



James Monroe Ray

April 3, 1916 - November 5, 2013

U.S. Army Major (Retired) James Monroe Ray, 97, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born April 3, 1916 in Gatman, Mississippi to the late Rufus Thomas Ray & Lola Brewer Ray. Mr. Ray served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1960 and fought in both World War II and the Korean War. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and Korea, receiving double Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. After retiring from the military, Mr. Ray worked for the Civil Service retiring in 1980. Since 1997, he and his wife of 70 years, Sallie Jean Ray, resided in Sharpsburg, GA. He remained a member of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Forest Park, GA for 54 years.

The funeral is Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, 351 Morrow Rd, Forest Park, GA 30297.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include wife, Sallie Jean Ray; three children, James P. Ray of Newnan, Janice Ingle of Tulsa, OK, Joy Hall of Mansfield, TX; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Cemetery

351 Morrow Road
Forest Park, GA 30297

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church (Forest Park, GA)
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Service

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Tribute Wall

TR

“ James, Tom and I were so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Having lost our parents, we understand the grief you are going through. We are praying for the Lord to be a very present help to you right now. We are also asking Him to pour out His grace upon you and to fill you with His peace as you adjust to life without your loved one. In Him, Tom & Cindy Rigsby

Tom & Cindy Rigsby - November 10, 2013 at 09:58 PM

JB

“ James, we're sorry for your loss of your dad. We both know how you feel and hope as time goes on you can just remember him with good memories. He was blessed to have you so close to him. Please know you and family are in our prayers. Always, Jimmy and Patricia

jimmy and Patricia Bradley - November 06, 2013 at 09:07 PM

PH

“ Oh my goodness. So sorry about your Dad. He looks like he's a neat guy. I hate that you have two deaths in one week you're having to deal with, James. I'm so sorry. Know I am thinking about you.

Peggy Hall - November 06, 2013 at 05:14 PM

PF

“ We're so sorry for family's loss, Jimmy. You can take heart that you were there for him to the end. Our thoughts are with you.

Phil & Judy Fishler - November 05, 2013 at 09:31 PM

KV

“ Mrs. Jean, Joy & family - "I'm sorry" sounds so rehearsed at a time like this, but I wanted to take a minute to let you know I'm thinking about you all! Mr. James was such a fixture at church that I'm sure his loss is already having an impact. I knew him as a quiet soul who was always in the background taking things in ... but when he spoke, folks listened. I know the coming weeks will be difficult as you miss him during this time of year that particularly revolves around family. I will imagine him celebrating his first Christmas with his saviour -- and looking down on all of you with love in his heart. I pray that you are comforted by the memories you share; and at this difficult time, I wish you peace.

Kahty Vandiver - November 05, 2013 at 03:30 PM