



## Talmadge Ray Ishee

August 16, 1939 - March 22, 2020

Talmadge Ray Ishee, age 80, died of natural causes on March 22, 2020 at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS.

Ray is survived by his wife Doris Ishee of Stringer, MS, his sons Tony Ishee (Patti) of Stringer, MS and Mark Ishee (DeAnne) of Montevallo, AL, brothers Alton Ishee (Joan) of Sylvarena MS, and Gerry Ishee (Brenda) of Quitman MS, sister Nancy Todd of Panama City FL ,as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren nieces and nephews. Ray is preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Peggy Parker Ishee, and his parents, Melvin and Hazel Ishee all of Stringer, MS.

Ray was born to parents Melvin and Hazel Ishee August 16, 1939 in Stringer, MS. He worked at Ingalls Shipbuilding for 4 years as a certified pipe-fitter. In 1969, Ray returned to his hometown and took a job helping to build the Georgia Pacific Plant in Taylorsville, MS. Afterward, he was hired to stay on at GP in the maintenance department for the Particleboard Division. He worked there until his retirement in 1996 ending his 27-year Georgia Pacific career as Maintenance Supervisor.

Ray truly shined as a husband and father. In 1958, he married Peggy Parker and the couple had two children together. After Peggy's death from ovarian cancer, Ray married Doris Trest Parker in 2007.

He was a member of New Beginnings Baptist Church in Stringer, MS where he loved singing in the church choir. Ray was an avid outdoors-man and enjoyed hunting and fishing all of his life. Aviation was another great love for

Ray. He was a private pilot and thoroughly enjoyed flying his Cessna 152. The last decade of his life Ray faced serious health issues that resulted in paralysis and made participating in his favorite hobbies challenging. His strong spirit and optimistic attitude enabled him to continue hunting for most of his life. His family and friends will remember him as a strong and loving man. His funeral is scheduled for March 26, 2020. Due to the restrictions caused by the current Covid-19 concerns there will only be a graveside service for immediate family at Clear Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Bro. Randy McHan will officiate. A memorial service will be announced at a future date. At that time, we will welcome all friends and family to help us celebrate Ray's life together. If you'd like to leave a tribute or share a memory of Ray please visit Ray's memorial webpage [www.forevermissed.com/talmadge-ray-ishee](http://www.forevermissed.com/talmadge-ray-ishee) and leave a comment for the family. In place of flowers we ask you to consider a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The family would like to thank the staff of Memory Chapel of Laurel, MS for their assistance at this difficult time. To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the family,  
Tommy and Laura Sims*

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**Laura Sims** - April 06, 2020 at 03:48 PM

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“ *So very saddened at Uncle Rays passing. Know that the Sherman's  
love y'all and we will see y'all when we can!*

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**Donna Sherman Slider** - March 25, 2020 at 09:32 PM