

Memories from his children...

His daughter, April, remembers her father as the man who gave her one of life's greatest gifts—the gift of love joined with responsibility:

“My dad gave me the greatest love of my life. He taught me responsibility and to be accountable at all times—for my thoughts, my actions, and what those things put out into the world. As I grew, his patience with me was so satisfying and fulfilling. When I failed or strayed from God, my dad's love always brought me back to where I needed to be. I will carry that love, those lessons, and his voice with me for the rest of my life.”

His sons, Brian and Bradley, remember a father whose strength and guidance helped shape them into the men they became:

“Dad shaped us and guided us through our best and worst times. He was tough on us and lectured us when we got out of line. He demonstrated through his own life what a solid man of character is. He taught us how to work hard and how to sacrifice for what we wanted to achieve. The way Dad's love, prayers, and lectures guided us throughout our lives—we would not be the men we are today if it were not for him.”

The Legacy of Roscell Lane

What does Roscell leave behind?

Not merely houses or belongings, but an **imprint**.

His legacy cannot be measured by material possessions, but by the lives into which he poured himself. Every lesson he taught, every child he encouraged, every person he mentored, every haircut accompanied by conversation, every plant he nurtured, every photograph he captured, every prayer he prayed, and every helping hand he extended became a part of the legacy he leaves behind.

Though his voice has grown quiet, the lessons, laughter, lectures, prayers, wisdom, and love he gave so freely will continue to live through generations.

Rest well, Daddy. Your work here is finished, but your children will carry it forward.

Your life was a lesson. Your love was a gift. Your wisdom was a treasure. And your legacy will live on.

Acknowledgements

We are never prepared to accept a loved one being called home, but we are so grateful for loving family, kind friends, and caring acquaintances who have shown love and care to our family during this time.

Your calls, text messages, cards, food, visits and kind deeds are forever registered in our hearts. We pray God's richest blessings upon you for every act of kindness.

Blessings,

The Family of Roscell Lane

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IN LOVING

Memory



Roscell Lane

SUNRISE

MAY 18, 1951

SUNSET

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

5:00 PM

EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY CHAPEL

1011 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DR FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA

PASTOR KENNETH WILLIAMS, EULOGIST

Summary of Life

Roscell Lane, 75, of Fort Valley, Georgia, peacefully departed this life on September 11, 2026. He was born in Cordele, Georgia, to the late Vera M. Lane and Samuel R. West.

Roscell lived a life marked by faith, family, hard work, service, and an unwavering commitment to those he loved. He was a man of many gifts and interests—artistic, intellectual, patient, focused, dependable, hardworking, and fiercely independent. He devoted his life to God, his family, and to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Throughout his community, Roscell was known and deeply loved. Professionally, he was especially recognized for his work as a Conference Facilitator at Fort Valley State University, where his presence and service allowed him to connect with and impact countless people throughout the years. He was also a deeply cherished barber. For Roscell, barbering was about much more than cutting hair. His chair became a place for conversation, wisdom, laughter, encouragement, and sometimes a good lecture. Many entered his life as clients and left knowing they had gained a friend, mentor, or father figure.

Roscell possessed a creative spirit and loved photography. He had enough plants to start his own shop and was rarely far from a project that allowed him to work with his hands. Teaching and mentoring came naturally to him, and he had a special love for children. Whether they were biologically his or not, Roscell had a way of making children feel as though they belonged to him. His heart had room for them all.

Those who knew “Roc” knew that he was a man of his word. He was an exceptional provider and protector who believed in accountability, honesty, sacrifice, and hard work. He could make you laugh and lecture you in the very same conversation. His calm demeanor, unmistakable walk, wisdom, humor, and steady presence made him unforgettable.

Among the many relationships Roscell treasured was his lifelong friendship with Mr. Gregory Lewis. Gregory’s devotion to Roscell throughout his life, and especially during his final chapter, was a profound testament to the meaning of true friendship. His care, loyalty, and presence until Roscell’s final moments reflected a bond that words can scarcely describe.

Roscell leaves to cherish his memory his three children, Mr. Brian Lockett, Mr. Bradley Lane, and Ms. April Lane; a host of biological grandchildren; countless children whom he loved, mentored, guided, and embraced as his own; his lifelong best friend, Mr. Gregory Lewis; and a multitude of relatives, friends, former colleagues, mentees, clients, and community members whose lives are richer because he was a part of them.



The Order of Celebration

Rev. Dr. John Davis, Officiating

Musical Prelude.....Minister Dexter Davis

Processional

SCRIPTURES

Old & New Testament.....Rev. Dr. John Davis

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev. Dr. John Davis

REFLECTIONS

Three minutes please

Musical Tribute.....Minister Dexter Davis

Eulogy.....Pastor Kenneth Williams
Greater Morris Tabernacle Church, Cordele, Georgia

Acknowledgments.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Recessional

Our Family

Is a Circle of Strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together

forever

