



Mr. Donald Ray Helton

May 13, 1939 - August 2, 2018

Mr. Donald Ray Helton, age 79, passed away on Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. Helton was a native of Huxford, AL, former resident of the Atmore area and has resided in Cantonment, FL since 1965. He was a Elder in the Remnant Church of Latter-Day Saints, a 1962 graduate of the University of Alabama with a Bachelors Degree in Finance, a 7th grade Science Teacher at Ransom Middle School. His passions were Alabama Football and Fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Patsy Helton of Cantonment, FL; a son Michael and husband Eric O'Briant of Kennesaw, GA; one brother, Gary Helton (Companion Lola Alverson) of Atmore, AL; one sister, Glenda & Alan Rundall of Lillian, AL; niece, Sheron Rundall of Lillian, AL and aunt, Ruth Vickery of Atmore, AL.

Funeral services will be Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home with Evangelist Les Kelly and Evangelist Dick Dour officiating.

Burial will follow at the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, August 5, 2018 from 12 Noon until service time at

2:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Lamar Wiggins, Rick Wiggins, Curtis Wiggins, Alan Odom, Rick Brooks and Glen Helton.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials maybe made to the Crimson Tide Foundation at www.crimsontidefoundation.org

Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Homes, LLC in charge of all arrangements, Atmore, Alabama.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

1201 North Main Street
Atmore, AL 36502

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Petty Funeral Homes LLC
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Service

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ One of the most calm, cool, humble yet influential men I’ve ever been around. The world needs more people like Mr. Helton. I never really liked school but looked forward to Mr. Helton’s class.

Jeb Balentine - August 06, 2018 at 12:58 AM

DH

“ Our community will never be the same without this amazing man. He was a role model to so many people. He always smiled and talked positive. His love for his wife, son, family and friends was always apparent. To know him and be considered a friend was a privilege. ROLL TIDE ROLL. RIP Don. Love you, Dora Huelsbeck.

Dora Huelsbeck - August 05, 2018 at 11:32 PM

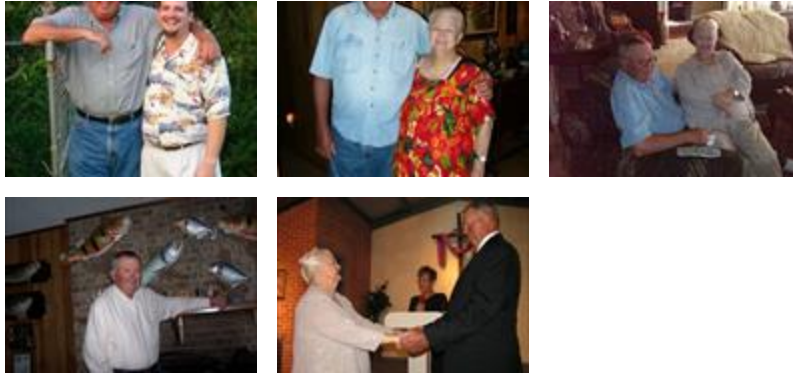
RB

“ I was blessed to have had Mr Helton as a teacher and a friend. The memories I have of fishing with him are many . The lessons I learned from him are many. Thank you Mr Helton for all you did for me!

Rick Brooks - August 05, 2018 at 12:32 PM

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Michael - August 04, 2018 at 11:06 PM

RM

“ *I have had the good fortune of knowing Donald Ray since the mid 1950's at Atmore schools and the Univ of Ala. We had a great group of friends at Ala that were a very close group and he was one of the best in helping us stay calm. I will always cherish our friendship. He is no doubt fishing now. Robert Morrison Spartanburg, S.Carolina. RIP my friend.*

Robert Morrison - August 04, 2018 at 04:23 PM

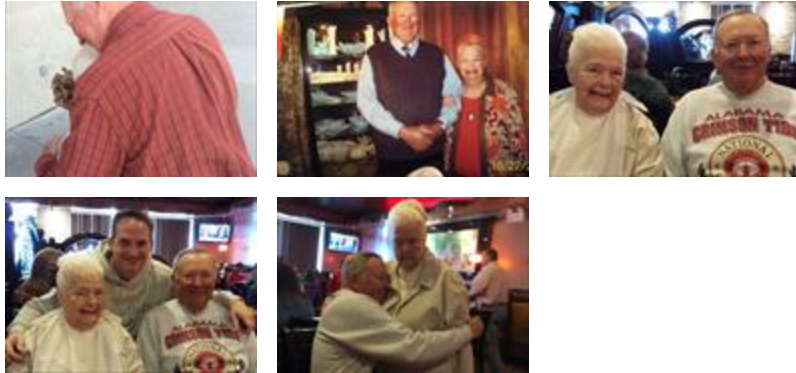
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“ *Mr. Helton, you were a wonderful teacher. To his family praying for you all he was a truly wonderful human being and you were truly blessed to have had him as a husband, father, brother, friend but the children whom he taught were the most rewarded from him he let his mark on us all and were are better humans because of his guiding light in our young lives. Gods speedy to a truly great man.*

Cindy Q Leonard - August 04, 2018 at 03:11 PM

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Michael - August 04, 2018 at 12:33 PM

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Michael - August 04, 2018 at 10:58 AM

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Michael - August 04, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Ray Helton.*



August 04, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Ray Helton.*



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“ *Don Helton welcomed me personally and professionally mid school year as I began my teaching career many years ago. He became an instant friend and mentor. He taught me what really matters when teaching middle school students. Don and Patsy appeared at our home one Christmas when we needed a friend the most. Don is among the finest individuals I have ever known. - Jeff Garthwaite*

Jeff Garthwaite - August 03, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Ray Helton.*



August 03, 2018 at 06:56 PM