



James "Buster" Louis Helmes

July 12, 1955 - November 5, 2025

James "Buster" Louis Helmes, age 70, of Ringgold, Georgia, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, November 3, 2025.

Buster was a longtime resident of Ringgold and a devoted member of Harmony Baptist Church in LaFayette, Georgia, where he faithfully served as the groundskeeper. He proudly served his country in the United States Air National Guard, cherishing the many places and experiences his service provided.

A man of many talents, Buster earned a second-degree black belt from United Karate Studio and was an avid hunter who loved the outdoors. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather—a man of steadfast faith who never missed an opportunity to share the love of the Lord with others.

Buster was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Gladys Waters Helmes; infant son, James Louis Helmes; sister, Shurea Helmes; infant grandson, James Robert Helmes; granddaughter, Baylee Marie Helmes; grandmother, Mary Carol Helmes; and maternal grandparents, Edger and Aileen Waters.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty years, Mary Helmes; children, April (Danny) Reeves, Chip (Vanessa) Helmes, and Ben (Lisa) Helmes; brothers, Eddie (Shannon) Helmes, Scott (Melissa) Helmes, and Lynn (Karen) Helmes; grandchildren, Alyssa (Dylan) Groover, Zayne Helmes, Riley (Stephen) Tyrrell, and Jasper Reeves; great-granddaughter, Charlotte Wren Tyrrell; nieces and

nephews, Heather Lewis, David Dowden, Adam Helmes, and many other extended family members and friends who loved him dearly.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and again on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025, in the chapel of Wilson Funeral Homes, Wallis–Stewart Chapel, with Pastor Nathan Poteet and Preacher Danny Reeves officiating. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis – Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Memorial Gardens

Christian Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis-Stewart Chapel
443 Boynton Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736

Visitation

NOV 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Mary, I am so sorry for you loss. Love, Arrilla*

Arrilla Dorn - November 10, 2025 at 09:41 AM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear about this. I remember Buster and Ricky hanging out in their younger days.*

Bruce and Pam Williams Hamilton - November 08, 2025 at 09:30 PM

HC

“ *Homer & Terrie Colvin and Vic Colvin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*

Homer & Terrie Colvin and Vic Colvin - November 07, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*



November 07, 2025 at 11:42 AM

MH

“ *Marlene Helmes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*

Marlene Helmes - November 07, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MH

“ *Marlene Helmes purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*



Marlene Helmes - November 07, 2025 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ *The Babcock Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*



The Babcock Family - November 06, 2025 at 10:53 PM

KS

“ *Kristine S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*

Kristine S. - November 06, 2025 at 09:14 PM

SM

“ *Sue and Travis McCurley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*



Sue and Travis McCurley - November 06, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ *Love the Donald Helmes Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*



Love the Donald Helmes Family - November 06, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Buster" Louis Helmes.*



November 06, 2025 at 05:43 PM