



Floyd Eugene Rutherford

March 30, 1944 - May 17, 2026

Floyd Eugene Rutherford, 82, life-long resident of Bald Knob, passed from this life on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at his home. He was born March 30, 1944 in Bald Knob a son of the late Hubert Eugene and Dorlas (Humes) Rutherford. Eugene was fixture in the Bald Knob community, having worked for nearly 40 years at the J. Collison Company. Even after his retirement, Eugene spent many days in the store just to visit with his long time customers and the many friends he made through the years. For over 30 years, he served the Bald Knob community as Santa Clause at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas for Kids event as well as other local holiday celebrations. He loved interacting with the children and bringing smiles to their faces. He was a devoted family man and loved his wife, children and many grandchildren. Eugene always looked forward to hunting season and he loved to fish.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Dana Simmons, Kimberly Ficklen, Mikey and Kristee Henson, Patrick Rutherford, Derrick Rutherford and Shawn Brown; several great-grandchildren and a few great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Rutherford; children, Terry Rutherford and Tina Simmons; sisters, Juanita Hamilton and Deloris Haynes; brother, Hershel Rutherford and granddaughter, Brandi Brown.

A graveside service will be conducted Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Fredonia Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Fredonia Cemetery

Stanley Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ Tammy Lutner lit a candle in memory of Floyd Eugene Rutherford



Tammy lutner - May 22 at 10:24 AM

LH

“ Lola Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Floyd Eugene Rutherford



Lola Hawkins - May 20 at 09:15 AM

DC

“ Deana Benton Collins lit a candle in memory of Floyd Eugene Rutherford



Deana Benton Collins - May 20 at 03:25 AM

TS

“ Prayers for everyone in this sweet family. He was very special to our family, he played Santa for all of our babies. My Momma always made him a pecan pie every Thanksgiving and Christmas, he worked with my Daddy for several years at Collisons. I'm sure him and my Daddy are catching up. God Bless His Family And Friends

Tracye Stivers Steele - May 19 at 05:12 PM

MH

“ Family,,,,; We want to express our sincere sympathy at this time in your life, but want you to know that Mr. Eugene played a very important part in the history of Bald Knob. Not only was he an avid worker in our community but for a number of years he and Ms. Judy were also known as Mr. and Mrs. Clause. We know of no team better qualified to fill in for the grand ole couple, in our hearts forever. Mary & Johnny Hodges

Mary & Johnny Hodges - May 19 at 12:33 PM

MJ

“ MichaelConnie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Floyd Eugene Rutherford



MichaelConnie Johnston - May 19 at 09:07 AM