



Barbara Nell Ray

June 26, 1932 - August 8, 2024

Barbara Nell Ray, born June 26, 1932, in Luverne, Alabama, peacefully passed from this life to the next on August 8, 2024, at the age of 92. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Nellie Bruce and William C. Stringer, her brother, William C. Stringer Jr., and her sister, Louise Stringer. Barbara has now been joyfully reunited with the love of her life, Ernest B. Ray, to whom she was married for 62 beautiful years.

Barbara grew up in Ensley, Alabama and after she married Ernest, they built a life in McCalla, Alabama where they resided for the remainder of their lives. Barbara was a woman of great laughter, warmth, and generosity, with a joyful spirit that touched everyone who knew her. Barbara made friends easily and had a multitude of dear friends throughout her life. She cherished her social life, enjoying travel and fellowship with her senior group at The First Baptist Church of Woodstock.

Her greatest pride and joy were her family, whom she loved deeply and unconditionally. She is survived by her children, Randall Ray, Karen Ray Weston (Mike), and Sharon Ray Davis, who will forever carry her in their hearts. Her legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren, who knew her as Nanny: Robyn Tucker (David), Allison Reed (Blaise), Jessica Davis, and Daniel Weston, and her three great-grandchildren, who she absolutely adored.

Barbara's life was a testament to the beauty of a life well-lived, filled with love, kindness, and a boundless devotion to her family and friends. Her sweet spirit and joyful heart will be truly missed, but her memory will forever be a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Bessemer Brown Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., followed by a service from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Gardens, with Brother Steven Hicks officiating

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3115 18th Ave
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 428-1201

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Children & Grandchildren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Nell Ray.

Children & Grandchildren - August 12, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Barbara Nell Ray.



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“ Paige Petersen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Nell Ray.

Paige Petersen - August 11, 2024 at 04:13 PM



“ Paige Petersen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Barbara Nell Ray.



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