



Garland Ray

May 24, 1924 - March 30, 2023

Garland Ray, 98, passed away on March 30, 2023, at Neshoba General Nursing Home in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Hinze Baptist Church in McCool, Mississippi, with Bro. Paul Blanchard and Bro. Jerry Holmes officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at Hinze Baptist Church from 2 p.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow the service in Hinze Cemetery.

Garland was born May 24, 1924, to Cyrus Leach Ray and Georgia Hinze Ray in Winston County. He was a faithful member of Hinze Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for 49 years. Garland enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and watching sports. He was also a Mason for more than 50 years. He worked in the Forestry industry, first for American Creosote and later, he was self-employed at Southern Timber Company. He answered the call of his country by serving in the United States Army during World War II.

Garland is survived by his daughter, Janice Greene and husband, Marion, of McCool. One of his greatest joys was being "PaPaw" to his granddaughter, Susan Byrd and husband, Pat; and his great-grandchildren, Michael and Laurie Byrd. He is also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Z. Shumaker; his parents; four brothers, George "Cleo" Ray, Wallace Ray, Hinze Ray, and B. J. Ray; and his sister, Jewelene Shumaker.

Serving as pallbearers are Joey Ray, Marcus Ray, Scott Ray, Jeff Shumaker, Mike Shumaker, and Ricky Steed. Memorial donations can be made in Garland's honor to Hinze Baptist Church, 1645 Hinze-Rural Hill Road, McCool, MS 39108.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Hinze Baptist Church Cemetery

Hinze-Rural Hill Road
3818 Hinze-Rural Hill Rd
McCool, MS 39108

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

APR 2 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Janice and family. May you all have peace and comfort as only the Lord can bring .*

Betty Clardy - April 04, 2023 at 10:20 PM

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“ *So thankful for special memories made with him. I know he is in having a fabulous reunion and homecoming with all his family! They have all “Gathered Home”.*



Lauren Ray Keith - March 31, 2023 at 11:34 PM

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“ *I remember Mr. Ray from his association with State Farm where my father was the agent and I worked in his office. My father thought the world of him as well as BJ and Marcus. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ray by assisting him in the office. He was a kind and pleasing man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*



Gin Fancher - March 31, 2023 at 09:30 PM