



## Rhoten King Sowder

October 6, 1936 - March 31, 2020

It is with heavy hearts, but minds filled with wonderful memories, that we share, Rhoten King Sowder (83), passed away Tuesday, March 31st, 2020 at his home in Bloomington, Indiana. Born on October 6, 1936 in Preachersville near Crab Orchard, KY to Caleb King and Lucy (Ballard) Sowder; along with his sister Joan (Sowder) Tussey of Lancaster, KY.

Rhoten moved to Bloomington at 15 where his work ethic and trust built his reputation, and his handshake proved to be an unbreakable bond. He built Sunset Hill Fence Company into a steadfast family business of nearly 60 years and will continue to serve its loyal clients in the future. Whether at work or not, you could find him by his maroon El Camino, of which he had 6. If it wasn't parked at Sunset Hill, you would find it at his favorite breakfast spot, donut shop, gun show, coin show, or at Stewart's Antiques.

Rhoten is survived by his loving wife, Peggy (Payne) Sowder. They were married in 1956. Those 64 years blessed them with one son, Tony K. Sowder, and 2 daughters, Tena (Tary) Sowder-Shelley, and Tammy (Joe) May – all of Bloomington. The blessings continued through 9 grandchildren that include Natalie McKenzie, Emily Marquez, Adam Sowder, Kaykee Deckard, Jessica Ramage, Caleb Ramage, Justin May, Nathan May and Noah May; 16 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

His legacy will be carried on by his family who loved him dearly. A private family service will be held at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington with a graveside service following at Clear Creek Cemetery. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date when we can gather together safely. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ I just had breakfast with Mr. Sowder at Hardee's a few days ago. We talked about Kentucky, how close he grew up to Salvista and of course, we talked about his kids and about him knowing members of my family. What a great man! Brad Freeman

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**Brad Freeman** - April 06, 2020 at 01:13 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. He spoke of setting up at the next gun show. Rhoten will be truly missed. Praying for God's comfort for all of his family.  
Jake and Junetta Wineinger and Jason Sims.

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**Jake and Junetta Wineinger** - April 06, 2020 at 11:53 AM

JT

“ I met Rhoten on south high street at Arthur Hough house, he ask me to line in a fence with my transit, in 1967. That was the beginning of a great relationship business and personal. To Peggy, Tony, Tammy and Tena, we are going to miss him a lot, the fencing must go on.  
I couldn't spell his first name for years and now find his middle name is King, he was certainly the KING of fence building.  
Jack Thompson

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**jack thompson** - April 03, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss. Rhoten's friendship was very pleasurable for Jimmy and me.  
I have some idea of what you are going thru, you are welcome to call and talk. Lucinda Bastin

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**Lucinda Bastin** - April 03, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Rhoten King Sowder.*

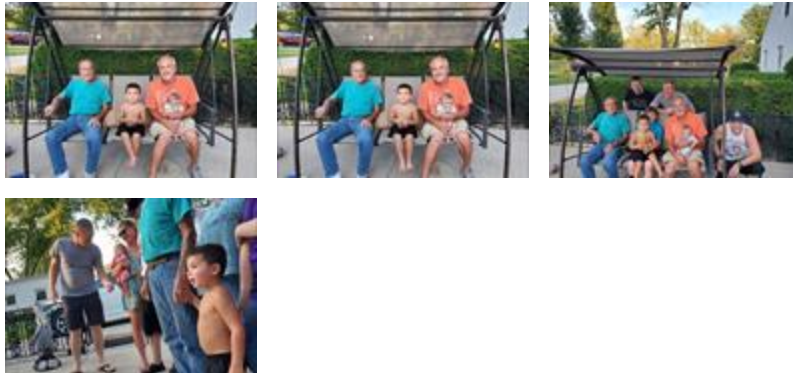


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April 02, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *We love you so much* ❤️



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**Emily Marquez** - April 02, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Peggy and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

*Linda Stickels Clark*

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**Linda Stickels Clark** - April 02, 2020 at 02:22 PM

CJ

“ Peg,  
We are so sorry to hear about Rhoten passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We love you!  
Dave & Cymme  
Beau, Jackson and Harper

Cymme Jent - April 02, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rhoten King Sowder.



April 02, 2020 at 08:18 AM

TS

“ Ted Summitt lit a candle in memory of Rhoten King Sowder



Ted summitt - April 02, 2020 at 07:38 AM

TS

“ Rhoten will be sadly missed  
He was a true friend.  
Bob Terry and Ted summitt

Ted summitt - April 02, 2020 at 07:30 AM

DL

“ I think of you standing by the side of your El Camino on a high hill in Heaven looking down proudly at all the fences you built and the friends you made. I will miss you terribly.

*Tony Lubarsky*

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**Dr. Tony Lubarsky** - April 02, 2020 at 02:29 AM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Rhoten King Sowder.



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April 02, 2020 at 02:25 AM

LC

“ Peggy and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.

*Linda Stickels Clark*

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**Linda Stickels Clark** - April 01, 2020 at 10:58 PM

EH

*We are sorry to hear of Rhoten's passing. He was one of a kind for sure, very hard worker. Anytime we had a fence or gate problem he was right there to fix it. One time someone drove thru our gate at the Storage units while we were in Florida EJ called Rhoten and he rebuilt us a new gate and installed it the next day. Even though we didn't ask or expect it so quick, that was just the guy he was. He will be missed for sure.*

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**EJ & Connie Hall** - April 04, 2020 at 11:22 AM



*EJ & Connie*

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**EJ & Connie Hall** - April 04, 2020 at 11:24 AM