



## Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.

March 25, 1978 - January 31, 2026

Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr., 47, of Chattanooga, went home on Saturday, January 31, 2026, in a local hospital. Roderick entered this world on March 25, 1978. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Fred Ross, Jr.; and his maternal grandfather, Johnny Pryor.

Roderick leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Christiana Ross; two sons, Roderick D. Ross, Jr. and Desmond Ross; three daughters, Qi'Ara Ross, A'nya Ross, and Ci'Ana Ross; father, Dr. Fred Ross, III; mother, Donna Gates; maternal grandmother, Hureline Blanks; paternal grandmother, LaVerne Ross; brother, Darius Maxwell; sisters, Alexis Harris, Arielle (Joseph) Utsu, Cierra Hatten-Ross, and Chelsé Hatten-Ross; aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; cousins; loving family and a multitude of friends.

A special thanks to our extended family for all the love you have shown us over 30 plus years. Thanks to three very special people in Roderick's life, Chris McKeldin, who told him he was his Big Brother the moment they met, Jerel Fair, and Trey Dukes. Thanks to his Vol Nation family and friends.

THANK YOU. We are very grateful for your prayers, support and words of kindness during this time. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

A memorial service for Roderick will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Taylor Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB **13**. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ci'Ana Ross lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*

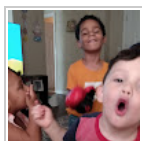


**Ci'Ana Ross** - February 26 at 01:02 AM



“ *Um, I'm his youngest daughter, Ci'Ana lol Dad used to call me Little One, and my favorite thing was his voice. Not a particular memory, just his voice. I am home-schooled and not in any face to face activities. He would just talk to me. He was the only person who knew how to talk to me, what I liked, loved, disliked and hated. He took the time to learn about me, and I will always love that.*

**Ci'Ana Ross** - February 26 at 12:58 AM

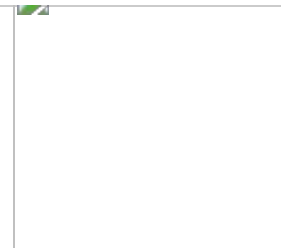


“ *Wow and no one reached out to me. My love goes to Ciana.*

**Ashley Hudgins** - February 14 at 12:25 AM



“ *Sending Our Deepest Condolences to Dr. Fred Ross, Family and Friends. In this time of your love one. Praying for strength. Love: Helen, Pep, Sam, Gerald, and the Hatten Family*



**Doris Readus** - February 13 at 06:04 PM

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“ Pam, Todd, and Tia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr..



Pam, Todd, and Tia - February 12 at 03:36 PM



“ A'Nya Ross lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.



A'Nya Ross - February 12 at 03:29 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



A'Nya Ross - February 12 at 03:28 AM



“ *Prayers for the family*

♥ *Shannon, Kedrick and Jennifer*

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**Shannon Pasley** - February 11 at 10:31 AM



“ *Sending Love and Prayers to Ci'Ana and the Ross family.  
-Your TNCA teachers*

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**Brette Burns** - February 10 at 07:03 PM

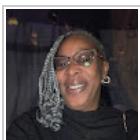


“ *Shelly & The Smart Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr..*



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**Shelly & The Smart Team** - February 09 at 11:50 PM



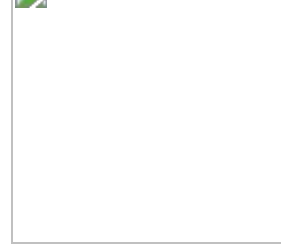
“ *Deepest condolences to the family the Westfields.*

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**Loretta Nunn** - February 09 at 10:13 PM



“ *Trin Carter lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*

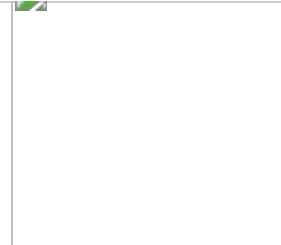


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**Trin Carter** - February 09 at 06:04 PM



“ *Praying for the family.*

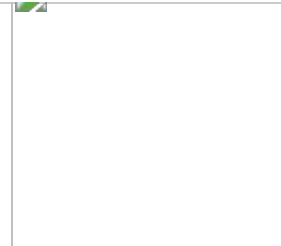


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**Demetria Leak** - February 08 at 08:55 PM



“ *Leslie Tatum lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*



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**Leslie Tatum** - February 07 at 08:28 PM



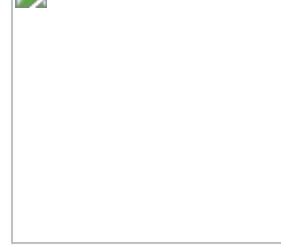
“ *Sending my condolences and prayers*

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**Lynette Ross** - February 06 at 11:44 PM



