



Junior Roweton

September 8, 1941 - September 16, 2023

Alvia Junior Roweton, 82, passed away on Saturday, September 16th, 2023, at Cox South

Hospital. He was the husband of Kathy Roweton. They shared 32 years of marriage together.

Junior was born in Halfway, Missouri, on September 8th, 1941, to Alvia Roweton and Irene

Ragsdale Roweton. He graduated from Halfway High School and then attended Southwest

Baptist College and Drury University on a basketball scholarship. He received his Master's

Degree from Drury University and later a Specialist Degree from Tulsa University. He started his

teaching career in the Springfield School District, teaching and coaching at Cherokee Junior

High before transferring to Parkview where he was the assistant coach for the Legendary "Jolly

Green Giant" Parkview teams. Later he transferred to Reed Junior High. While teaching and

coaching in Springfield he started his farm operation in Halfway, Missouri. His farms led him to

move to Bolivar and in 1981 he took a job at Bolivar as a teacher and girls' basketball coach for

the Bolivar Lady Liberators. In his first and only season the 1982 girls' basketball team won the class 3 state title. The next year he became the first Athletic Director for Bolivar High School and served as Assistant principal. In 1985 he became the principal at Halfway High School and served in that role until he retired from education in 1994. In retirement he coached the Bolivar Boys Basketball team in 1996 and 1997. In 1996 The Liberators won the Central Ozark Conference and in 1997 the Liberators won its' first ever Blue and Gold Championship. He retired from education for good after this and focused on growing and managing his farm until his death.

Junior was a member of the Halfway Missionary Baptist Church where he was saved. He

enjoyed working on the farm, hunting and fishing, early morning coffee with the coffee shop

gang at Brenda's, watching his grand kids play ball, talking to his sons on the phone, and

Sunday night dinners with the entire family which took place for the last 26 years. He will be

remembered and loved as a teacher, coach, principal, businessman, cattleman, friend,

Husband, Father, and Papa.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvia and Irene Roweton, and two children, Rachelle

Roweton and Jared Roweton.

Junior is survived by his wife of 32 years, Kathy Roweton, and sons Brad Roweton (Alisson

Roweton), Kane Wildforster, Lance Roweton (Katie Roweton), and Brock Roweton (Jaime Roweton). He is survived by his grandchildren Chase Roweton, Jack Roweton, Avery Roweton, Cora Roweton, Russell Roweton, Heidi Roweton, Taylor Roweton, Blu Wildforster, Turner Roweton, and Jared Roweton. He is also survived by sisters JoAn Johnson (Bill Johnson) and Sharon Richter (Kent Richter) as well as a nephew Jeff Johnson, and Nieces Amy Jackson and Allison Potter (Martin Potter).

Funeral Services will be held at: 1:00 PM on Wednesday September 20, 2023 at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

A visitation will take place at the Funeral Home from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Crestview Memorial Gardens in Bolivar.

Cemetery Details

Crestview Memorial Gardens

1529 Missouri 32
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Junior Roweton*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Glenn and Cindy Stewart

Cindy Stewart - September 20, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Junior Roweton.*

September 20, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 20, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 19, 2023 at 11:50 PM

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“ Junior looked out for me in high school when I was pregnant with my Daughter. I will never forget that and I am eternally grateful for that. My prayers for you all, for peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding.

Melissa Haney - September 19, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.



September 19, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.



September 19, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.



September 19, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 19, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 19, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed working with Junior. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and remembrance. He will be very much missed by this community.*
Sincerely, Jean Pufahl Vincent

Jean Pufahl Vincent - September 19, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 18, 2023 at 11:51 PM

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“ *Suann & Dale Taylor purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Junior Roweton.*



Suann & Dale Taylor - September 18, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 17, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Junior Roweton.*



September 17, 2023 at 07:48 PM