



## Mr. Willis Matthew Ray

April 20, 1930 - July 6, 2019

Mr. Willis Matthew Ray, age 89, passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2019 in Century, Florida.

Mr. Ray was a native of Sontag, MS, former resident of Mobile, AL and had resided in Canoe, AL for the past 64 years. He retired from Monsanto Corp with 39 years of service, was a veteran of the Korean War Conflict with the U.S. Army and a member of the Canoe Methodist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Jessie Lee Ray; brothers, Arthur Lee Ray, Johnnie Frank Ray, Marvin Kenneth Ray, Milton Ray and Sam Leonard Ray and sister, Lettie Jane Childress.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Voncile M. Ray of Canoe, AL; two daughters, Carolyn (Mike) Helms of Robinsonville, AL and Beverly (Don) Ellis of Atmore, AL; one sister, Mary Conway of Atmore, AL; six grandchildren, Matt (Gayle) Helms, Joey Helms, Tammy Lollar, Kavin Dykes, Bradley (Emily) Dykes and Jennifer Dykes; nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home with Bro. Kavin Dykes and Carolyn Helms officiating.

Burial will follow at the Canoe Free Will Baptist Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 10, 2019 from 6 to 8 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Matt Helms, Joey Helms, Sebastian Helms, Wayne Mayo, James Conway, Tammy Lollar and Bradley Dykes.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Leroy Harrison, Gary Bailey, Keith Bailey and Doug Bailey.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Canoe Freewill Cemetery

Canoe, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Petty Funeral Homes LLC  
9260 US-31  
Atmore, AL 36502  
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## Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Vicki Montanye purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Willis Matthew Ray.



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Vicki Montanye - July 09, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis Matthew Ray.



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July 08, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Willis Matthew Ray.



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July 08, 2019 at 12:15 PM