



## Mr. Roger H. Clenney

July 4, 2014

CLENNEY, Roger H., 74, of Crystal River, Florida, entered into eternal rest on July 4, 2014. He was a retired equipment supervisor with GTE of Florida. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Jerry J. Clenney; children Roger H. Clenney, Jr. (Sherry) of Plant City, and Gay Kennedy (Steve) of Zephyrhills; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and 4 siblings. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Private interment at Fellowship Cemetery, Ft. Lonesome. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Citrus, PO Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464 or [www.hospiceofcitrus.org](http://www.hospiceofcitrus.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.WeCare.io](http://www.WeCare.io).

# Cemetery Details

## Fellowship Cemetery

Ft. Lonesome, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PE

“ Roger played Bass in my band at River Ranch Acres Resort. Good bass player and back up singer as well. I enjoyed the times we had. He also played on our first record, "The Okeechobee Stomp" and "A Hand Fulla Gimmie". This was around 1969!! The Band was "Phil Eddings and the River Ranch Boys". Those were the days !!

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**Phil Eddings** - December 31, 2015 at 04:37 PM

CW

“ I am saddened to know of Roger passing. All of the original GTE crew could tell you some really funny stories about him and Mike over the years. Some are better left alone and some are always to be in our memory banks. There were two funerals at the same time yesterday and I attended one of my fellow Gideon's dad. Blessings to the family as we cherish the memories of Roger.

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**Chet Wade** - July 11, 2014 at 03:45 PM

KW

“ Mr. Clenney was such a nice man. He was a good friend to my dad, (Lyle Sweat), over the years and I know he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.  
Sincerely,  
Kimberly Sweat Wilson

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**Kimberly Sweat Wilson** - July 08, 2014 at 06:06 PM

JM

“ There is so much I could say about Roger, my friend, my boss, my supervisor. I was with Roger just about every workday for ten years and got to know him very well. I remember how before quitting cigarettes, the way he would blow cigarette smoke up and out the side of his mouth. He had a way of whistling a song while working, without puckering his lips.

Roger was truly one who could think outside the box and get things done in half the time. There was the wrong way, the right way and Roger's way. I have seen Rodger's way save GTE tons of money.

I remember times it was rainy and so cold outside, he would get a call from his mother, who's old car had broken down alongside the road. He would be up and gone, 10am or 10pm, like it was just down the street. She lived (I can't remember) somewhere in north Florida . He would change her transmission or tire and think nothing of it. Turn around and be back to work in no time.

How his GTE pickup would show up some nights at a race track in Orlando, with a barrel of racing fuel in the bed of the truck. He enjoyed racing and building stock cars.

I remember one of the first projects on his computer was starting a personal diary. He would write in it everyday. Roger used Crosstalk and dBase III computer software to build programs that no one else company wide had. Later they were using these programs to update the new electronic switching systems. These programs eliminated having to use paper punched tape and saved GTE lots of money.

Then there was collecting old records. It wouldn't do to say how Roger could find a GTE office (distant was no object) to visit which somehow ended up being near a store that sold old records. He must have ended up with a thousand bebop records.

He was known company wide for his ability to solve problems. I would be remiss if I didn't mention his right hand man Mike Crager. I

*would be in awe listening to the two of them debating (one trying to outdo the other) time and time on end, about things I know they couldn't have known a thing about. They were two peas in a pot. The Lord now has two good problem solvers added to His Crew.*

*My love and condolences to you Jerry and the family.  
Roger's passing is truly the end of an era.*

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**Jim McCall** - July 07, 2014 at 09:20 PM

BF

“ *Roger was the Best and all that worked for him knew that there would only be one Roger, He was personal to all, Caring and would always back You up no matter how dumb you were!!! Best Supervisor I ever had!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Prayer's for Family!!*

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**Brad Fox** - July 07, 2014 at 05:29 PM

BK

“ *A friend on and off the job at GTE for 53 years, he will be missed. My condolences to Jerry, Gaye & Roger jr. And the extended family. Bill Keen*

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**Bill Keen** - July 07, 2014 at 12:05 PM

CM

“ *prayers for all of you.roger allways came through and saw momma every chance he got..hope the family finds peace and love to get through this .looks as though he was good member of his community...our prayers for you all... cindy clenney miller*



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**cindy miller** - July 07, 2014 at 10:37 AM

EF

“ Erin's Verizon Training Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Roger H. Clenney.



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**Erin's Verizon Training Family** - July 07, 2014 at 10:12 AM

SC

“ Dear Jerry, Roger Jr, Sherry, Gay, Steve, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and Siblings of Roger, We're so sorry for the loss of your dear husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother! Much love, hugs, praying for strength, courage, comfort and most of all a peace from GOD which surpasses all understanding that only HE can give for each of you! May all your wonderful memories help to bring you great comfort in the coming days, months and years! May it help to know that we care and share your grief!



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**Sam and Carol Conrad** - July 07, 2014 at 07:25 AM

MJ

“ Mr. Roger was always friendly to me. He work indirectly with my Dad at GTE/ Verizon. We often had conversations from Beatles to CCR Fender vs Gibson bass and guitars and solid state vs tube amps. Very intelligent man. Truly will be missed by many..

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**Michael Jameson** - July 06, 2014 at 09:19 PM



“ Roger was a true professional telecommunications expert, one of my mentors, and a close personal friend. It would take volumes to convey all the stories of his kindness directed toward me and incidents of helping me and so many others. My sincere condolences to the family. I pray for God's comfort to all Roger's friends and family at this time of extreme loss.



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**Ken Jameson** - July 06, 2014 at 09:00 PM