



Carol "Bull" Monroe

March 24, 1946 - September 27, 2025

Carol "Bull" Monroe, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully after a full and well-lived life. He was a cherished member of the Lakeland community for 67 years, having moved from Cobbtown, Georgia.

Carol married the love of his life, Barry Joyce Purvis, on April 17, 1964, and together they built a life grounded in love, family, and faith. A skilled welder and fabricator, he retired from Mulberry Railcar/Bone Valley on July 12, 1998, after many dedicated years of service.

Known affectionately as "Bull," Carol was a man of many passions. He enjoyed spending time with his family above all else and found joy in fishing, hunting, gardening, and working in the yard. His mechanical talents and creativity were evident in his love for building race cars and dune buggies, always with precision and pride.

Carol is survived by his devoted wife, Barry Joyce Monroe; his children: Joyce Monroe Tate and husband Jimmy Eugene Tate, Carroll Frank Monroe and wife Sheri Whitehead Monroe, and Sherry Monroe Walker and husband William Henry Walker. He also leaves behind his siblings, Mary Nell Brackin and Earl Monroe and wife Phyllis Monroe.

He was a proud grandfather to William Carol Rucker and wife Amanda Rucker, Summer Joy Rucker and significant other Cameron Goodman, Austin Frank Monroe and wife Madison Monroe, Theresa Walker Todd and husband James Brandon Todd, and Delaney Ann Walker and significant other Jermain Coleman. His legacy continues through his great-grandchildren: Aden Rucker, Brantley Rucker, Bradlee Rucker, Kymber Monroe, Lily Todd, Avyanna Coleman, and Xylana Coleman, Emily Gretchen Brown and Cheyane Lee Joy Brown.

Carol was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Monroe and Mary Lou Jackson; his siblings Frank Monroe Jr. and Mary Ann Brackin; his firstborn daughter, Theresa Ann Monroe; and his grandchildren William Carol Frank Walker, Gretchen Diane Rucker, and Amy Lynn Monroe.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 3rd, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Fellowship Assembly of God, 4405 N Galloway Road, Lakeland, Florida, 33810. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 AM, with burial to follow at Socrum Cemetery.

Carol "Bull" Monroe will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him. His life was a testament to hard work, devotion, and the enduring power of family.

Cemetery Details

Socrum Cemetery

3125 W. Socrum Loop Rd.
Lakeland, FL 33810

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Assembly of God
4405 N. Galloway Road
Lakeland, FL 33810

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Assembly of God
4405 N. Galloway Road
Lakeland, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ A day ill never forget 😞 we went fishing at Banana lake and dad's boat trailer got hung up on the boat ramp oh man it wasn't coming out for nothing so we hooked up another truck with willy in it ,had mom in dad's truck ,meanwhile me and dad is in the water ,we had to go under and lift the trailer ,all the while trying to get mom and willy to pull while we had it lifted , we finally after a few attempts and almost drowning got in sync ,we got it out , crazy day but lots of laughing 😊 God i love and miss him ❤️



Sherry Walker - October 02, 2025 at 06:49 PM

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“ My daddy taught me to be honest,to love everyone and to help someone in need ,he also taught me to work on trucks ,we built alot of motors together ❤️, taught me to weld , he taught me to drive oh he taught me so much in my life as I was a daddy's girl, I miss him so much and will love him forever 💎💎



Sherry Walker - October 02, 2025 at 06:40 PM

DA

“ *DAMIEN purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol "Bull" Monroe.*



DAMIEN - October 02, 2025 at 06:14 PM

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“ *Monroe and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol "Bull" Monroe.*

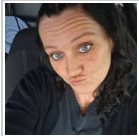


Monroe and family - October 02, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Rip Bull you will always be loved and missed. Always like brother and family through marriage. You're in heaven now. Love you 💕 Louise and Tony*

Louise Bracewell - October 01, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *He would tell me growing up when we was fishing i would say nothing is biting he said well you ain't holding your lips right.god this is not fair why I could ask a million times why him but it was his time to rest with no pain or suffering.rest in peace grandpa till we meet again.love summer*

Summer Rucker - October 01, 2025 at 02:16 PM