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**R**oland E. Janes, 80, was born on August 20, 1933 and passed away on October 18, 2013. The Sun Records guitarist and longtime Phillips Recording Service engineer, died Friday afternoon at Methodist University Hospital. Originally from Brookings Arkansas, He spent the majority of his career and life in Memphis. He spent his early years at Brookings working in the timber industry with his father before moving to St. Louis for a time. He served his country in the Marines Corp. and after his service he made a name for himself in the music business when he became the staff guitarist at Sun Records for Sam Phillips. After a few years playing on the road with Jerry Lee Lewis and others, he returned to Memphis and opened his own studio, Sonic Recording Service, where he worked with and helped many to get started in the music business. For the last 30 plus years, he has worked as the recording engineer at Sam Phillips Recording Service for Knox and Jerry Phillips. He was preceded in death by his parents R.D. Janes and Mary Pearl Janes along with three brothers and three sisters. He leaves his loving wife of 54 years Betty Janes, along with his daughter Debra Shaffer (Eric), sons Jerry Janes, and Greg Janes (Regina), 8 grandchildren, Jesse Shaffer (Cathy), Rebekah Patterson (Joe), Rachel, Ben, Sara Shaffer, Bobby, Amy and Christopher Janes, three great grandchildren. Khy Brandon, Savannah, and Jeremiah Shaffer. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, October 21, 2013 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2013 also at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Interment will be in New Hope Cemetery in Pollard, AR.



# Tribute Wall

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~**Drexel White** posted:

Odd how names or memories pop into your brain so fresh it's like you are actually experiencing it. Roland often comes to mind like that allot, maybe because he was the first person to take my interest in studio recording seriously. I'm privileged to say I studied under him. I was also in the studio under Roland's tutorage as the younger set began to experiment with rap. So unassuming a guy he was but a real quiet presence. Probably from the fact he had conquered so many mountains, he had nothing to prove but an ocean of knowledge to bestow if you just stopped and listened. I know this late but those memories came in strong today and I'm so much happier for it. Thanks Roland.

January 17 at 4:25 AM



**Barbie Lantos** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

What a wonderful man. We want to look at Phillip's studio and he was there. He invited us in. We were going down to record somewhere. He actually ended up recording with us for almost 6 hours. I have so much video footage. Such an amazing man. The CD turned out wonderful. He said Kevin Jordan who was recording was a triple threat because he could sing, write music and play the guitar, drums and piano. It was so exciting for him to play the piano that was played on by so many great artists. It was such a wonderful day. God bless you Roland. Rest in peace my friend

May 10 at 7:21 AM

...which he learned down in Memphis a few years back before he left our world. R.I.P Roland you were a great man and an awesome musician. He was a studio musician at Sun Records for Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis etc.



**Barbara Inman** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We want to record down in memphis. We decided to visit Phillips studio. Roland was there. He invited us in. We spent 6 hours of recording there and he hardly charges anything. Made a wonderful CD for us. I have so much footage. What a wonderful man he was. Rest in peace my friend

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**Carol (Clark)Maessner** posted:

Roland was my Mom's first cousin,I remember when I was down in Noble at Grandpa & Grandmas house that he gave me my first guitar I was so proud of it,I had laid it down next to a big rock it must of slid on the ground cause when I came back my Uncle larry drove over it.Gee that was back in the late 50's.I'm so happy that I have Rolands album "Guitarville" RIP Roland Love Carol (Clark) Maessner

November 5 at 2:23 PM



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MK

**Margaret Keith** posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Janes' passing. He was a wonderful man who helped many musicians in his lifetime. My Son, John Paul Keith, is one of them. John really cherished the time they had together in the Phillips' Studio. Mr. Janes treated him almost like another son. John learned a wealth of life-lessons from him. He will really be missed. Rest in peace, dear friend, Rodney & Margaret Keith, parents of John Paul Keith

October 21 at 10:00 AM

BW

**Bruce W.** posted:

Bruce W. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Roland E. Janes.

October 21 at 6:26 AM

JK

**Jerry Kattawar** posted:

Roland was a dear friend to so many people especially musicians who would Stop in the studio and spend time with Him. He loved everyone famous and not so famous he treated us all the same With his quick wit and Roland Janes humor A big part of all of us died with Roland God bless Roland and his family Love you man. Jerry Kattawar.

October 20 at 4:46 AM



## Media

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