



Lillian Beatrice Ray

July 5, 1928 - January 8, 2018

Lillian Beatrice Ray, 89, of Ringgold, passed away peacefully at her home, January 8, 2018. Mrs. Ray formerly of Chickamauga, GA is survived by her beloved husband of 70 years, William Franklin "Bill" Ray, who was by her side during her extended illness.

Mrs. Ray was retired from Shepherd Hills Nursing Home in LaFayette, GA where she served many years as the activity director and was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. She loved cooking, gardening and taking care of her home and family. Her beautiful smile and loving touch have been missed during her illness and her family is thankful that she is at peace.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Margaret Martin; brothers, Billy and Kenneth Martin.

Survivors also include her children, Brenda (Joe) Helyar of Atlanta, Bill (Denise) Ray of Ringgold, Joyce "Tiny" (Ron) Hall of Ringgold; sister, Bernice Brock of Ft. Oglethorpe; grandchildren, Chuck and Kara Hall of Ft. Oglethorpe, Katie and Andy Duffy of Ringgold, Emily and Julian Dorio of Nashville, Andy and Melissa Hall of Ringgold; great grandchildren, Gavin, Gabriel, Finn, Brooks, Benjamin and Elias.

Funeral service will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. in the funeral home Chapel with Chaplin Pat Davis officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakewood Memory Garden South Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 5:00-8:00 P.M. and Sunday from 12 noon until hour of the funeral service at the funeral home.

The family appreciates the wonderful staffs at Preferred Care at Home and Hospice of Chattanooga for helping to keep Mrs. Ray at home during her extended illness. Donations may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga or the Alzheimer's Association of Southeast Tennessee.

You may visit the online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by W. L. Wilson and Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens South

325 Greens Lake Road
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-7777

Tribute Wall

 Joe Ewell

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Joe Ewell - January 10, 2018 at 08:38 PM



Love this picture

Norma Ferrell - January 10, 2018 at 10:20 PM

TI

Thank you for sharing this beautiful picture. After 70 years, they obviously still loved each other...

Tiny - January 12, 2018 at 02:31 AM

BH

Such a sweet memory ... thank you for sharing such a touching moment among many that my parents have had over their 70 years together. Love you ...

Brenda Helyar - January 13, 2018 at 09:09 AM

SM

I didn't even know Ms. Lillian had left us till this oast Sunday morning. I saw Elizabeth; she told me. My heart is breaking for you all, especially Bill. But let me tell you what an amazing blessing it was to be in their home & see the love they had for each other!!! Love to all the Ray family.

Sharon McLain - January 24, 2018 at 08:44 PM

AN

“ Now you can be with Granny Ray and tell her all the news of the family. Love you Auntie.



Alecia Najarro - January 10, 2018 at 04:45 PM

PM

“ So sorry to all the family and friends for the loss of Aunt Lillian. She was the matriarch of that family, whose love shone in her eyes every time she talked about you. She was such a large presence in mine and Kathy's lives as youngsters. For that alone, I am eternally grateful. Haven't been around as much as I should have, but you were, and always will be loved by me, Uncle Bill and cousins. So sorry for your loss. Paulette Ray Martin

Paulette Martin - January 09, 2018 at 08:54 PM

BH

Bless you for your seeet remembrance ...

Brenda Helyar - January 09, 2018 at 09:35 PM



She was the epitome of the great southern lady. So prim and proper I loved being around her and was always in awe of listening to her talk. When it was just Paulette and myself she stepped in and helped Daddy with two little girls and for that I'm eternally grateful. Sorry not to have been around more through the years dear aunt Lillian give granny Ray a big kiss for me. Love Kathy Ray Ferrell

Norma Ferrell - January 10, 2018 at 10:19 PM

TI

Thank you for the kind words.

Tiny - January 12, 2018 at 02:32 AM

SP

“ *Brenda sending prayers for you and your family.*

Sue Polk

Sue Polk - January 09, 2018 at 08:34 PM

BH

Thank you Sue ...

Brenda Helyar - January 09, 2018 at 11:09 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Sadler lit a candle in memory of Lillian Beatrice Ray*



Brenda Sadler - January 09, 2018 at 06:12 PM

BS

“ *I was only a care giver for Mrs Lillian for a few months. Even though she could not communicate vocally in recent months, she still could let you know what she meant. I have many sweet memories I shall treasure. But I will share only one here. My hair was to my shoulders when I started. I decided to cut it and went VERY short. Mrs Lillian stared at me the first time she saw it. She ALWAYS hugged my neck and that day she hugged me extra tight and I realized she was running her fingers through my hair! Every time I got close, she would run her fingers through my hair. It was precious to me! Thanks to her wonderful family for letting me be a part of that. I shall miss her. Love you Mrs. Lillian*

Brenda Sadler - January 09, 2018 at 06:11 PM

JH

Thank you Ms Brenda for helping us! We miss you.

Joyce Hall - January 09, 2018 at 07:46 PM

BH

Bless you for your memory of Mom and for your tender loving care ...

Brenda Helyar - January 09, 2018 at 08:16 PM