



Charles Roy Embry

March 2, 1948 - April 13, 2022

Charles Roy Embry, third generation farmer, moved to Heaven on what would have been his parent's 75th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. He was born in Eatonton, Georgia on March 2, 1948 to Florence Carnes Embry and Cecil Jackson Embry. Roy grew up in Eatonton, learning the art of farming from his father at a very early age.

Roy graduated from Putnam County High School in 1966 and shortly after was drafted into the United States Army where he served two years including a tour in Vietnam. Roy married Betty Whiddon and they had two children, Donna Embry Van Haute (Paul) and Terrell (Terry) Jackson Embry.

Upon returning home from the Army, Roy worked as a partner with his father, growing, expanding and cultivating the land on New Phoenix to become one of the most successful dairy operations in Putnam County. In 1985 Roy purchased the farm from his mother, Florence, after the passing of his father, Cecil. Embry Farm Service began its transition to the next level. During this time, Roy married Ruth Winslette and upon Ruth's sister's death, they raised Ruth's two nieces, Holly and Hannah Miller.

As the years passed and Donna and Terry advanced to Grammar School, it would be no surprise to ride by the farm, and see a big truck riding in the field with what appeared to be no driver, which was when Terry began working with his father. Through the years, under Roy's entrepreneurship skills, together, he and Terry transitioned what was once a single dairy operation into the future, becoming a successful multi-farm operation serving Putnam County and the surrounding areas as the number one provider of beef cattle, hay and fertilizer. The father-son duo then also diversified the operation to add a trucking business called Embry Transport.

Although Roy was notably known as a farmer, he was best known to have a special gift of service and story-telling. Roy spared no expense of his time to make sure that he looked after his family, friends and community before himself. His smile, laughter, kind heart and benevolence reached far and wide. Roy was a lover of the land, a tiller of the soil, a

people person with a passionate personality, and a heart for Jesus first, which spilled over into his love of family and friends.

Eatonton's light is dimmed only for a short time as Roy left his mark on all who knew him. He made a difference in this world. He lived like he was dying every day. He was intentional. No regrets. Always present with his presence. His life doesn't end here...it's just beginning.

Roy is survived by his wife Ruth Embry of 34 years; his daughter, Donna Embry Van Haute (Paul); son, Terrell (Terry) Jackson Embry; Sisters, Shirley Embry Stephens and Carol Embry Hawkins (Johnny); Six Grandchildren, Emily Embry, Jackson Embry, Kate Embry, Garric Embry, Cooper Archebelle, Jessie Archebelle; his nieces, Holly and Hannah Miller; and several others together with a host of close family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Embry Farms Cabin, 619 Greensboro Road, Eatonton, GA, on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, GA Plant Food Educational Society or to Roy Embry Scholarship Fund at Gatewood Schools.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Embry Family Cabin
619 Greensboro Rd
Eatonton, GA 31024

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton created a Webcast in memory of Charles Roy Embry*



Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton - April 16 at 12:59 PM

LS

To be absent from man is to be present with the Lord. And it showed today our pour of love show for my friend he will truly be missed until we meet again farewell my brother.

Larry Smith - April 16 at 03:18 PM

NW

“ *Very sorry for your loss.*



Nettie Wolfe - April 28 at 10:14 PM

WO

“ *Walter Osborne lit a candle in memory of Charles Roy Embry*



Walter Osborne - April 17 at 10:27 PM



“ *Mr. Roy helped the Allred family thru the years and with much respect sorry for him leaving here early. We pray for the healing of the family. He always made time to speak to my grandmother no matter how far away he saw her and she respected that. Godbless*

Cory Allred - April 16 at 12:46 PM

JA

“ Our condolences to the family. We are glad we had the privilege of knowing Roy. A great man.

Bennie & Barbara Pinkerton

Jan - April 16 at 12:15 PM

EL

“ My Hero! We worked well together always. Till we meet again.

Ellen - April 16 at 11:03 AM

HK

“ I started working for Roy almost 4 years ago. When he interviewed me he said he wasn't sure if it would work out because he said I was kinda prissy. We agreed to give it a try. About 2 months later Roy came to me with a "mistake" I made (it was really a misreading of his horrible handwriting) and said let me tell you a joke. He said there was a man and his wife traveling by a wagon pulled by a stubborn mule and the man told the mule to behave because that was its first warning next time he would shoot the mule. The mule kept misbehaving and the man shot and killed it. The wife said to the man - now how are we going to get home? The man pointed at his wife and said that's your first warning. Roy laughed and pointed at me and said Heather that's your first warning. I told him that I wasn't sure if I was the mule or the wife but that he wasn't big enough to take me out. He busted out laughing and said you'll fit in just fine here missy. Roy always called me "missy" because he said I didn't look like I belonged on the farm - guess I showed him because I am still working at the farm. Roy was worth a whole lot more than his weight in gold (skinny man 😊). I will miss your smile, laugh and stories. It was pure entertainment working for you and as you always said, "you just can't make this stuff up".

Heather Kelley - April 15 at 04:22 PM

AM

“ I have known Roy since school. You couldn't find a better man, he would help anybody that needed it. Raised fine children him and Ruth. He will definitely be missed by everyone. Prayers for Ruth and family.

Alice Maddox - April 15 at 10:20 AM

EC

“ Our community is in shock over the loss of one of Eatonton's finest men. Roy was such a generous, kind hearted man, who would go over and above to help anyone in need. He could make you laugh til tears rolled down your cheeks , but had a serious, compassionate side as well. We have so many great memories of our sweet cousin to cherish. Praying for Ruth, Terry, Donna, Carol, Shirley and Family during this difficult time in their lives. Steve and Elaine Carnes



Elaine Carnes - April 14 at 08:47 PM

JB

“ A great man with a great character. Always helping people. Good friend to eeveryone he met. A big loss to everyone.

Johnny Brock - April 14 at 07:15 PM

KB

“ Donna, I just wanted you to know how sorry I am about your Daddy. You and your family are in my prayers. Kathy Butler

kathy butler - April 14 at 03:32 PM

LR

“ Roy has been my wonderful friend for years. We graduated together. Eatonton has lost a legend and a God loving man. He was so great to the Eatonton community there's too much to list. I will miss you my dear friend. My prayers and love goes out to Ruth and the ENTIRE FAMILY. May God give you the strength to get thru this tragedy!!



Linda Radney - April 14 at 11:39 AM