



Ray V. Bush

February 22, 1936 - March 6, 2024

Ray V. Bush, 88, of Laurel, Mississippi was unexpectedly called home by his Lord, due to complications from Parkinson's, Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at South Central Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents Forrest Franklin Bush and Ethel Lightsey Bush, wife Mary Lucille Bush, and brother Lee Joe Bush.

He is survived by wife Judy Cole Bush, daughter and son-in-law Diane and Brian Schaper, son Alan Grafton (Pamela), daughter Jennifer Nobles (Zachary), and grandchildren Cole Grafton, Addison Grafton, Josiah Nobles, Chase Grafton, and Benjamin Nobles, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ray served in the Air Force after graduating from Calhoun High School from 1955 to 1959. He then became an Air Traffic Controller until he retired in 1988. He returned to Laurel and raised miniature horses for 10 years. Ray was a faithful member and leader at First Baptist Church Laurel. He was always willing to give and help others.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2024, at First Baptist Church Laurel, with the funeral services directly following at 11:00 a.m. The burial will take place in Lake Park Cemetery. Dr. John Helveston will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Walter Hamilton, Jordan Hamilton, Chandler Hamilton,

Bryan Hoda, Roger Wade, and Mike Walters.

Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Pickering, Stan Herrington and Norris McDaniel.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Cemetery

1303 Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 9:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ Judy, I so sorry about RY’s passing. He is the second one out of the TV crews at FBC. His gain to heaven is our loss in knowing him, but he is well now! I know you and Diane and grands will miss him, but we can rejoice that we will get to see him again in our reunion in heaven!

James & Karen Tillman - March 11, 2024 at 10:35 AM

MS

“ Our family first met the Ray V. Bush family in August 1965 when we purchased the house across the street from them. What a wonderful move that was. Our families became close friends and it stayed that way. Our children became good friends and still are even if they are now senior citizens. Ray was forever helping someone from the church, neighborhood or work. Once in a horrible storm he came after me when my car broke down and it was almost 30 miles from home and never complained. We will never forget such a wonderful man, husband, father and friend. May God bless his family and friends. Let us all be thankful for knowing such a godly man as Ray. Our prayers and condolences to his family in Laurel. Love from the Stripling family in Houston, Texas.

Marla J. Stripling - March 09, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ray V. Bush.



March 09, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SB

“ *li Samuel 3:23
Our loss, Heaven's gain*

Sharon Barham - March 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ray V. Bush.*



March 09, 2024 at 11:44 AM

AW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends during these difficult days.*

Amy Knight Williams - March 09, 2024 at 10:44 AM

RF

“ *Rex & Fran Evans and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ray V. Bush.*



Rex & Fran Evans and family - March 09, 2024 at 09:59 AM

RF

“ *Rex & Fran Evans and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray V. Bush.*

Rex & Fran Evans and family - March 09, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JO

“ I met Ray in 1974, when I joined the FAA. Ray was a great friend and mentor. He was my air traffic control instructor several times until 1980, when I was certified as a journeyman radar controller. We car pooled 1981-1983. My family and I joined Ray and family at Catfish Kitchen in Houston a number of times. In my first year in the FAA as an assistant I worked with a great crew, including Ray. Ray was an outstanding air traffic controller and had a great sense of humor. Ray gave me the nickname "Ripper", because of the skill and speed I displayed in ripping and stuffing flight progress strips as they rolled from our printers. Ray was promoted to air traffic control supervisor where he continued to succeed with honor. Ray was loved by many FAA colleagues. Lord, thank you for Ray's life on earth and the gift of life everlasting in Christ Jesus!!! Jack Overfield, College Station, Texas

Jack Overfield - March 09, 2024 at 06:56 AM