



Mr. Elma Ray Beard

January 20, 1956 - August 30, 2017

Mr. Elma Ray Beard, 72, of Royston, GA passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at the St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital in Lavonia, GA.

Mr. Beard was born in Danielsville, GA on January 20, 1945, son of the late Keifer O'Dell Beard and the late Ella Mae Carithers Beard. He was a hatchery manager having worked with Seaboard Farms in Athens, GA and was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen Bond Beard; son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Melissa Beard of Carnesville, GA; granddaughters, Haleigh Beard and Haven Beard; brothers, Mitchell Beard and Wendell Beard both of Danielsville, GA; sisters, Polly Berryman of Danielsville, GA, Oneida Horne of Commerce, GA, Gaitha Kerr of Hartwell, GA, Revonda Beard of Colbert, GA and Grace Carey of Kannapolis, NC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Beard; and sisters, Thelma Conwell, Nellie Ruth Spelce and Fanida Caudell.

A graveside service for Mr. Beard will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2017, in the Cary Memorial Gardens with Rev. Eddie Wiggins officiating.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. The family is at the home.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to the Greenville Shriners at 950 West Faris Road Greenville, SC 29605.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cary Memorial Gardens

Hwy. 51
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home
47 Franklin Springs Street
P.O. Box 465
Royston, GA 30662
(706) 245-7234
pruittfh@bellsouth.net
<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

Graveside Service

SEP 3. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ So sorry. Ray was a good friend and we had a lot of good times together, especially visiting with each other on Sunday's after church. Lot of great memories. God bless all of you.

Ron Carey - September 04, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear about your dad, Ryan! Sending you a hug and prayers for peace and comfort during this time!

Kay Burton - September 03, 2017 at 05:16 PM

RW

“ It is a rare thing to be blessed by such a great mentor. 40 years ago Mr. Ray taught a young Poultry Major(me) everything he could about a hatchery. He taught me how to clean, how to set eggs, how to transfer, how to vaccinate, how to tell the sex of chicks and how to mage a hatchery. Then, he came to my chicken complex and helped our hatchery manager get our hatchery to the best condition. He was always smiling and always cool and collected. The happy thing for me was that my mentors arranged a breakfast just 2 weeks ago including Ray to remember and reminisce over old times. I thank God for that. We all thank God for giving us and the world such a wonderful person. We wish all his family healing and joy in the knowledge that he is with our Lord. He was a wonderful man and I am lucky to have known him. God Bless.
Robert Williams



Robert Williams - September 03, 2017 at 08:55 AM

RD

“ So sorry to learn about Ray. Many years ago he was our service man for the poultry farm. He would bring me collard greens every year to cook for New Years Day lunch. He was always a good friend and he will be missed. We send our sympathy and prayers to your family.

Rev.& Mrs. Vernon Dorminey - September 03, 2017 at 08:31 AM

GL

“ I'm truly sorry for your loss Ryan. My prayers are with you and your family.

Guy Lemieux - September 01, 2017 at 10:11 AM

NR

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers and special thoughts of you and your family, Ryan Beard

Natalie Roberts - September 01, 2017 at 08:19 AM

JC

“ Thinking of you!
Dave and Janice Certain



Janice Certain - September 01, 2017 at 06:45 AM

RK

“ Aunt Mary Helen, Ryan, and all that knew and loved Uncle Ray - I am praying for everyone that feels the great loss of such a wonderful man (friend, uncle, brother, grandfather, father, husband). Uncle Ray was a very giving person, always sharing what he worked hard to grow or make. He was an example of what an all around good man (person) should be like. I always enjoyed going to his house and seeing his beautiful garden and projects. I know we will all miss him terribly. Aunt Mary Helen and Ryan, I pray for the Lord to touch you in a special way and give you his peace BEYOND UNDERSTANDING. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Love you both, Rene' Kerr.



Rene' Kerr - August 31, 2017 at 10:26 PM

VB

“ Mary Helen, Ryan, and family I am sadden to hear of your loss. I pray for God's comforting and strengthening arms around you and your family. May you feel His indescribable presence and may you know that you will carry your loved one close and near forever within your heart 🙏. Love, Vickie Royston Brown

Vickie Brown - August 31, 2017 at 08:10 PM