



Vernon Ray Robinson

February 28, 1929 - August 22, 2017

Vernon Ray Robinson, fondly known to all as Uncle Ray, died at his home on August 22, 2017. A lifelong resident of Laurel, Mississippi, he was born to Claude and Gertrude Robinson on February 28, 1929. He attended Prentiss Elementary School and then George S. Gardiner High School where he met his high school sweetheart (and later wife) Beatrice Wigington (Bea). They were married in December of 1948. Following his graduation, Ray began a career at Landrum Welch's Auto in Laurel in 1947 as a valued employee in the machine shop until 1967. From 1967 until his retirement in 1987 he worked at Masonite Corporation in security department and later in the storeroom as a receiving clerk.

Ray had a contagious sense of humor and was an excellent story teller of his childhood, times at Masonite Corporation and of his golfing games. He was a lover of all outdoor activities, especially golf and fishing. He was a charter member of Dixie Golf Club and served on the board there for over ten years. He officially 'retired' from golf in 2017. He is fondly remembered for his stories of building Dixie from the ground up with his hands. Ray had an expert hand in woodworking and craftsmanship and took much joy in crafting different toys and furniture for his grandchild, Andrea, along with his great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. Ray also was an expert gardener and loved flowers of all types. He took pride each summer in growing peas, butterbeans, corn, tomatoes, potatoes, and turnips.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Gertrude, and two

brothers, Bobby Robinson, and Gene Robinson. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and their son, Steve (Barbara). His surviving siblings include Bonnie Ratcliff, Iris Holloway, and Ronnie Robinson (Barbara). Ray has one grandchild, Andrea Robinson Walters (Justin) and two great-grandchildren, Jackson Ray Walters and Kaylin Elizabeth Walters. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He will always be forever loved and remembered by his surviving family members and long time friends.

Memory Chapel in Laurel is charge of arrangements for Ray. Services are to be held on Friday, August 25, 2017 with visitation beginning at 10:00a.m., and the funeral service following at 11:30 a.m. Graveside and burial service will be at Union Line Cemetery. Pallbearers are Ray's nephews Jody Lowe of Oxford, Larry Robinson of Jackson, Mikey Robinson of Laurel, Greg Lowe of Laurel, Jeffrey Robinson of Petal, and Carl Frank Hill Jr. (Tut) of Laurel. Honorary pallbearers are Ray's long time golfing partners and close friends Charles Bryant of Laurel, Buddy Holifield of Laurel, Frank Deckert of Laurel, and Tom McClelland of Laurel.

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

Cemetery Details

Union Line Cemetery

Corner of Jefcoat Road and Union Line Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
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Tribute Wall

GC

“ *RIP Ray...prayers for all Family and Friends!
From another old West Laurel Friend.
Gil Chisholm and Family.*



Gil Chisholm - August 25, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Vernon Ray Robinson.*



August 24, 2017 at 02:27 PM

BB

“ *Billy Butler lit a candle in memory of Vernon
Ray Robinson*



Billy Butler - August 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM

DM

“ After 17 years in Laurel, Bill was transferred to Shreveport, La. When we visited daughter Barbara and Steve we attended the Robinson Reunions where Ray was always the STAR of the party!. There was much love and laughter!

I will never forget on one Halloween when we were there Steve put on a false face mask and scared poor little Andrea and I thought she would never stop crying. Ray will be terribly missed by his only granddaughter Andrea, Justin, Jack-Jack and Kaylin. He was certainly a RAY of sunshine.....Dorothy Chapman

Dorothy Chapman, Barbara's mother - August 24, 2017 at 10:18 AM

DN

“ I am so sorry Mrs Bea. I will be praying for you and your family. So very sorry haven't been in touch or checked on you since Mrs Bertha died. Quit going to Springhill and had a lot going on. It is no excuse though so for that I am sorry. I know your heart is broken and you will sorely miss Mr Ray. Love you and will be praying for y'all. God bless. You will see him again one day hope that brings you comfort.

Duja Ivey Newcomb

Duja Newcomb - August 23, 2017 at 09:36 PM