



Mark Richard Rutherford

August 29, 1962 - January 23, 2026

Mark Richard Rutherford, 63, of Athens, passed away on Friday, January 23rd, 2026, at Maury Medical Regional Center. Mr. Rutherford was born on August 29th, 1962, in Orlando, Florida, to John and Marilyn (Rutherford) Thompson.

Mr. Rutherford is survived by his wife, Joan Rutherford; daughter, Savilla Rutherford (Mike); son, Chris Rutherford (Brianna); brothers, Dewayne Thompson (Charlotte) and Donald Rutherford (Tina); sister, Connie Sanders (Robert), grandchildren, Keegan Alexander, Malachi Alexander, Jeremiah Alexander, and Brantley Moran; nephew, Brandon Patterson (Brittany); and many other grandchildren and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Marilyn Thompson; daughter, Courtney Rutherford; and brother, Stanely Salis.

A funeral service for Mr. Rutherford will be Thursday, January 29th, 2026, at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home, at 2:00 p.m., with Bro. Doug Caldwell officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 28th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Justin Rutherford, Mike Shaw, Hunter Thompson, Johnathan Thompson, Jamie Thompson, Keegan Alexander, and Randan Thompson. Burial will be at Gatlin Cemetery.

Mark was strong-willed and stubborn. He was a hard worker and loved his family. He worked as a trucker for over forty years. He loved motorcycles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 was his favorite verse. Mark loved the Lord and had a relationship with Him. He will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Gatlin Cemetery

Ardmore, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
322 Hwy. 31 N.
Athens, AL 35611
(256) 232-1051
info@limestonechapel.com
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
322 Hwy. 31 N.
Athens, AL 35611
(256) 232-1051
info@limestonechapel.com
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Limestone Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Richard Rutherford



Limestone Chapel Funeral Home - January 26 at 11:39 AM

RC

Awesome Tribute to a Good Man and a good Friend 🙏🏻

Roy Carter - January 27 at 09:29 AM

CR

“ I love you dad thank you for everything that you have done for me and savilla and rest easy you will be missed we love you very much

Chris Rutherford - January 29 at 01:40 AM

DT

“ I love you big brother . You was such an inspiration an mentor to me thru out the years. I'm gonna miss you my best friend. We got the load from here EASY RIDER 10-4 .

Dewayne Thompson - January 28 at 03:08 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mark Richard Rutherford.*



January 27 at 03:55 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Limestone Chapel Funeral Home - January 26 at 11:35 AM



“ *So sorry for y'all's loss. Sending love and prayers* ☐



Deborah Watson - January 25 at 09:41 PM

SB

“ God please embrace Savilla and Chris lift them up hold them close in this time of sorrow. May God have mercy and ease the heartache.

Susan Boone - January 23 at 06:06 PM