



Ray Allen Cockrell

June 10, 1935 - September 14, 2023

Ray Allen Cockrell, 88, passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, September 16 in the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel in Louisville, Mississippi, with Rev. Zach Eaves and Mike Fuller officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow the service at Murphy Creek Cemetery with Rev. Mark Mayo officiating.

Ray was born June 10, 1935, to Les and Ethel Conn Cockrell in Mashulaville, Mississippi. He was a member of Murphy Creek Baptist Church. Ray, along with his late wife, Peggy, were responsible for the care and upkeep of Murphy Creek Cemetery for over 20 years. Ray was a hard worker...he worked away from home from the time he was 12 years old until his retirement from the Mississippi Department of Transportation after more than 30 years of service. He loved being outdoors especially hunting and fishing; but bird hunting was his passion. Ray dearly loved Peggy, his wife of 60 years; as well as all his family. On several different occasions, he was named Cattleman of the Year for Winston County. He was an avid Ole Miss football fan.

Ray is survived by his sister, Doris Smith and husband, C. Q.; his brother Will "Junior" Cockrell and wife, Dorothy; and special friend, Marie Shaw, all of Louisville. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other family members, and friends. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; an infant daughter, Elizabeth Cockrell; his parents; and two siblings, Thelma (Freeman) Smith and Mose (Thelma) Cockrell.

Serving as pallbearers are Ricky Tanksley, Randy Tanksley, Rylee Pearson, Lee Pearson, Kenny McCulloch, and Zach Eaves. Honorary pallbearers are Scott Barnhill, Darry Crowell, Thomas Hindman, Donnie Hisaw, Lamar Parkes, Charles Henry Stokes, and the Men's Sunday School Class of Murphy Creek Church. Memorials in honor of Ray may be given to Murphy Creek Cemetery Fund, 5420 Bond Road, Louisville, MS 39339.

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

Murphy Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

5379 Bond Road
Louisville, MS 39339

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

SEP **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
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Interment

SEP **16** (CT)

Murphy Creek Baptist Church Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family. Ray was a special friend to Willie Sloan and they helped each other with cattle and equipment. We held Ray and Peggy in high regard.*

Wendy Sloan - September 15, 2023 at 10:13 AM

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So sorry to hear about Rays death. He will be greatly missed by Family and many friends. He was a good man friend and neighbor to many many people over the years!

May God be with all the family and all friends of Ray and Peggy, may he give you strength and comfort 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Marie Butler - September 16, 2023 at 03:49 PM