



## Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP

June 23, 1955 - October 23, 2025

Remembering the Life of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP

### THE MAN

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,

Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP, age 70, of Anniston, Alabama, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, October 23, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. A respected and compassionate leader in his field, he was the longtime President and a licensed funeral director and embalmer at his business, Goodson Funeral Home.

Born in Anniston, Alabama on June 23, 1955, to the union of Homer Goodson and Francis Miller Goodson, Mr. Goodson was instilled with the values of integrity and service from the early age. Mr. Goodson received his education in the Calhoun County School System. After graduating from Cobb High School with the Class of 1973, Mr. Goodson's next path in life would be to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Airforce on June 14, 1973

where he served honorably and earned accolades, including the NDSM AFM 900-3 (National Defense Service Medal) and SAEMR AFM 900-3 (Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon). Mr. Goodson also furthered his education and training by completing the Security Specialist Course. His day-to-day responsibilities as a Security Specialist honed his skills, preparing him for a lifetime of service—a calling he would embrace wholeheartedly in the funeral profession.

## HIS WORK

Ecclesiastes 3:5

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

Once returning to civilian life, he pursued his passion for funeral service becoming a pillar in his community until his passing. Not only was Mr. Goodson a pillar in his community, but he was also a well-known businessman and entrepreneur, holding numerous titles and distinctive positions while serving his purpose in the funeral business including his most current position as Sergeant of Arms. Other positions held were: Board Member of the Alabama Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc., Life Member of the Association never missing a convention in 28 years, State President, State Chairman, served on the finance and budget committee, constitution committee, voting member, standing committee archives, and last, but not least, Mr. Roy Goodson was a licensed funeral director and embalmer throughout the state of Alabama. After over 30 devoted years in the funeral business, Mr. Goodson decided it was time to enjoy life to its fullest and retirement was the key.

Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson dedicated his life to serving others during their most

difficult moments. His work at Goodson Funeral Home was more than a career; it was a calling built on empathy and professionalism. He led his staff with dignity and was known for his calm, reassuring presence and unwavering support for grieving families. Beyond his technical skills as an embalmer, he had a special gift for listening and offering comfort, helping countless people navigate the grieving process with grace.

As President, owner, and operator of Goodson Funeral Home, Mr. Goodson was a visionary leader who modernized the funeral profession while upholding its most sacred traditions. Mr. Goodson began his funeral career at the tender age of thirteen when he began working in with the late Eugene Ervin. As time passed, Mr. Goodson continued his interest in the funeral business with Lucius Funeral Home. Once completing his Mortuary Education, Mr. Goodson became a licensed funeral director and began managing and operating Williams Funeral Home. Mr. Goodson later became a well-known prominent entrepreneur in the Calhoun County area when he opened his first funeral home, Model City Mortuary. He later partnered with Otis Adams opening Adams and Goodson Funeral Home. Following the closure of this funeral home he relocated to Birmingham, Alabama where he began working with Smith and Gadsden Funeral Home as chief embalmer before retiring and moving back to Anniston to establish Goodson Funeral Home. Prior to his retiring in 2024, Mr. Roy Goodson had owned and operated Goodson Funeral Home in two locations with the main location being in the heart of the city located at 830 Noble Street, Anniston, Alabama for over 30 years. He was very proud of the legacy he had created and built for his family name. His words were, "The Goodson name will forever be known". Whether you see it on churches, buildings, or documents, the name will be there throughout history.

He was deeply committed to his community. As a youth, Mr. Goodson

accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and united with Seventeenth Street Baptist Church where he faithfully served as a trustee of the church under the leadership of Mr. Nimrod Q. Reynolds. Later in life he continued serving God and working in his vineyard when he united with New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bessemer, Alabama where he was ordained as a deacon under the leadership of Pastor William A. Walker. His devotion to God and his church family exemplified a life lived with purpose and passion.

Outside of his professional life, Mr. Goodson was a loving and devoted father to his children and a proud grandfather to his grandchildren. He cherished family vacations, especially cruises and was a talented cook and master griller. Mr. Goodson loved his family unconditionally with all his heart and soul. Mr. Roy Goodson's life was one of loyalty, love, faith, and dedication and will always be remembered as such. Those who had the privilege of knowing him will remember his warm sense of humor, gentle spirit, and friendly demeanor.

II Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

As time winds its course, we look ahead to a future where Mr. Roy Goodson's spirit transcends this earthly realm, as he embarks on his journey towards eternal peace. On Thursday morning, October 23, 2025, after God had graciously given Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson to us for seventy long beautiful earthly years, Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson traded his earthly home for eternal rest while in the comfort of his home surrounded by his beloved family. Once making his grand entrance through those pearly gates, he was reunited with

his parents Mr. Homer and Frances Goodson, brothers, Homer R. Goodson, Jr. and Aaron Goodson, and sister, Quencella Goodson McKnight.

## HE LEGACY

In the tapestry of memories that remain, Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson leaves behind a legacy woven with love, laughter, and unwavering familial ties. His presence will forever resonate in the hearts of his children, Maleka Goodson, Renitra (Kurtilyn) Barclay, Sheffton (Darenda) Goodson and Daphne (Aaron, Sr.) Becker; bonus son, Marcus (Nikita) Wood; adorable grandchildren, Malaysia Canady, Carriana Williams, Kirsten Barclay, Madison Goodson, Sheffton Goodson, Rori Goodson, Kayla Domebech, Daniel M. Saintil, Mycheal D. Goodson, Ashley C. Henderson, Chanel Appleby, Payton A. Becker, Aniya Jones, Marcus Wood, Jr., Marquel Wood, Jaden Jones, and Rivers Wood; great-grandchildren, Saphira Olivia Henderson, Bentley Caide Henderson, Dawson Bilbrey, Dream Saintil, Cyair Elijah Goode, and Leilani Jones; aunt, Betty DeRamus of Birmingham, Alabama; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson's life was one of dedication, love, and unwavering faith. As we mourn his passing, let us also celebrate the light he brought into our lives and the legacy of kindness and compassion he leaves behind.

# Cemetery Details

## Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Highway 119  
Montevallo, AL 35115

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston  
830 Noble Street  
Anniston, AL 36201

## Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
1130 W 14th St  
Anniston, AL 36201

# Tribute Wall

EI

“ *Condolences to the family of the late Roy Alfred Goodson, may the Peace, Love and Grace of Almighty God continue to cover you'll at this time of separation. Elder Wendell G. Dean II Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas.*



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**Elder Wendell Goudell Dean II** - February 19 at 02:43 PM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family Sheffton, as you all encounter this difficult loss. May you find comfort and peace in God's abundant love.*

*Davina Elston*

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**Davina Elston** - November 04, 2025 at 11:32 PM

AW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear father, Sheffton. You and your family will be in our prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*  
*- Ashley Wilson, MD, Negretta. W. Wilson, and Charles Wilson*



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**Ashley Wilson** - November 04, 2025 at 04:48 PM

WJ

“ *Wilma D Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



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**Wilma D Jackson** - November 04, 2025 at 02:13 PM

KD

“ *Our Prayers are with you at this time and always.*



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**Kalantan Duff** - November 04, 2025 at 01:49 PM

TT

“ *Rest in Peace sir I loss my daddy in 2008 you was truly a blessing to me and made everything so easy for me thank you sir now get your rest*



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**Terri Turner** - November 04, 2025 at 07:37 AM

TF

“ *Remembering our friend and Funeral Service colleague. Roy will be missed , NFDMA has loss a devoted member. Sleep in peace Until Then....*

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**Ted Felder** - November 04, 2025 at 07:29 AM

MG

“ *My condolences. Enjoy the laughter, working, and silent lunch (inside joke from staff). Mr. Goodson will be missed.*



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**MONIQUE C GILBERT** - November 03, 2025 at 10:10 PM

BC

“ *Batesville Casket purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP.*



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**Batesville Casket** - November 03, 2025 at 03:38 PM

YW

“ *Yolanda Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP.*



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**Yolanda Wilson** - November 03, 2025 at 08:01 AM

VH

“ *On behalf of Ms. Nellie Hughley & family, we'd like to express our sincere condolences, prayers of peace, comfort & love for the entire Goodson family*❤️



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**Veronica Hughley** - November 02, 2025 at 10:38 PM

IT

“ *Inedia M Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



Inedia M Thornton - November 02, 2025 at 08:37 PM

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“ *Inedia M Thornton*

Inedia M Thornton - November 02, 2025 at 08:36 PM

EM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Mr. Goodson and family. You all have truly taken great care of my family in our time of need and bereavement. What a legacy and life worth celebrating. May God comfort and strengthen you during this difficult season. -Eleisia Mastin, on behalf of the Elston family* 🙏

Eleisia Mastin - November 01, 2025 at 11:22 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Fluker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



