



Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray

March 26, 1939 - November 4, 2022

Mr. Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray, age 83 of Douglas, passed away Friday afternoon, November 4, 2022 at Lakeside Senior Living at 1025 Chester Avenue North following an extended illness. Mr. Ray was born March 26, 1939 to the late Calvin Cecil Ray and the late Mary Edyth Mitchell Ray.

Mr. Ray, a native of Goat Rock, GA, was retired from the Coffee County Board of Education, where he taught Diversified Cooperative Training at Coffee High School. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Douglas.

Survivors include:

His wife of 62 years: Christine Ann Clements Ray of Douglas, GA

2 Children: Samuel Calvin Ray and wife Samantha of Lax, GA
Susan Ann Ray Tanner and husband Wade of Axson, GA

4 Grandchildren: Jacob Calvin Ray of Ambrose, GA
Luke Samuel Ray and wife Hannah of Lax, GA
Madelyn Ann Tanner of Axson, GA
Jessa Ray Tanner of Axson, GA

1 Sister: Patricia Elaine Hardman of Fortson, GA

Several Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Many Friends

The funeral service will be held Monday morning November 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Stokesville Baptist Church in Atkinson County with Bishop Leroy Spivey officiating. The interment will follow in Stokesville Cemetery.

Mr. Ray will be placed in the church at 10:00 AM to lie-in-state until the funeral hour.

Active Pallbearers for the service will be: Ben Corley, Jacob Ray, Luke Ray, Will Ellis, Hunter Sutton and Noah Prather.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations are to be made to Stokesville Baptist Church Building Fund Stokesville Church Road Axson, GA 31624.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Stokesville Cemetery

County Road 64
Axson, GA 31624

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Stokesville Baptist Church
County Road 64
Axson, GA 31624

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stokesville Baptist Church
County Road 64
Axson, GA 31624

Interment

NOV 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

Stokesville Cemetery
County Road 64
Axson, GA 31624

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Ann, Sam, and Susan - I am so sorry for the passing of this man that was such a great human being. Mr. Ray taught me my senior year for two quarters. I thought he was a fabulous teacher and person. He taught in in hub tv TVthings that I will need my whole life. While he was teaching, we really didn't know he was teaching. I reckon we thought he was just carrying on a conversation with us. I don't think he could be beat.



I read comments some of his other students wrote. I had to smile really big!! Each one said the same thing. I have always been told that after you keep hearing the same thing over and over, there must be some truth in it. As you know, he was the BEST OF THE BEST!!

Just wonder what kind of tricks Mr. Ray, Mr. Billy and Donnie have already gotten into since his arrival in heaven!!

Sending Love, Hugs, and Prayers.

Deborah Boyd - November 12, 2022 at 04:24 PM

DB

I know the 7TH line doesn't make sense. I dont know where some of those words came from. Sorry!

Deborah Boyd - November 12, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM

TS

“ Mr. Ray always held a special place in my heart. He was with no exception the best teacher. He taught the real life stuff of growing up... how to balance a checkup, financing and how to prepare tax returns. I still use what he taught me to this day. It was an honor to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Ray and the family.

Tammy Cady Stone CHS Class of 1991.

Tammy Cady Stone - November 08, 2022 at 03:27 PM

TS

“ Always had a special place in my heart for Mr. Ray. I moved to Douglas in high school from NH and his class was by far my favorite, not to forget the most educating. We learned, income tax returns, check book balancing, insurance purchasing etc. which I have used throughout my entire life. He was kind but direct and I love that! My sympathy to his family, you were so lucky to have him for a lifetime.....we only had him for a short time.

Terri Hughes Schuster. CHS class of 1975

Terri Schuster - November 08, 2022 at 02:58 PM

KE

“ So sorry to learn of the death of Mr Ray had a kind word always to say when he saw me. He will certainly be missed and most from his family now they must learn to live out their lives without someone special. Praying for all.



Karleen K Evans - November 07, 2022 at 08:32 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Ray's passing. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Janet Cole Phelps - November 07, 2022 at 07:03 PM

BW

“ *I like others always thought of Mr Ray as a great teacher and a friend after my school years. I'll always remember his smile and his laugh.*

Bob West - November 07, 2022 at 06:22 PM

ME

“ *Mary Edwards lit a candle in memory of Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray*



Mary Edwards - November 07, 2022 at 10:35 AM

ME

My deepest condolence to Sam, Susan and their families and friends.

Mary Edwards - November 07, 2022 at 10:40 AM

DV

“ *Dr. Jimmy L And Elder Brenda G Veal lit a candle in memory of Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray*



Dr. Jimmy L and Elder Brenda G Veal - November 07, 2022 at 10:03 AM

WK

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Mitch's passing - our sympathies and prayers are with you all! Sincerely, Walda & Jeff Kight*

Walda Kight - November 07, 2022 at 09:59 AM

SD

“ Shirley Dill lit a candle in memory of Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray



Shirley Dill - November 07, 2022 at 09:26 AM

SD

Dear Ms Ann and family. Mr. Mitch was a trip and a very sweet man. Always enjoyed eating with him and Ms Ann and had lots of laughs. I truly have missed seeing him and Ms Ann since I no longer wok in Douglas, but they have been in my heart all the time. Ms. Ann I will come and visit with you soon. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending my love.

Shirley Dill - November 07, 2022 at 09:29 AM

MP

Mr. Ray was my favorite teacher of my H.S. years, I will remember him always ! My prayers for the Ray family !

marcus r plymale - November 07, 2022 at 10:45 AM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss. I have a lot of great memories of Mr. Ray and the fishing trips our families used to go on. He was one of a kind and will be missed by many.

Greg Graham - November 07, 2022 at 09:12 AM

JA

“ I loved Mr. Ray he was one of the best teachers I had. He had a way of teaching that made you want to do your very best. When ever I would run into him at Walmart we would talk about 5 minutes or so, I will miss him greatly.

James - November 06, 2022 at 11:26 AM

SM

“ *Ann, I was so sorry to learn of Mitch's passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. I think about you often and the good times we shared.*

sandra moody - November 05, 2022 at 10:54 PM

MH

“ *Miriam Vickers Holland lit a candle in memory of Cecil Mitchell "Mitch" Ray*



Miriam Vickers Holland - November 05, 2022 at 08:06 PM

JC

“ *My sincere condolences to Ann, Sam, Susan and all the family. What can I say? Mitch Ray had the most positive influence on my life as well as my entire family. He was a wonderful teacher...a mentor to so many students throughout his years at Coffee High School. He taught us life skills that have helped each of us throughout our entire lives. STUFF that you don't learn in a college classroom! What an impact and influence on hundreds of CHS student's lives! And, he became a friend! Thanks for your love and leadership, Mr Ray! You were absolutely the best! God bless and comfort each of you. Just remember all the good times and know that he truly enjoyed life and loved each one of you. Jewel*

Jewel Call - November 05, 2022 at 11:16 AM