. He and Janice loved to fish and he enjoyed hunting.

Rodger is survived by his daughter Dawn LaPorte (Byron) of Webster, Texas, daughter Holly Gossett (Jeff Barber) of Stevensville, Maryland, son James Miller (Tammy) of Vienna. Four grandchildren – Brittany Lynne Boyke, Christopher Andrew Boyke (Isabelle), Brennan Miller and Alex Miller.

He is preceded in death by his Parents and Sister Connie.

A service honoring the life of Rodger Gossett will be conducted Monday, February 23, 2026 at 11 am at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro. Military honors will be accorded by members of the Anna VFW Carrol P. Foster Post #3455 and Marine Corp Burial Honors Unit.

Visitation will be held Monday, February 23, 2026, from 9 am until the service hour at 11 am at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at the VA Heartland Network-Marion VA Medical Center <https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/50728406/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ I am heartbroken to learn of the passing of my 2nd cousin Rodger. I only wish it had been in time to attend his service and pay my respects there in person. I'm very glad he had full military honors. He deserved nothing less. So many wonderful memories of visits with him in person and on the phone over the decades. He will be deeply missed. God speed dear Rodger.



Pala Jarecki - April 21 at 08:29 PM

TA

“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett



Teresa Anderson - February 22 at 08:59 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett



Bobby Rentfro - February 21 at 02:16 AM

NW

“ Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett



Neal & Carol Watkins - February 20 at 05:30 PM



“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett



Carol Bryant - February 19 at 12:58 PM



Roger was always kind with a big heart, sending my condolences to Tammy, Jim, the boys and family

Carol Bryant - February 19 at 12:59 PM

RR

“ The members of AFSCME Retiree Sub-Chapter #92 send condolences to Rodger's family & friends.



He was a charter member of our sub-chapter, serving as President since the chapter's inception on May 1, 2013, until his passing.

Rosemary Rouse - February 19 at 12:34 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



John Slack - February 19 at 08:34 AM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Bill and Barb Warmack - February 19 at 01:19 AM

MM

“ *Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Margaret Mathis - February 18 at 11:07 PM

JT

“ *Jack Thornton lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Jack Thornton - February 18 at 08:49 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Harrell lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Lisa Harrell - February 18 at 07:18 AM

AM

“ *Arlene Miles lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Arlene Miles - February 17 at 08:20 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Linda Koehler - February 17 at 07:24 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Barbara jeffress - February 17 at 06:42 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Rodger L. Gossett*



Bill and Barb Warmack - February 17 at 05:12 PM