



## Roland G. Saxton Sr.

July 12, 1936 - July 31, 2025

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Roland G. Saxton Sr., age 89, of Wilmington, Delaware, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Roland was born on July 12, 1936, in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Leroy and Evelyn Saxton. He was preceded in death by brother, Leroy V. Saxton Jr. and sister, Esther E. Saxton. Roland lived a life rich in family, hard work, and passion.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Janet A. Saxton; his son, Roland Saxton Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Lora Saxton, of Middletown, DE; granddaughter, Keri L. Pryor (née Saxton) and her husband, Eric Pryor; and two cherished great-granddaughters, Aria and Emma Pryor.

Roland dedicated 40 years of service to Himont before retiring. Outside of work, he found great joy in the outdoors, spending many years hunting and fishing well into his late 60s. However, it was in the world of motorsports where Roland left a lasting legacy. From drag racing motorcycles to competing in hill climbs and scramble races, his enthusiasm for racing was unmatched. In 1978, he and his son began micro sprint racing at Blackbird Micro Midget Racing Club—a tradition that proudly lives on through his great-granddaughter. Roland will be remembered for his enduring love for his family,

his unshakable work ethic, and the legacy he built both on and off the track.

A visitation will be held on August 8, 2025 at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE, 19702 from 10-11 AM. A celebration of life will be held at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Roland to Accent Care Hospice Wilmington, 501 W. 14th St., 3 North, Wilmington, DE, 19801. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd.  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459

## Celebration of Life

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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635 Churchmans Rd.  
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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Uncle Roland was a great man. I am super sad but pray for comfort for Aunt Janet and Jr and family. Love you

Chenoa saxton - August 10, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JK

“ June K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland G. Saxton Sr..

June K. - August 10, 2025 at 11:51 AM

ME

“ Roland was a friend and neighbor for almost 50years. He was a kind man always ready to chat or lend a helping hand. His passions were faimiy, racing, re building antique cars/trucks, a well manicured yard/lawn and cupcakes. I am happy to have known him. He will be missed..

Marilynn Eldridge - August 08, 2025 at 12:22 PM

RS

“ Rosemary S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roland G. Saxton Sr..

Rosemary S. - August 08, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ *Uncle Roland always had time to help me with small engine issues, whether the Harley or yard equipment. Nice little workshop to get things done and to perfection. Many years were spent with him, Jr, my dad and me hunting small game and deer. Never came home empty handed. We will miss his company, smile and good nature. RIP, sir...*

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**John and Cathy Stroud** - August 04, 2025 at 08:38 PM