



James Ray Butler

August 12, 1939 - February 5, 2016

James Ray Butler, 76, of Saluda, South Carolina, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2016 . Born August 12, 1939 in Saluda County. He was the son of the late James William "Bill" Butler and Margurite Edwards Butler.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Betty Lou Leopard Butler and his two children, Janice B. Eargle and husband, Richard, and James Larry Butler and wife, Jackie, all of Saluda, SC.

Survivors include also seven grandchildren, Paul Ergle, Jeanette Wilder, Samantha Whittle, Tabitha Morris, Shantay Flake, and Jenifer Kinard Ergle, all of Saluda, SC, and Michael Butler of Monroe, NC; eleven great-grandchildren, Mayson, Star, McKinley, Heather, Chandler, Cherokee, Charlie, Patrick, Shawn, John Michael, and Karolann; two great-great-grandchildren, Ta'laysia and Devonte.

He is survived also by six siblings: Jimmy Dean Butler of Ninety Six, SC, William Carl Butler of Greenwood, SC, Betty Ann McCarty, of Inman, SC, Sylvia Elaine Peele of Commerce, GA, Mary Jean Perry and Thomas Edwards Butler, both of Saluda, SC. In addition, seven nieces and five nephews survive, with two nephews being deceased.

Ray was a Licensed Ordained Minister. He loved the Lord with all his heart. He was a long-standing member of Bible Believers Congregational Holiness Church, Saluda, SC. He loved his church and his church family. He visited, prayed and witnessed to many people over the years.

His hobbies were hunting, fishing, and reading the Bible- just to mention a few. He was a carpenter by trade for over 45 years.

Ray loved his family and was a great role model. He will be missed greatly by all.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m., Saturday evening at Ramey Funeral

Home.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, February 7, 2016 at Bible Believers Congregational Holiness Church with Rev. Mark Wilkes officiating and assisted by Rev. Danny Jones, Rev. Jerry Rhodes, Rev. Dennis Campbell, Rev. Terry Wilder, Rev. Burton Campbell and Rev. Chuck Clark. Interment will follow in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of South Carolina, 404 Batesburg Hwy., Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery

Trinity Rd.
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramey Funeral Home
202 N Rudolph St
Saluda, SC 29138
(864) 445-2366

Funeral

FEB 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Bible Believer Congregational Holiness Church
859 Chappells Highway
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

AN

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God's mercy and grace be with you all.

April Turner Navarro - February 11, 2016 at 12:41 PM

MS

“ Martha Storey lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler



Martha Storey - February 07, 2016 at 11:28 AM

HF

“ Homer Rodgers Jr. & Family lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler



Homer Rodgers Jr. & Family - February 07, 2016 at 02:16 AM

RE

“ Renee lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler



Renee - February 06, 2016 at 09:46 PM

PB

“ Peggy Butler lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler



Peggy Butler - February 06, 2016 at 09:03 PM

PB

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.I loved "Uncle"Ray.He was a wonderful man.God Bless with his favor and comfort.

Peggy Butler - February 06, 2016 at 09:06 PM

PD

“ *In honor of a GREAT Man of faith that has impacted my life. He will truly be missed. Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Bro. Ray Butler.
God Bless you all, Pastor Jerry and Teresa Denney*



Pastor Jerry and Teresa Denney - February 06, 2016 at 06:15 PM

CS

“ *Charles Flake Sr. lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



charles flake sr. - February 06, 2016 at 02:43 PM

TS

“ *Your family are in our thoughts and prayers .

Your friends at THE HARDWARE STORE
SALUDA SC*

The Hardware Store - February 06, 2016 at 02:40 PM

TR

“ *Teddy Jordan/ Helen Register lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



Teddy Jordan/ Helen Register - February 06, 2016 at 02:12 PM

TR

Our thoughts and prayers ,with all the family,HE was one of the Best,,.

Teddy Jordan/ Helen Register - February 06, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of James Ray Butler.*



February 06, 2016 at 12:57 PM

MS

“ *Betty, Jimmy and family: I am so very sorry about the loss of Ray. I am thinking of you and you are in my prayers.. Ray is well now and rejoicing in Heaven. So sorry that I can't be there as I am working. Love you all.*

MaryAnne Smith - February 06, 2016 at 11:24 AM

ML

“ *Melissa Long lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



Melissa Long - February 06, 2016 at 09:23 AM

 Betty Butler

“ *Betty Butler lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



Betty Butler - February 06, 2016 at 09:17 AM

SW

“ *Samantha Whittle lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



Samantha Whittle - February 06, 2016 at 09:04 AM

 Judy
Rodgers
Wootton

“ *Judy Rodgers Wootton lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



Judy Rodgers Wootton - February 06, 2016 at 07:42 AM

RC

“ *Ricky & Janet Clary lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*




Ricky & Janet Clary - February 06, 2016 at 07:22 AM

 Mary
Kelly

“ *Mary Kelly purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of James Ray Butler.*



Mary Kelly - February 05, 2016 at 08:05 PM

 Mary
Kelly

“ *Mary Kelly lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



Mary Kelly - February 05, 2016 at 06:58 PM

 Betty
Butler

He was a wonderful person loved by all he will always be in our hearts and loved forever love Edwards and Betty and Bailey

Betty Butler - February 05, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MS

“ *MaryAnne Smith lit a candle in memory of James Ray Butler*



MaryAnne Smith - February 05, 2016 at 06:10 PM

CJ

“ *Brother Ray is truly a gift from God...The kindness and generosity he and sister Betty have shown so many people will not be forgotten. My sister came to the Lord shortly before she passed with the assistance of Brother Ray and Sister Betty. His battle is now over and he is now rejoicing in Heaven... See you on the other side of the river one of these days Brother Ray. -Charles McCormick JR.*

Charles McCormick JR. - February 05, 2016 at 03:00 PM