



## Rev. Roy Ruff

February 7, 1947 - September 14, 2019

Reverend Roy Michael Ruff passed away on September 14th at his Garden City home of 20 years. He now joins his beloved wife, Sheri, in Heaven. Mr. Ruff was born February 7, 1947 in King's Mountain, North Carolina to Herman and Grace Ruff. Roy joined the army at age 19 and served his country honorably as a Green Beret. He was a medic and a radio operator with the 5th Special Forces Group. His bravery during the Vietnam War earned him a Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and Military Merit Medal. Mr. Ruff was severely wounded during combat in Vietnam. He lost both legs when a landmine detonated while he was in command of his unit.

After being honorably discharged from the army, he met and married Sheri Jean Huffstetler and began his life's work as a father and minister. The couple had two sons and Mr. Ruff earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from Central Wesleyan College. He led many congregations all over North and South Carolina. Later in his career, he became a hospital Chaplain in Columbia, South Carolina. Roy enjoyed writing poetry, loved Hallmark Christmas movies and made fabulous deviled eggs.

Mr. Ruff is survived by his sons: Sean and his wife Amy of Arlington, VA and Christopher and his wife, Priscilla of Toccoa, GA; four beloved grandchildren: Allison, William, Finnley and Emma; his siblings: Steve Ruff, Evelyn Neal and Joel Ruff as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He is predeceased by his wife, Sheri Ruff; his sister, Nyoka Galloway, and his parents, Herman and Grace.

Services will be held on Friday, September 20th at 11:00 am at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrell's Inlet, SC 29576. Burial will follow at Belin United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Belin Memorial United Methodist Church Cemetery

4183 Hwy 17 Business  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel  
11528 Highway 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

HR

“ Will never forget that in a kidding manner Gail purposely ran over Roy's foot with the car after he told her she didn't have the nerve to do it. He had a great sense of humor. May the Holy Spirit comfort the family during this time of transition.

*Hank & Gail Rybczyk  
Gastonia, NC*

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**Henry & Gail Rybczyk** - September 20, 2019 at 01:52 PM

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“ Thanks for your service Soldier and Fellow Vietnam Vet !!!  
*Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - September 20, 2019 at 01:32 PM

MR

“ Roy was a very special brother-in-law. I loved our conversations and his sense of humor. He is loved and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.  
*I pray for peace and healing for us all as we face the days ahead.*

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**Mackie Ruff** - September 19, 2019 at 11:50 PM

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“ A donation to Disabled American Veterans was given in honor of Roy Ruff by Til-Mar Textiles, Incorporated in Shelby, NC

Til-Mar Textiles, Inc. - September 19, 2019 at 11:42 PM

ST

“ My brother Roy, was a great influence in my life. He was Airborne in the Army. So had to go Airborne, because as he always told you don't want to be no dirty leg. Roy was the Minister at my wedding. He was my big brother. He was my hero, from a very young age. I will miss him, but look to see him again one day. Roy, I love you brother.

Steve - September 19, 2019 at 11:25 PM

 Terry Trahan

“ Uncle Roy is a true hero in my eyes. After serving our country, he continued serving God in many ways. He was a loving son, husband, father and uncle. Always quick to make you laugh. Will truly miss him. Rest in Peace Uncle Roy!

Terry Trahan - September 19, 2019 at 09:13 PM

CJ

“ Sean and Christopher I am so sorry to read that Roy passed. We have such fond memories of our skating days. Roy would always keep Karra and I laughing. Your mom and dad were the best and so proud of their boys. Sending prayers up for you and family.

cheryl Johnston - September 19, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Roy Ruff.*



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September 19, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ *Uncle Roy had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He was intelligent and always willing to discuss world matters. He will be remembered as a hero and a gentle family man. Rest well.*

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**Pam McSwain** - September 19, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ *Ruff Family, Our Deepest Sympathies for your loss, Roy served His Family, Country and GOD with Honor. Mischelle and Gerry Napoleone, Pawleys Island SC*

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**Chief Gerald Napoleone (Ret)** - September 19, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Financial Services - MoFoDC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Roy Ruff.*



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**Financial Services - MoFoDC** - September 19, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Roy Ruff.* ”



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September 19, 2019 at 07:45 AM