



Mr. William Chandler Ray

February 16, 1933 - March 27, 2016

CWO4 William Chandler Ray, 83, of Royston, GA passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2016, at his home.

Mr. Ray was born on February 16, 1933, in Elberton, GA, son of the late James and Mayo Chandler Ray. He was the owner of Briar Hill Christmas tree farm; a retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 with the U.S. Coast Guard where he served during the Vietnam era; Sunday School teacher at Mill Shoal Baptist Church; former Fire Chief at Harrison Volunteer Fire Department and Boy Scout leader where he earned the Silver Beaver.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife, Frances Moon Ray; son, James Stoy Ray and brothers, Vernon Ray and Ronald Ray.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Parham Ray; sons, Nelson Chandler (Chuckie) Ray of Newnan, GA, Chris Sides of Savannah, GA, Mathew Sides of Augusta, GA, Jonathan Sides of Lavonia, GA; daughter, Maralee Ray and Mayo Ray of Royston, GA; brother, Gene Ray of Atlanta, GA; sister, Margie Strickland of Virginia; and fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Ray will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Vaughn and Rev.

Mike Westbrook officiating. Interment will follow in the Mill Shoal Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 1:00 P.M. until the funeral hour on Tuesday afternoon. The family is at the home.

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

Cemetery Details

Mill Shoal Baptist Church Cemetery

176 Mill Shoal Church Road
Royston, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 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/>

Service

MAR 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel
47 Franklin Springs Street
Royston, GA 30662

Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Chandler Ray*



Pruitt Funeral Home - March 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM

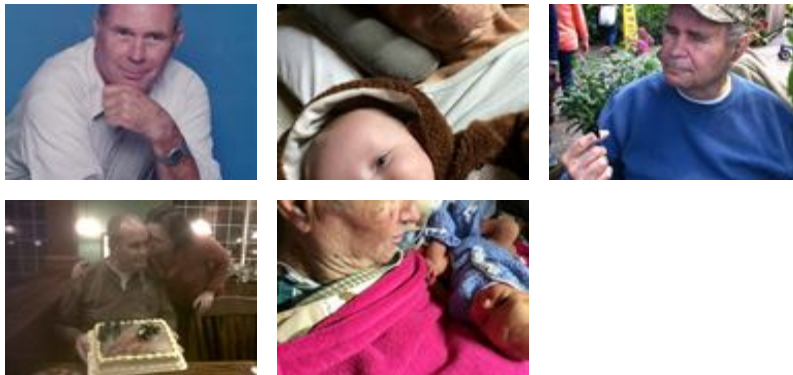
VP

“ *Dear Connie and Family, My prayers are with you this week. I thought highly of Chandler and appreciate all he did for me. I pray that all your children are doing well. I still reflect on the good times I shared with them.*

Vicki Powers - March 30, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *71 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pruitt Funeral Home - March 29, 2016 at 11:20 AM

BF

“ *Bob And Bernice Fowler lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Chandler Ray*



Bob and Bernice Fowler - March 29, 2016 at 08:01 AM

BF

Chandler was a good man and a good neighbor. Our sympathy to the family.

Bob and Bernice Fowler - March 29, 2016 at 08:03 AM

AC

As a fellow Coast Guardsman, You have my deepest condolences. I am in Athens and if you need any help with the Coast Guard, please let me know, I am in the Telephone directory. Armand L. Chapeau, USCG (ret)

Armand L. Chapeau - April 01, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MJ

“ *Chandler was a kind gentile person. We were classmates at Royston. Connie and family please know I will keep you in my prayers. Mary Ann Mize Jordan*

Mary Ann Jordan - March 29, 2016 at 06:05 AM

DT

“ *What a wonderful man. He will be missed. It was an honor to celebrate and recognize his service to scouting a few weeks ago at the Scouting Celebration. Through scouting he has made such a difference in so many young men's lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. --- Donna David Toney*

Donna David Toney - March 28, 2016 at 10:55 PM

BH

“ So sorry I just found out I'm praying for your family. Anything I can do please call me love you all.



Brenda Holloway - March 28, 2016 at 06:34 PM