



## Burgin Virgle Ray Jr.

March 20, 1926 - August 27, 2021

Burgin Virgle “B.V.” Ray, Jr., the beloved patriarch of his family, passed away on Friday, August 27, 2021 at the age of 95 at home in Prattville. Even at a young age, he served as a father figure for his brother and sisters. At the age of 18, he married his childhood sweetheart and the love of his life, Emogene Lowery. They were married almost 70 years until her death in 2015.

He was awarded The Purple Heart while in the Army’s 362nd Field Artillery Battalion serving in Germany and The Philippines. Originally from Chilton County, he was active in his community for decades, both in Prattville and in Thorsby. He was a Mason, Worthy Patron of Eastern Star; member of the Lion’s Club, First Baptist Church of Thorsby, First Baptist Church of Prattville, and subsequently East Memorial Baptist Church. He retired from AT&T in 1978. He loved to cook and fish, and was an avid gardener. He loved to watch college football and never missed watching a University of Alabama football game.

B.V. was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emogene “Jean” Lowery Ray; parents, Martha Phenia Lewis and Burgin Virgle Ray, Sr.; sisters, Helen Ray Tubberville, Deedie Ray Goss, and Betty Ray Armstrong; and son-in-law Joseph Martin Curvin. He is survived by his son, L. Eric Ray (Patsy) of Talladega; daughter, Ginger Ray Curvin of Birmingham; grandchildren, Brandy Ray Cobbs (Jerry)

of Decatur, Dr. Rachel Curvin Garner of Tupelo, MS, Jeffrey Martin Curvin (Susan) of Berry, Brandon Ashley Gaither of Glenmoore, PA, and Glenn “Chip” Gaither of Gaithersburg, MD; sister, Margie Ray Price of Hartselle; brother, Jack N. Ray of Cullman; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Service will be at 1:00 on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at Prattville Memorial Chapel, with visitation one hour preceding the service. Burial will be at Thorsby Memorial Cemetery, Thorsby, AL.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Prattville Memorial Chapel  
841 Fairview Avenue  
Prattville, AL 36066  
(334) 365-7147  
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## Service

SEP 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr ray was like a grandpa to me and was so very good to me I will forever miss him*

**Lorie glass** - September 01, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Burgin Virgle Ray Jr..*



August 31, 2021 at 06:54 PM

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“ *Mr.Ray was just like a Grandfather to me and my children he's been their all the way from me meeting him and Mrs Tay from Prattville Health and Rehab To know them is to fall in love with him and we did Shadow as they call my daughter we love you Dearly May you Rest In Peace Sir*❤️

**Fatimah Lewis** - August 31, 2021 at 12:45 PM

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“ *Mr Ray was one of the most wonderful men i have ever known he touched so many people's lives and we were all truly blessed by The love he showed to his family and friends. I will forever treasure all the priceless memories that i have of him and Mrs. Ray. My deepest sympathy to Eric and Ginger and all the family. LOVE Barbara Glass and family*

**Barbara Glass** - August 31, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Ginger, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I have fond memories of your dad and mom when we were in the ACHS band. Praying for you and your family. Betty Gentry Holmes*

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**Chuck-Betty Holmes** - August 30, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Burgin Virgle Ray Jr..*



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August 30, 2021 at 03:38 PM