



## Earnest "Jack" A. Ray

September 18, 1928 - June 24, 2023

Mr. Earnest Andrew "Jack" Ray, 94, of Sharpsburg, GA, formerly of Atoka, OK, passed away Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born September 18, 1928 in Idabel, OK to the late Otho B. "Jake" Ray & Irene Williamson Ray. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Mary Ellen "Midge" Steele Ray, daughters, Theda Anne Tucker & Ineeda Jo Deaton; brothers, John G. Ray, Rex Eugene Ray, Orvel Ray, Jake Junior Ray; sisters, Leona Sue Morgan & Dorothy Mae Brown.

Jack grew up in southeastern Oklahoma as the eldest child in a family of 11 siblings. He attended high school at Wapanucka, OK. He was an ironworker early in his career, served as a correctional officer, and retired at the age of 77 as a professional truck driver. After marrying Midge Steele, he settled in Atoka, OK where he raised his family. He moved to Georgia in 1990 to be near his son and daughter-in-law. He was a Master Mason of almost 60 years. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite. He really enjoyed making trips back to Oklahoma and Texas to visit with friends and family. He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Atoka, OK before moving to Georgia where he joined Mt. Gilead Methodist Church in Sharpsburg, GA.

Visitation is Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 10:00am with the funeral following at 11:00am at Mt. Gilead Methodist Church, 2651 Hwy. 16E, Sharpsburg, GA

30277. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers you can make a memorial donation to Mt. Gilead Methodist Church.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

Survivors include son, Jeffrey A. and wife Debbie Ray of Griffin, GA, Steven M. Ray of Sharpsburg, GA: granddaughter, Kealea and husband Jordan Roberts of Moreland, GA; great-grandchildren, Rhett and River Roberts; brothers, Edward Ray of Wylie, TX, Baker and wife Shirley Ray of Durant, OK; sisters, Faye Kite of Whitney, TX, Morene and husband Gary Norman of Paris, TX; and countless nieces and nephews.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Gilead Methodist Cemetery

2651 E. Hwy 16  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Gilead Methodist Church  
2651 Hwy 16 East  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

## Funeral Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Gilead Methodist Church  
2651 Hwy 16 East  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Earnest "Jack" A. Ray*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - June 27, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Earnest "Jack" A. Ray.*



June 28, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *So many wonderful childhood memories of my Uncle Jack. He loved to play jokes. I spent so many summers at Aunt Midge and Uncle Jack's home in Oklahoma, with them and with my Grandmama. He could come across stand-offish but he had a heart of gold. When I got married and my 2 boys came along, they also had so much fun with their Great-Uncle Jack. He enjoyed playing pranks on them. Thank you for the memories Uncle Jack.*



*Love, Denese*

Denese Callahan Gilmer - June 27, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Earnest "Jack" A. Ray.*



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June 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Jack was such a sweet but quiet man. My daughter & I enjoyed many Thanksgivings & Christmas together. My daughter always looked forward to seeing him & he would say where's my girl. He will be missed. Love,  
Karin & Suzanne.*

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**Karin Snellgrove & Suzanne** - June 26, 2023 at 03:17 PM



*Prayers and Condolences from Diane and I.*

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**Larry Blanks** - June 26, 2023 at 05:53 PM