



Charles William Stanley

July 8, 1929 - May 5, 2026

Charles “Red” William Stanley, age 96, of Ringgold, Georgia went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Red was a long-time member of Ringgold United Methodist and a lifelong resident of Ringgold, Georgia. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Cold War. At a young age, Red worked the family farm with his father before joining the Army. After his honorable discharge from the United States Army, Red worked at Charlie Hackett’s Gulf Station. Later, he began working at Nance’s Dairy before opening his own muffler and tire store. After closing his store, he went to work at Sweet Water Carpet and Rug for a brief time. Eventually Red began working in maintenance with the City of Ringgold where he retired in 2005. Known for his strong work ethic and active lifestyle, Red was rarely still. In the 1950’s Red was known as a racing legend in the drag racing community. Throughout his racing career, he won numerous trophies and built many cars that were featured in magazines including a 1932 Ford race car, featured in the November 2011 issue of “Hot Rod Deluxe” magazine. After retiring from racing, he was often found exercising as he competed in numerous Iron Man Races. Red was a loving and devoted uncle who played a special role in the lives of his nieces and nephews.

Red is preceded in his death by his wife of 69 years, Loretta Stanley; their infant daughter, Terri Ann Stanley; his parents, William G. Stanley and Dorothy V. Stanley; sisters, Betty Gilly and Alice Williams.

He is survived by his sister, Ann Childers, as well as five nieces and nephews,

sixteen great nieces and nephews, and twenty-six great great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at Ringgold United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Ringgold United Methodist Church with Pastor Sally Ensley and Pastor Steve Moore officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Christ's Chapel Share and Care Mission. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis – Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Cemetery

LaFayette St.
Ringgold, GA 30736

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ringgold United Methodist Church
7484 Nashville Street
Ringgold, GA 30736

Funeral Service

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