



Hollis "Ray" Alexander

April 25, 1939 - December 13, 2020

Lakeland – Hollis “Ray” Alexander, 81, died December 13, 2020.

Born in Double Springs, Alabama on April 25, 1939 to the late Boyd and Lydia Alexander, his family moved to Florida where he attended Hardee High School in Wauchula, and met his wife of 60 years, Joyce Alexander. Ray served a 30-year career at National Linen Service. After retirement, Ray worked with his son, Michael for more than 10 years at Alexander Air Conditioning until his children convinced him to retire at age 80! He is survived by his wife, Joyce, son Michael (Jennifer), daughter Pam Leiva (Sady), and grandson Alex Leiva (Caitlyn Bongiovi).

Visitation will be Fri., Dec. 18, 2020 at 10 am, followed by a service at 11 am at Gentry-Morrison Southside Chapel, 1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland.

Interment will follow at Oak Hill Burial Park.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Service

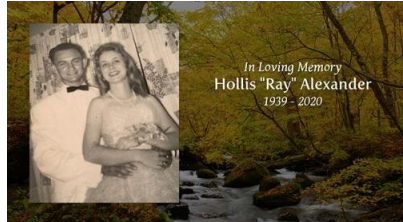
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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Hollis "Ray" Alexander



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 17, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Watch Funeral Service in memory of Hollis "Ray" Alexander



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - December 17, 2020 at 03:51 PM

KS

I so wish I could have been there with my family this morning. Uncle Ray, I love you and I'll see you in heaven!!

Kim Shaw - December 18, 2020 at 11:32 AM

TG

“Uncle Ray and my Papaw, (Doug Aldridge) were more like brothers than Uncle Ray being his actual Uncle. I would love sitting around Papaw’s breakfast table having coffee and hearing all the stories. Stories of Uncle Ray, Uncle Bordy, and Papaw picking guitars through out the years and all the gatherings playing bluegrass. One of my memories of Uncle Ray was the summer of 2008 I believe living with my grandparents and they took my on a road trip to see uncle Ray and Aunt Joyce. It was a wonderful time getting to see their original house they owned to having meals together and seeing Pam’s gorgeous new home. Not many people can say they had a Great Great Uncle and to be such a kind and wonderful man like my Uncle Ray is something special. Love you very much Uncle Ray and until we meet again keep a picking those gorgeous bluegrass tunes with our Lord and savior. Love Wildman

Tommy Glidden - December 19, 2020 at 12:02 PM

CA

“My heart is with all of you today, I wish I could have been there. I will forever remember Uncle Ray at the pasture where we had the bluegrass gatherings. He would smile from ear to ear while playing guitar with Dad. Those are my most precious memories of him. You will always be in my heart Uncle Ray.

Cynthia Aldridge-Portaro - December 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LC

“Farewell, my dearest Uncle. You have been my touchstone for so many years, and I will miss you for that and for all the other ways you have been in my life. I love you beyond measure, now and for always. Linda

Linda Aldridge Collins - December 18, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hollis "Ray" Alexander.*



December 17, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Linda, Tim, Jason, Roxanne, & Ali Collins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Hollis "Ray" Alexander.*



Linda, Tim, Jason, Roxanne, & Ali Collins - December 16, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *So sorry to hear. My condolences to the family. I always enjoyed talking to him when he delivered uniforms to the market. May he Rest In Peace*

Evelyn Dowdy - December 15, 2020 at 08:19 PM