



Mr. Russell Monroe Gruver Jr.

March 16, 1945 - April 23, 2026

Russell Monroe Gruver Jr., age 81, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2026. A man of deep conviction, quiet strength, and boundless love for his family, Russell lived a life that touched everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Born on March 16, 1945, in Middlesex, PA, Russell answered the call to serve his country with pride, dedicating 30 distinguished years to the United States Air Force and retiring at the rank of Major. His service reflected the values he carried throughout his entire life — duty, discipline, and an unwavering love of country. In his later years, he made his home in Scottsboro, AL, where he put down roots and built a life rich in friendship, family, and the simple pleasures he loved most.

But it was at home where Russell's heart truly shone. He was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Dawn, and a proud father to his children Max (who preceded him in death), Mark, Phillip, and Lisa. He delighted in his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each one a testament to the legacy of love he built.

Outside of family, Russell was a man of rich passions. He could often be found with a fishing rod in hand, patiently working the water with his beloved Outcasters Bass Club, or tending his garden with the same care and determination he gave to everything in life. He was a skilled hunter who never

tired of watching his trail camera for the next big buck — a simple joy that brought him genuine happiness. He was a devoted member of the VFW, a loyal companion to his dogs, and a sharp mind at the bridge table. Whether navigating backroads or new adventures, Russell had a way of finding his bearings.

He was, in every sense of the word, a good man. Determined, dependable, and deeply principled — the kind of man who led by example and never needed to raise his voice to command respect. His love for his country, his family, and the simple pleasures of life defined him far more than any title or rank ever could.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Russell Monroe Gruver Sr.; his son, Max; and his brother, Don. He is survived by his wife, Dawn; his children Mark, Phillip, and Lisa; his brother Chuck; and a cherished circle of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will carry his memory forward.

"A life well lived is the greatest legacy of all."

The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. at the Scottsboro Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Service with Military Honors will be conducted at 3:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Scottsboro VFW or Wounded Warrior Program.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **26.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - April 25 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Mr. Russell Monroe Gruver Jr.*



April 25 at 09:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Mr. Russell Monroe Gruver Jr.*

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“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Russell Monroe Gruver Jr..

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“ Butch and Joy Browning purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Russell Monroe Gruver Jr..



Butch and Joy Browning - April 24 at 09:05 PM



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