



Ray Hickmon

September 14, 1924 - April 27, 2019

Ray Hickmon, age 94, went to Heaven on April 27, 2019. He lived in Bradford for nearly all of his life. Ray was born on Sept. 14, 1924, the son of Hinkle and Arretis VanWinkle Hickmon. After his father's death, Ray served as a substitute father to his younger siblings — although he was only 16 himself — before joining the Army near the end of World War II. On Jan. 12, 1948, he married May Elizabeth Wilson. For many years, Ray operated a barbershop in Bradford with May eventually opening a beauty shop in the back of the building. After closing the shop, they continued working together by making and selling quilts and wind chimes until shortly before May's death in June 2000. Ray and May were married for 52 years and are survived by their two daughters: Freda Christian and husband Charles and Fonda Thomason and husband Michael, all of Bradford. In addition to May, Ray is preceded in death by his second wife, Dorothy Annette Hickmon; his great-granddaughter, Anna Claire Christian; his parents; five brothers, John, Carl, Bill, Clinton Marvin and Cleve; and three sisters, Lois Alexander Goad, Gracie Scantlin and Irene Hickmon. In addition to his daughters, Ray is survived by his sister, Ruth Rhew of Bradford; his brother, Andy Hickmon and wife Neda Jane of Mt. Vernon; five grandsons; six great-grandchildren; and many special nieces and nephews. During his long life, Ray was a member at several Baptist churches, including Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Bradford Baptist Church and Denmark Baptist Church, which he was instrumental in founding.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob. Services will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment with military honors will be in Smith Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Smith Cemetery

Bradford, AR 72020

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray Hickmon



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 29, 2019 at 11:56 AM

CC

“ We will always love and miss Ray very much!!

Charles & Freda Christian - May 10, 2019 at 11:09 AM

BD

“ Betty D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ray Hickmon.



Betty D. - May 02, 2019 at 08:01 PM

ST

“ Our family sends love and condolences to Fonda & Michael and sons, Freda & Charles and sons, and all family and friends who love and will sorely miss Ray.

Sharon Thomason - April 28, 2019 at 09:05 PM

MW

“ We are grateful that we were able to meet this kind gentleman. His unassuming, genteel manner made us feel immediately “at home”, with “grandpa”. We immediately liked him, and know that he will be sorely missed. Our hearts go out to all of “grandpa’s” family. He truly was a wonderful man, with a wonderful family. Bob & Mary Widding

Mary Widding - April 28, 2019 at 02:04 PM

BW

“ Bob and Mary Widding purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ray Hickmon.



Bob and Mary Widding - April 28, 2019 at 01:45 PM

HA

“ grandpa ray was very sweet and if i was upset when i would see his smile it would make me smile and he was very sweet and the best grandpa ever hallie thomason

hallie - April 28, 2019 at 01:24 PM

KS

“ Ray and May were very dear neighbors for several years. Fonda, Freda and all the family are in my prayers.

Karen Seigriest - April 27, 2019 at 08:20 PM