



## Ernest Sizemore

September 11, 1928 - September 19, 2022

Ernest Sizemore died peacefully on September 19, 2022, at the West Georgia Hospice in LaGrange, Georgia, at the age of 94. Ernest is survived by his wife of 67 years, Helen Ward Sizemore, his son, Dale Sizemore and his wife, Nancy Miller Sizemore, all of Moreland, and his daughter, Lynn Sizemore Jones and her husband, Mark Jones, of Cumming. He has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, James Sizemore and his partner, Nala, Whitney Jones Poitevint and her husband, Phillip, Daniel Sizemore, Mitchell Jones, his wife, Jillian, and their children Cora, Charlotte and Walker, and Hunter Jones and his wife, Emily.

Ernest was born in Hazard, Kentucky on September 11, 1928, to parents, Herma Sizemore and Arthur Combs, and grew up in Lothair, Kentucky. Ernest graduated from Hazard High School; and afterwards, joined the Air Force. He served for three years during the Korean War. He was in Korea for six months and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. Ernest met the love of his life, Helen, in Dayton, Ohio while working as a Civil Service employee at Dayton Air Force Depot. After the birth of their two children, he was transferred to Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia. He moved his family to Perry, Georgia where he and Helen raised their children. Ernest and Helen were known for their jitterbug dancing skills and won several contests, enjoyed camping with their children and friends and hosted many shrimp and fish fries at their Tucker Road home in Perry.

He retired from Civil Service at age 55 and enjoyed many years of playing his favorite game, golf, and supporting his children whenever they asked for his help with the grandchildren, projects and moves. He was a member of the Moreland United Methodist Church and cooked for the Wednesday Night Fellowship for many years. Ernest always had dogs and took them on daily walks on Polk Road. He enjoyed working on crossword and Sudoku puzzles and playing cards.

Called Ernie by friends, he is remembered as a good man who was willing to help anyone with anything. He loved the outdoors and especially gardening and planting trees, bushes, and flowers. During trips to Kentucky, he would bring back his favorite plants. Ernest also loved fishing and he and his family spent many nights fishing for crappie at Lake Sinclair and he built a small pond next to their Moreland home that continues to thrive. He loved cooking and trying new recipes that he found in magazines and the newspaper. Helen and Ernie enjoyed traveling, and after retirement, they took trips to Europe, Central America and Australia with a group of friends.

Ernest was a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and all will miss his smile, warm embraces, sense of humor and fun. A celebration of his life is being planned for the weekend after Thanksgiving. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be made to your favorite charity. The family is so thankful for Dr. David Heinsch of Georgia Bone & Joint and Central Home Health nurses, speech and physical therapists who helped dad recover from his surgery last year and to Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center and Hospice for their excellent care during the last week of his life.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

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# Tribute Wall

AL

“Helen, I was so sorry to read in the Houston Home Journal today of Ernie's passing. He was a sweet man, and you were sweet together. I lost Al this summer also, so I feel I know how big the hole in your heart is. Sending prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family.

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**Andrea S Lasseter** - September 24, 2022 at 06:49 PM

SC

“Helen and family, I'm so sorry to hear the loss of Mr. Sizemore. I remember well when you both went on those trips with my Dad, Jerald Connally. I know you will miss him, Praying for you and your family.

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**Shirley Coffey** - September 22, 2022 at 08:24 AM

DS

“One of my fondest memories of Ernie was when he came to visit my family in Nashville. We went out on the boat and went out to eat on the lake. I can't remember which birthday but he told me that this was one of his favorite birthdays! To me he was a kind and gentle role model. We will miss him.

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**Don Sizemore** - September 21, 2022 at 02:42 PM

CW

“Dale - So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Ninety-Four is a long life. Rest well with your memories of him. - Charles Hardy, San Francisco

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**CW** - September 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

SP

“Helen I am so sorry to hear about Ernie, I remember the good times we had, playing cards, fishing, the great dinners at your home and weekly dinners at the base. He will certainly be missed..Love you

Sara Pottenger - September 21, 2022 at 01:10 PM

SL

“Dearest Helen, Lynn, Dale and family, I am so sorry to hear this sad news about Ernie. He was definitely a character, full of life and I have many fun memories of happy times with him and Helen in Perry, GA. I will be praying for God to wrap His loving arms around you and comfort you. Hold tight to your sweet memories. 🙏❤️😊

Shelia Laws - September 21, 2022 at 11:13 AM

GW

“My thoughts are with you all in your loss. Mr. Sizemore lived a long, fruitful life. May your fond memories comfort you in the days and weeks to follow.



Geraldine Welch - September 21, 2022 at 11:07 AM