



## Mr. Joseph 'Earl' Ray

September 5, 1936 - March 18, 2022

A funeral service for Mr. Joseph 'Earl' Ray, 85 of Oxford, will be on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 12:00 pm in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home. Bro. Jerry Starling and Brad Adcock will be officiating. A burial will follow the service at Forestlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on the same day from 11:00 am until the time of the service.

Mr. Ray passed away on March 18, 2022.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty McNeal Ray; children, Richard Brent Ray (Angie); granddaughter, Meaghan Bannister (Jerome); great grandson, Lawson Bannister; sister in law, Janice Fowler, and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Myrtle Ray, three siblings, and his daughter in law, Sherry Ray.

Pallbearers will be Fred Prater, John Durham, Jerome Bannister, Woody Adcock, Brad Adcock, and Justin Thurman. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Hartwell Lodge 101 and members of the Malcom Hester Sunday School Class at Lakeview Baptist Church.

Mr. Ray was a 1955 graduate of Piedmont High School.

Mr. Ray served our country proudly in the United States Army from 1959-1962. After his Army service, he joined the National Guard.

Mr. Ray retired from Winn Dixie after 43 years of service.

Mr. Ray was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church. He was active in his church and served on the benevolence committee. He loved his church and his church family.

Mr. Ray was a kind and gentle man who enjoyed the simpler things in life. He loved his family deeply and will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to the building fund at Lakeview Baptist Church.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Amedisys Hospice, especially Tamaka, and Dr. Vance Moore, for the love and care shown to Mr. Ray and his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forestlawn Memorial Gardens

730 Golden Springs Rd  
Anniston, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
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## Service

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Miller Funeral Home** - March 20, 2022 at 10:35 AM

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“ My husband and I met Mr Earl as i call him , when Brent met our daughter Angie and they were married into our family. Mr Ray and my husband being about the same age had many things in common, Gardening, Flowers and cleaning out rain gutters. We becme good friends.I have spent time with them since my husband passed and enjoyed their company. With sadness we will miss him ,but he will be Wecome into Heaven by hhis friend Saammy Ayers. Love to his wife Ms Betty and his daughter , husband and grandson, with other relatives

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**Bernice Ayers** - March 19, 2022 at 02:36 PM