



## Vernon Marshall Teems

November 16, 1933 - October 29, 2016

Vernon M. Teems, of Ringgold, Georgia, founder and president of Teems Electric Company, Inc., died on Saturday, October 29th in Chattanooga. Born on November 16, 1933, he was 82.

Family members announced that the cause of death was heart failure, following a period of decline.

In his early years, Mr. Teems helped with the construction of the Edney Building in downtown Chattanooga, now the hub of the city's Innovation District. He was a graduate of Kirkman Technical High School and became a Journeyman electrician through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

The company was founded in 1961, and later it became a signatory member of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). The company has had four major expansions over the past decades, and remains family held. A child during the Great Depression, Mr. Teems became an avid collector of Southern farm implements and enjoyed hunting wild turkey in Georgia, with friends and family members.

He was an active, longtime member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in his hometown of Ringgold, Georgia, serving as a deacon and occasionally as a choral director. An often-quoted and favorite passage of scripture he referenced was Psalm 133, (verse 1), "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" He was also a member of the Quitman Lodge.

His wife of 64 years, Christine Peters Teems, was also a partner in his business. He is survived by his wife and children, Deborah Petticord (John) of Chattanooga, Valerie Lawson, Miles N. Teems (Donna), and Mark W. Teems (Tammy), all of Ringgold. His grandchildren are Phillip Teems, Natalie Teems Atwell (William), Christy Lawson Carter (Stephen), Katie Lawson Crocker (Thomas), Aaron Petticord, Joanna Petticord Chan (Brian), Garrett Teems (Meagan) and Katelyn Teems Fassnacht (William). He had 14 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings, Walen M. Teems (Glenda) of Athens, Tennessee, Wilma Leigh and Brenda Robertson (Tommy), both of Ringgold. He is preceded in death by his parents Cloriece Patty Teems, John Leonard Teems and his sisters, Joan Teems and Loma Teems Hullender.

The family will receive visitors on Nonday October 31 from 5-7 P.M., and Tuesday, November 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Wallis-Stewart Chapel of the Wilson Funeral Homes on Boynton Drive in Ringgold. The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd and the family will receive visitors beginning at 11:00 a.m., prior to the service. Interment will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens.

The pallbearers are Phillip Teems, William Atwell, Stephen Carter, Thomas Crocker, Aaron Petticord, Brian Chan, Garrett Teems, William Fassnacht and Charles Crandall. The Reverend Michael Kirby will be conducting the service. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia. An online register book may be signed at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Anderson Memorial Gardens

Christian Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Ringgold Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736  
(706) 935-2331  
spencer@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
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## Visitation

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ I worked for Vernon several years back. He was great to be around and to work with. My prayers go out to the Family for their loss and I rejoice in Heavens gain.

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**Steve Romines** - November 06, 2016 at 05:06 PM

DB

“ Vernon teems was such a good man. Even after he retired he would still come help mother Doris Kirby Neal. All of us girls grew up with Loma who us missed everyday. Mr Teems was an honest good hearted christain man. He will definitely be missed by so many. He was a big part of Ringgold. Prayers for his wife and family. God will wrap his arms around you and comfort you through these sad times. Love you all more

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**Debi Kirby Branam** - November 03, 2016 at 11:48 AM

MC

“ Sorry for your loss. The best friend that a bereaved family can have is our God and Father, Jehovah. He invites you to throw all your burdens on him and he will sustain you in this time of grief. May you all find comfort as you pour out your hearts to him in prayer because he cares for you. Psalms 55:22,; 1 Peter 5:7.

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**Milton Campbell** - November 03, 2016 at 10:16 AM

KA

“ Sorry for your loss, I always remember Vernon helping my dad or my grandfather when they had something going on with wiring at their homes. Also as him and his family being good neighbors to us when I was growing up.

*Kay Alton Anderson*

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**Kay Alton Anderson** - November 01, 2016 at 08:32 PM

BA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, he was always one of my favorite cousins. Bruce Alton

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**Bruce Alton** - November 01, 2016 at 06:51 PM

JN

“ I met Vernon Teems many years ago as a Electrical Contractor. He was always humorous and very quick witted. I enjoyed listening to shared stories of quail hunting and discussions of who had the best bird dogs. Mostly, I appreciated his honesty in business along with his Christian Faith. A great example for us all! Heaven is blessed again.

*Jerry Nunnery  
Square D Company*

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**JERRY NUNNERY** - November 01, 2016 at 03:31 PM

GC

“ Vernon Teems was always highly respected by our family for the example he set in his leadership & Christian witness. He had a quick wit & a smile for everyone. We are thankful to have known him & counted him as a friend throughout the years.

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**glenda & lewis carroll** - October 31, 2016 at 10:21 PM

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**glenda & lewis carroll** - October 31, 2016 at 10:19 PM

RF

“ *Dear Teems Family,  
Mr. Vernon Teems was ALWAYS so nice and friendly to me! From the first day I started working at Teems to the last day I seen him. He LOVED to talk (& so do I) and he would tell me stories of his family & the things he did with grandbabies! I will miss seeing him & all the stories he would tell. He always made me feel like I was an important part of the company that he grew. Heaven has truly gain an amazing man! May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you all as you grieve the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, Great grandfather, uncle and friend. He is now walking the street of gold with our heavenly father happy & pain free! I am very honored that I got to know him. I will keep your family in our prayers. My deepest condolences.*



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**Robinson Family** - October 31, 2016 at 12:19 PM