



## Ray Elsworth Collison

February 16, 1925 - July 31, 2013

Ray Elsworth Collison, 88, a lifelong resident of Bald Knob, passed away peacefully July 31, 2013 in Hospice at WCMC in Searcy. Born to Everett Oral and Elsie Osmon Collison on February 16, 1925, Ray was a World War II Veteran having served in the Occupation Forces in Japan. Ray was a former pipe-liner and retired from James H. Matthews Maintenance Dept. in 1987. He loved to hunt and fish in his younger years and garden, truck patch, and spend time with his loving Pekinese, "Baby" in later years. Baby was Ray's constant companion after the passing of his loving wife, Rolinda, in 2007. Survivors include one daughter, Martha (Ernie) Blount of Searcy; two sons, Bob (Patricia) Collison of Bald Knob, and Jack (Debra) Collison of Judsonia; one step-son, James Edwards of Little Rock; nine grandchildren, Marcia Blount Wilson, Tim Blount, Ken Blount, Sharon Collison Potter, Michael Collison, Carrie Collison Jones, David Collison, Callie Collison Owens, Amy Collison Elliott; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Ray is also survived by two brothers, Henry Collison and Clarence Collison, both of Bald Knob. Ray is predeceased by his parents, one brother, Everett Howard Collison and one sister, Irene Rash Merrell; one step-son, Clayton Edwards, along with a great-granddaughter, Hunter Collison. The family wishes to thank the staff of White County Medical Center and Hospice who provided wonderful loving care during the last month of Ray's life. In lieu of flowers, because Dad loved the outdoors, memorials may be made to the Shady Grove Cemetery Fund, Reagina Goodin, Treasurer, 49 Bald Knob Lake Road, Bald Knob AR

72010. Visitation is Saturday, August 3 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob, followed by a graveside service at 3:00 PM at the Shady Grove Memorial Pavilion. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kenny & Connie Morris are very sad for the loss of your loved one. Praying for strength for you in the days to come*

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**Connie Morris** - February 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM

MB

“ *My first and most fondest memory of Ray, was when I got to experience my first fish fry expertly cooked by him. I had never had catfish fried in lard before. I was almost afraid to eat it, but after that first bite and it melting in my mouth, I was hooked. It was the best catfish ever!!!If there's fishing in Heaven, I know Ray will be in line. God Bless!!!!*

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**Meredith Blount** - February 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM

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“ *I have fished many times at Ray's pond but one particular day I was there fishing and had only caught a couple of fish. He came out there and asked me would I like to have more fish and I said yes. He caught some more and one was a big catfish. He told me to tell Stockcar that I caught it for fun but of course Stockcar didn't believe me when I said I did. I laughed and told him no Pollywog caught it. My handle is Tigerlily and that is how I knew Mr. Collinson. We will miss him dearly.  
Tigerlily and Stockcar*

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**Patsy Dozier** - February 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM

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“ *OUR hearts are heavy for all his children and all of his families. We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I know he has no pain and no worries any more. We miss him but we have all the memories in our hearts. God bless you all.*

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**KAY GOODIN BROOKS & DALE** - February 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM

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“ *Jack & Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Sybil Evans** - February 10, 2016 at 03:17 PM