



Robert Earl Dedmon Jr.

July 28, 1950 - June 14, 2025

Robert E. Dedmon, Jr. known as Earl or Bob, was truly one of a kind who lived his life, or his 9 lives as the case may be, absolutely to the fullest. Earl passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2025, in Albemarle, North Carolina at the age of 74.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 6 pm until 8 pm at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care, Albemarle. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 11 am in the Stanly Funeral Home Chapel.

Earl was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1950 to Robert (Bobby) E. Dedmon, Sr. and Juanita Gevedon. He was a graduate of N.B. Forrest High School, attended the University of Florida where he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and graduated from the University of North Florida with a degree in Construction Engineering. He worked for the Jacksonville Port Authority, owned and operated the Londaire Lounge with his father and worked for Daytona International Airport. After moving to North Carolina, Earl worked with his father at Construction and Preventative Maintenance, Inc., owned RED Eagle Contracting, Inc. with his daughters and worked as a consultant for CERmet, Inc. For his final hoorah, the family opened Armadillo Axe Throwing, Inc. and he was especially proud to be a part of the axe throwing community. Earl was passionate about community involvement and strived to always

make sure he gave back in both Florida and in North Carolina. Earl was a lifelong bicyclist and collected armadillos. He loved camping with his family, grilling and the Florida Gators. Earl could build almost anything, fix almost anything, and if he couldn't, he figured out how and always made it happen, especially for his girls. His go to phrase for every milestone, celebration, win, birth and anniversary was "Go Gators!"

Earl is survived by his loving wife of almost 55 years, Mary E. (Edie) Rountree Dedmon. After meeting in 1969, they eloped to Beaufort, South Carolina in September of 1970, and started their family in the spring of 1971. Earl and Edie happily defied all odds over the years to create an incredible family filled with love. Earl loved Edie and his daughters with all of his heart and was extremely proud of them. The legacy he and Edie started is evident in the families that their girls have built. Melissa and D.J., Carrie and Bryan, and Erin and Andy loved Earl as much as he loved them. Earl is also survived by six loving grandchildren; Abigail (Matt), Zachary, Bryce, Lillian (Reagan), Ellison, Annabelle; one great-grandchild, Rosemary and Sunny, his beloved cat. Earl was an incredibly proud father and grandfather who encouraged and supported them in following their dreams.

Earl is also survived by 5 siblings; Karen (Gary), Eric, Steve (Suzanne), Scott, Dena (Joey), his sister-in-law, Kathy (Charlie), brother-in-law Jimmy (Tammy) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Earl will always be remembered for his love of a good time and would say to everyone he met "I'm lookin' for a party, can you help me out?" He was a great friend to so many people and we could not have asked for a better husband, father and grandfather and know that his memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

Flowers are appreciated but if you would rather, donations may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org or to Breakthrough T1D (American Diabetes Association) at diabetes.org .

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care - Albemarle
1835 Badin Rd
Albemarle, NC 28001
(704) 982-8134

Celebration of Life

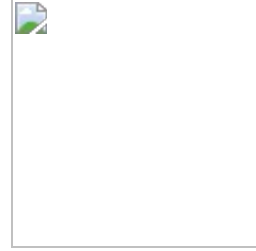
JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ We met Earl when we moved from South Carolina to Charlotte and Hector went to work at Cermet Inc. Hector learned almost everything he knows from Earl. Earl was a father figure for him and he taught him how to work. Thank you Earl. We love you and we'll need forget you and Edie and your family. Rest in peace until we meet again.



Deloris Tijerina - January 15 at 06:30 PM



“ I remember working with Earl at Cermet and all the things he taught us. When we moved there from South Carolina, my husband Hector and I didn't know much of anything as far as work. Earl taught us everything we know about how to operate equipment like Zero turn mower, mixers, forklift trucks, painting and much more. He could do everything and anything. He literally taught Hector how to be a man. He was a father figure to Hector and we're so happy that we had the opportunity to be a part of his life for some years. Thank you Earl. You're remembered and continue to be talked about as we go through our daily lives. We can never forget you because we did have good times. We love you Earl. Rest in peace.

Albertta Tijerina - January 15 at 05:35 PM

VM

“ One of the greatest people I have ever met. Earl worked with us at Lorillard and later ITG Brands doing repairs on boiler refractory as needed. He was always willing to provide an assessment of the refractory condition on short notice and provided that service at a fair rate. We saw him as an extension of our staff and ITG boiler room family.

He was notorious for bringing bakes and preserves for us , courtesy of his wife. I mean who does that these days, he and his family were so thoughtful in the things they did over the years.

