



George Roscoe Below

June 28, 1963 - October 1, 2021

George Roscoe Below, 58, of Friedheim, Missouri died Friday, October 1, 2021.

He was born June 28, 1963 in Cape Girardeau to James Roscoe and Carmen Marie Brennecke Below.

He and Deborah L. Peterson were married January 4, 1992 at Washington, Missouri.

George was a 1981 graduate of Delta High School.

George started farming at an early age on a family farm and he maintained a farm at his home. George made a lifelong career as a member of Local 513 Operating Engineers. After working several years for Fred Weber Construction in St. Louis, Missouri, George became the lead heavy equipment instructor at IUOE Mingo Job Corps until his retirement, where he mentored hundreds of young adults seeking career education.

He loved his community and formed lifelong friendships with his neighbors. He took every opportunity to support Oak Ridge youth sports, particularly basketball. George coached youth sports, including girls basketball earlier in his life; and his son's youth baseball and basketball teams. George was a high

school athlete and later in life developed a passion for snow skiing. He committed to travelling one or more times every winter to snow ski with family and friends.

He was a member of New McKendree United Methodist Church. He proudly served two terms on the Oak Ridge R-6 School Board and was a member of the Oak Ridge Booster Club and Foundation Board. During his tenure on the school board, he successfully advocated for the addition of agriculture education, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club and a girls' basketball program. His large family and broad group of friends remember him as a relationship builder, a hard worker, trustworthy, loyal, and a leader.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Below of Friedheim; son, Ryan (April) Below of St. Charles, Missouri; brother, Sam (Tammy) Below of Delta, Missouri; two sisters, Martha (deceased, Darris) Dalton of Cape Girardeau and Mary Lou (Mike) Dobron of Springfield, Illinois; sister-in-law, Mary Below of Sikeston, Missouri; and dozens of loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James J. Below.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at New McKendree UMC South Campus in Jackson with the Rev. Bryan Wendling officiating.

Burial will be private at Cape County Memorial Park at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to support a scholarship in George's name for an Oak Ridge student attending Southeast Missouri State University.

Checks should be made payable to the Oak Ridge R-6 Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

OCT **6**. 10:00 AM (CT)

New McKendree UMC South Campus
1770 S Hope Street
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Debbie, Bev and I were so sorry to hear of George’s passing. We are out of town this week and could not attend services, but we want you to know we are thinking of you and that you are in our prayers. Bruce and Bev Loy*

Bruce Loy - October 06, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 05, 2021 at 08:22 PM

RL

“ *Debbie I am shocked and sad to hear of Georges passing!! You and your family are in our prayers for these days to come!! Bob/ Kathy Lefebvre*

rlefebvre - October 05, 2021 at 10:34 AM

IS

“ *IUOE Job Corps Administrative Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



IUOE Job Corps Administrative Staff - October 05, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 05, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Debbie,
I was so saddened to hear about the death of your husband George. I am praying for you, your son and the entire family during this difficult time. Loretta Prater*

Loretta Prater - October 04, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 09:27 PM

JA

“ *Debbie, Ryan, and family,*

I know you are hurting. I know this is hard. I'm so sorry. Take care of yourselves and your family during this difficult time. Lean on your loved ones for help, you have a huge network of support. I wish I could be there. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Jared

Jared - October 04, 2021 at 06:08 PM

DM

“ *Dear Debbie and Ryan;
My deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time! You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Gods Richest Blessings!
Diane Mangels and Family*

Diane Mangels - October 04, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ *Dr. Below. Southeast Online and Early College Programs send our condolences. You are in our thoughts.*

Chelsea McNeely - October 04, 2021 at 04:43 PM

JD

“ *I was fortunate enough to spend some time with George during his teaching years. I always knew George would be straight with me and perform his duties honestly and professionally on a daily basis. George made a difference in many peoples lives. I feel honored to have spent time with George in my life. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*

Joe Dixon - October 04, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM

HC

“ *Harrison College of Bus. and Computing purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



Harrison College of Bus. and Computing - October 04, 2021 at 11:24 AM

MS

“ *Matt Ludwig and the Chartwells Staff purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



Matt Ludwig and the Chartwells Staff - October 04, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 10:30 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 04, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 03, 2021 at 11:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 03, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ *My heart is broken over the loss of my DHS buddy. Tab and I are so thankful that we got to visit with George and Debbie at our recent class reunion. Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and the entire family at this time of loss. Roscoe, we'll miss you,*

*Laura Hart Collins
Harold "Tab" Collins*

Laura Collins - October 03, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Debbie and Ryan, I pray God grant you solace as you grieve. George, be with God. Much love.*

Joan M Lakebrink - October 03, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 03, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *I, and many others, are so so glad we got to see George and Debbit at the 40th class renion of Delta HS class of 1981. Your laugh and interaction with all of us will never be forgotten. My heart goes out to you and your family. xoxo*

Cheryl Slinkard Bertuzzi - October 03, 2021 at 07:43 PM



Sorry I meant Debbie.

Cheryl Slinkard Bertuzzi - October 03, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Roscoe Below.*



October 03, 2021 at 05:53 PM