



Mr. Earl Todd

December 7, 1939 - August 6, 2025

Curtis Earl “Earl” Todd, born December 7, 1939, in Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama, son of Curtis George Todd and Dura Todd, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025, in Albemarle, North Carolina, at the age of 85.

Known to most simply as Earl, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Iva Lanell Todd, and his brother, Fred Allen Todd.

He is survived by his three children: Curtis Michael Todd and wife Brigitte, Christopher Sean Todd and wife Edith, and Eric Todd and wife Jessie. Earl was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren and one great-grandchild, each of whom held a special place in his heart.

Earl began his career working alongside his father in the family auto repair business in Bowdon, Georgia, where he developed a lifelong skill and love for auto mechanics. His work with American Motors would eventually take him and his family on a journey from Bowdon to Atlanta, Georgia, then to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and finally to Livonia, Michigan. Earl’s dedication and talent led him through a steadily rising career—from auto mechanic trainer to technical writer, and ultimately to manager of publications for the company. His ability to combine mechanical expertise with clear, effective communication earned him deep respect in his field.

In his early years, Earl was passionate about archery and won several medals and trophies in field archery tournaments across Georgia. While living in Milwaukee, he took up the hobby of building and flying control line model airplanes and also enjoyed square dancing with his wife.

During his time in Milwaukee and Livonia, Earl coached Little League baseball well into Michael and Sean's teenage years.

As his children grew older, Earl pursued karate and earned a third-degree black belt. In retirement, he taught Tai Chi and became deeply involved in amateur radio. As an Extra Class ham radio operator, known by his call sign KD8I, Earl participated in several Field Days, connecting with operators around the world. He continued his ham radio activities during retirement in Bowdon, Georgia.

Those who knew Earl best will remember his dry sense of humor—always subtle, clever, and perfectly timed. His sharp wit, steady presence, and keen intellect left a lasting impression on all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A private service will be held by the family. He will be laid to rest beside his wife at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery

3920 County Road 48
Ranburne, AL 36273

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janie R. Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Todd*



Janie R. Meadows - August 13, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *Mr Todd was a long time customer at Smokin Pig and was a very special man to us all. We always enjoyed having him and hearing his stories about ham radios. He will be greatly missed.*

Telisha Gibson - August 13, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ *Sherrie Musick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Todd*



Sherrie Musick - August 13, 2025 at 09:53 AM