



Ralph Milburn Gourley

April 30, 1938 - March 10, 2015

Mr. Ralph Milburn Gourley, age 76, of Douglas passed away Tuesday morning, March 10, 2015, at the Coffee Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness. He was born April 30, 1938 to the late Cecil Milburn Gourley and the late Eva Bell Burch Gourley. Mr. Gourley, a native of Coffee County, retired after 20 years of service with the U. S. Navy. He later retired from the Corrections System of Georgia after 26 years of service with the State and Federal Systems. Mr. Gourley was a member of the College Avenue Baptist Church. Survivors include: His Wife: Clara Mae Rowell Gourley of Douglas, Ga.; 2 Sons: Greg (Heather) Gourley of Vidalia, Ga. and Kyle (Courtney) Gourley of Eatonton, Ga.; 4 Grandchildren: Ben Gourley, and Ginny Gourley, both of Vidalia, Ga., Whitney Gourley, and Ally Brooke Gourley, both of Eatonton, Ga.; 1 Sister: Milblynn Rawlins of Stockbridge, Ga.; 2 Brothers: Ledoy Gourley of Waycross, Ga., and Winston Gourley of Axson, Ga.; Several Nieces, Nephews, Friends, and Other Relatives. Funeral Services were held Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 2:00 P. M., at the College Avenue Baptist Church, with Rev. Mark Mercer, and Rev. Don Harper officiating. Mr. Thurman Anderson presented a Eulogy. The Interment followed in the Reedy Branch Cemetery, with Full Military Rites (Firing Squad, Flag Detail, and Bugler) being furnished by Personnel from the Marine Corp. Logistic Base of Albany, Ga., and Honor Guards from the local American Legion Posts. Active Pallbearers were: Matt Gourley, Evan Gourley, Timothy Gourley, Darrell Rawlins, Jamie Rowell, Jason Sweat, Kenneth Rowell, and Michael Tapley. Honorary

Pallbearers were fellow workers of the Correctional Center of Waycross. Special Musical Selections, "Heaven Never Seemed So Real", was rendered by Becky Coker and the Guitarist, Bill Musgrove, and "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone", was presented by the Soloist, Archie Rish, with Taped Music. "Pre-Lude" and "Post-Lude" soft hymns were presented by the Pianist, Phyllis Ricketson. Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the Arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Reedy Branch Baptist Church

96 Boxwood Road
Broxton, GA 31519
(912) 359-2747

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-1155
ricketsonfunhm@windstream.net
<https://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

College Avenue Baptist Church
714 South College Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Milburn Gourley*

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“ *Our condolences to Clara and kids. Ralph was a high school friend and Navy shipmate. He served his county for twenty years in the US Navy and will be missed. Charles and Pat and Pat Pensacola, Fl*

Charles Browning - March 14, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Michelle Gonzalez - March 12, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ *Richard & Tammy Clark lit a candle in memory of Ralph Milburn Gourley*



Richard & Tammy Clark - March 11, 2015 at 08:34 AM

DD

“ We Love and are going to miss you Uncle Ralph , see you in Heaven, Diane and Family

Diane David - March 11, 2015 at 07:44 AM

DK

“ Diane ,Rick and Kids purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ralph Milburn Gourley.



Diane ,Rick and Kids - March 11, 2015 at 07:37 AM

JH

“ My deepest condolences. Gonna miss you Chief. John and Pat Hallisey

John Hallisey - March 10, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Milburn Gourley.



March 10, 2015 at 04:15 PM