Sharon Fluker - October 31, 2025 at 07:24 AM

LM

“ *Sending Sincere Condolences and Sympathy to the Goodson Family.*

lynda mcgraw - October 29, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ *With much love/ condolences to Mr. S.M. Goodson's family and staff. Praying for comfort at this time and hour. God bless and keep you all is my prayer.*



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**Zeola Moore** - October 29, 2025 at 02:36 PM

**JB**

*My deepest condolences to the family, such a Awesome, and caring honorable man, who always put a smile on your Face, praying for the Family, Be Blessed.*

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**Joyce Burnett** - October 30, 2025 at 02:44 AM

**JG**

“ *Deepest condolences to the Goodson family.*



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**Jerry Glover** - October 29, 2025 at 10:10 AM

**JC**

“ *Juliette Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



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**Juliette Cook** - October 29, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JC

*I extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Goodson's family. May my condolences bring you comfort; may my heartfelt prayers ease the pain of this loss and may God guide and protect you in your time of sorrow, and grief.*

Juliette Cook - October 29, 2025 at 10:10 AM

KB

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family.  
Nebrasker Burnhart Jr and Kandy Burnhart Bothwell*

Kandy Burnhart Bothwell - October 29, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP.*



October 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

PH

“ *Pearlene Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



Pearlene Harris - October 28, 2025 at 10:05 AM

PH

*My deepest condolences to the Goodson family. Rest in peace thoughts good and faithful servant. You fought a good fight while here on Earth now take your rest in the arms of our savior Lord Jesus. 🙏*

Pearlene Harris - October 28, 2025 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ May Almighty God bless and comfort the family and strengthen the family



Anthony Martin and Jason Johnson martin - October 27, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JF

“ Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.” — Matthew 25:11 (KJV)

*Sending prayers and condolences to the Goodson Family along with the Goodson Funeral Home management and staff. With Love  
Jonathan T Fuller and the Davis Funeral Home of Ocilla, GA*

Jonathan T Fuller - October 24, 2025 at 07:21 PM

AM

“ May Almighty Father God bless and comfort the family and strength the family 🙏



Anthony martin and jashon Johnson martin - October 24, 2025 at 03:38 PM

YF

“ Your Express Funeral Funding Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP.



Your Express Funeral Funding Family - October 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ Praying for the family.. Mr. Aubrey Jason Bushelon  
Aubrey Bushelon Funeral Directing and  
Cremation Services and Grey Bushelon  
Funeral Services Birmingham, AL



Jason Bushelon - October 24, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MH

My prayers and condolences to the family I have had the pleasure of  
working with Roy in the AFDMA I will miss him but I will cherish the  
knowledge from him.

Mary Burton Curry,Ross Clayton Funeral H - November 01, 2025 at 01:35  
PM

RF

“ Rita Felder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy  
Alfred Goodson, CFSP



Rita Felder - October 24, 2025 at 03:46 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Goodson passing,  
sending my deepest condolences and prayers  
for your family, may each of you find peace  
and comfort in the Lord 🙏



Audrey Swain - October 24, 2025 at 12:22 AM

PT

“ To The Goodson Family,I am so sorry to hear of your loss.You all have been very helpful for me and my family through our grief.I didn't know Mr.Goodson personally but I do know he done good work.I had two sisters and a brother that was well taken care of.  
May The work you done speak for you Mr.Goodson.  
Pearlie Tanner

Pearlie Tanner - October 23, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SB

“ Sending love, strength, and prayers to the entire family as you navigate this journey of loss.

Stephanie Becker - October 23, 2025 at 08:07 PM

JT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mr. Shelton and your family. Praying that God will give y'all comfort and strength during your difficult days.



James and Laura Twymon - October 23, 2025 at 07:58 PM

LP

“ Sending up my prayers and condolences to Goodson family during difficult loss!



lori pope - October 23, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ *Barbara Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



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**Barbara Wilson** - October 23, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Ms. Gloria Shelborne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roy Alfred Goodson, CFSP*



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**Ms. Gloria Shelborne** - October 23, 2025 at 05:26 PM



*With heartfelt sympathy.*

*Paul G Gardner*

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**Paul G Gardner** - October 25, 2025 at 09:17 AM



*My thoughts and prayers are with the Goodson family and the staff of S.M. Goodson Funeral Home. May our God grant you comfort and peace during this time and the days to come.*

*Linda A. Thrasher, CFSP, CFSGM  
F.L. Sims Funeral Home, Atlanta, GA*

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**Linda A. Thrasher, CFSP, CFSGM** - November 03, 2025 at 12:08 PM