“ *Lynette Ross lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*

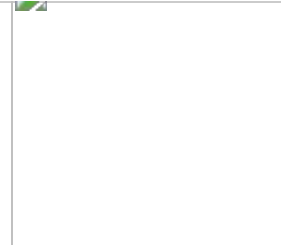


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**Lynette Ross** - February 06 at 11:43 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and prayers 🙏❤️*

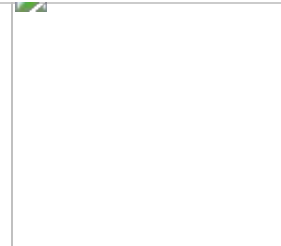


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**Lynette Ross** - February 06 at 11:43 PM



“ *Condolences and prayers for his family.*

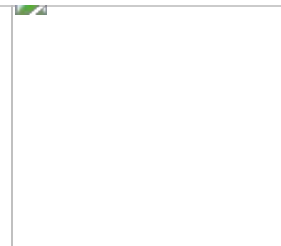


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**Constance DeRamus** - February 05 at 10:17 PM



“ *Ben And Glenda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*



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**Ben and Glenda Morgan** - February 05 at 04:55 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. My Prayers are with you Donna.  
Angela Bush.*

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**Angela Bush** - February 05 at 02:11 PM



“ *In honor of Roderick Ross  
My condolences and prayer for the family.  
Donna I love you ❤️*

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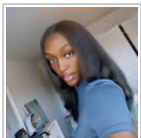
**Cynthia Strickland** - February 05 at 01:29 PM



“ *Praying for the family.*

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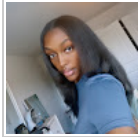
**Pamela Wooten** - February 05 at 05:34 AM



“ *Sending love, prayers, and our deepest condolences from the Strickland family  
Ron, Raniah, and Joy ☐*

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**Raniah Strickland** - February 05 at 01:22 AM



“ *Sending love, prayers, and our deepest condolences from the Strickland family  
Ronnie, Raniah, and Joy* ☐

Raniah Strickland - February 05 at 01:22 AM



“ *Rod may you rest in peace. Donna and family,  
we love you and we send you hugs from  
Murfreesboro.  
Rhonda and family*

Rhonda Hughes - February 05 at 01:14 AM



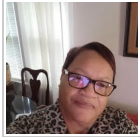
“ *We will miss you Rod and we love you.  
From: Troy and Jacque*

Jacque Williams - February 04 at 05:21 PM

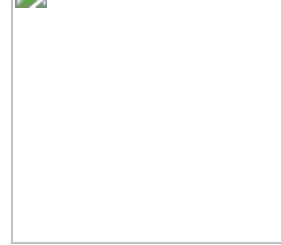


“ *Cheryl Rowe lit a candle in memory of  
Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*

cheryl rowe - February 04 at 04:40 PM

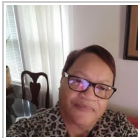


“ You will truly be missed, still see you as a little boy. RIP

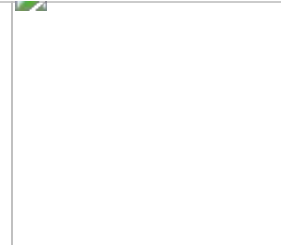


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**Bettie Greatheart** - February 03 at 10:12 AM

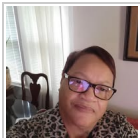


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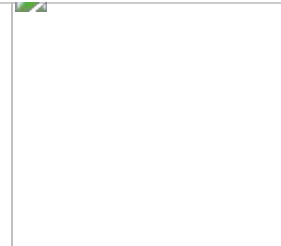


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**Bettie Greatheart** - February 03 at 10:10 AM

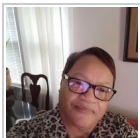


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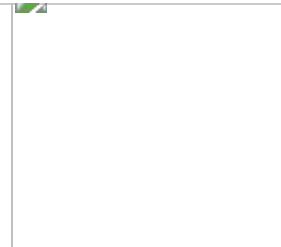


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**Bettie Greatheart** - February 03 at 10:09 AM



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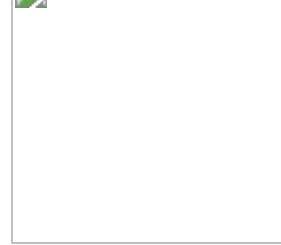


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**Bettie Greatheart** - February 03 at 10:08 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Fred Ross and family.*

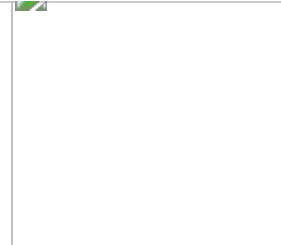


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**Spence Hatten** - February 03 at 02:46 AM



“ *Ivy Strickland lit a candle in memory of Roderick DeWayne Ross, Sr.*



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**Ivy strickland** - February 03 at 02:24 AM



“ *Cousin I'm going to miss you you will always be missed and miss talking to you about the Vols games love you fam*



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**Clarence E. Ross Jr** - February 02 at 12:14 PM