I think I speak for the entire staff at ITG when I say we have lost a great friend and share in the family's grief with his passing.

Vern

Vern McFadden - June 28, 2025 at 07:04 AM

TW

“ Edie and Family, so very sorry for your loss. It's Harold and Tracy Whitley. We lived in Sundale Village Mobile Home Park diagonally across from y'all on Austin Rd. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. Love In Christ, Tracy Whitley and Pastor Harold Whitley. 🙏🏻✝️❤️



Tracy and Pastor Harold Whitley - June 18, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 18, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

June 18, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 17, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ From Deloris and Hector Tijerina of SC purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



From Deloris and Hector Tijerina of SC - June 17, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ From Deloris and Hector Tijerina of SC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

From Deloris and Hector Tijerina of SC - June 17, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 17, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

June 17, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ The Primary Purpose Group purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



The Primary Purpose Group - June 17, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 17, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BH

“ Betty & Al Hall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Betty & Al Hall - June 17, 2025 at 02:35 PM

JA

“ John Abernethy, Karen, Diana, and Austin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



John Abernethy, Karen, Diana, and Austin - June 17, 2025 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ Jenny Hatley lit a candle in memory of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Jenny Hatley - June 17, 2025 at 12:24 PM

LC

“ Love Grace and Colton purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Love Grace and Colton - June 17, 2025 at 11:41 AM

LC

“ Love Grace and Colton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

Love Grace and Colton - June 17, 2025 at 11:41 AM

AW

“ Bob as he introduced himself to me will always be a true friend. He took a chance on me when he hired me at Jaxport in 1981 which launched my career. I am forever grateful for his faith in me. Had so much fun with him and his loving family. He will not be forgotten by me. R.I.P. my dear friend 🙏🙏🙏

Arthur waczkowski - June 17, 2025 at 11:10 AM

BI

“ Edie & Family,
Boyd & I are so sorry for your loss. Edie, you told me so much about Earl when you worked with me at Endy School!! You are in our thoughts & prayers!
Love ❤️ you!
Boyd & Brenda Ingold

Brenda Ingold - June 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

SG

“ Shawn and Toni Gammill. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Shawn and Toni Gammill. - June 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM

SG

“ Shawn and Toni Gammill. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

Shawn and Toni Gammill. - June 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM

MM

“ Michele Mills lit a candle in memory of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr.



Michele Mills - June 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM

TF

“ The Voss Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



The Voss Family - June 17, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 17, 2025 at 12:12 AM

DR

“ David and Susan Robbins purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



David and Susan Robbins - June 16, 2025 at 09:57 PM

SH

“ Sue and Doug Henderson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Sue and Doug Henderson - June 16, 2025 at 08:58 PM

SH

“ Sue and Doug Henderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

Sue and Doug Henderson - June 16, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 16, 2025 at 08:53 PM

JF

“ Joe, Dena, Bradley, Kathryn & family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Joe, Dena, Bradley, Kathryn & family. - June 16, 2025 at 07:30 PM

TF

“ The Hodges Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



The Hodges Family - June 16, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BI

“ Becky Irwin lit a candle in memory of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr.



Becky Irwin - June 16, 2025 at 06:32 PM

BI

Praying for all of you. Becky and Buster.

Becky Irwin - June 16, 2025 at 06:34 PM

NF

“ Nicole Ducouer and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



Nicole Ducouer and Family - June 16, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 16, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

June 16, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..



June 16, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

June 16, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..*



June 16, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..

June 16, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..*



June 16, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *Danny and Juli Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Earl Dedmon Jr..*



Danny and Juli Williams - June 16, 2025 at 03:58 PM

CB

“ I have such wonderful memories of Earl. I still remember all the summers I spent in Jacksonville with Charlie & Kathy, and you all were still living in Jacksonville. We had so much fun, especially at the lake house! You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs and love to you all. Cathy Lechner Barnes



Cathy Lechner Barnes - June 16, 2025 at 03:54 PM

BI

*Eddie & Family,
Boyd & I are so sorry for your loss. Eddie, you talked so much about Earl when you worked with me at Endy School. You are in our thoughts & prayers!
Love, Boyd & Brenda Ingold*

Brenda Ingold - June 16, 2025 at 10:35 PM

MS

Praying for strength, peace and comfort for all the family, especially for his devoted wife, daughters and family, during this difficult time. Much love and prayers from all the Gragg family.

Mary Kate Gragg Swafford - June 17, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CO

Eddie and Family, PRAYING God gives you Strength, Comfort and his PEACE. Love, Colette and Ernie Shaver

ColetteShaver - June 18, 2025 at 07:48 AM