



## Mr. Horace Ray Garrett

March 28, 1943 - October 7, 2013

Mr. Horace Ray Garrett, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on October 7, 2013. He was 70.

Ray was born in Bowdon on March 28, 1943 to the late Horace Glenn and Clarice Copeland Garrett. He graduated from Bowdon High School in 1961. He attended the Hartford School of Insurance and worked at Carroll Realty and Insurance and retired from American General Insurance. Ray also attended Georgia State University and, while there, worked at The Varsity in Atlanta.

Ray was an entertainer at heart. As a young child he would dress in a top hat, tails, and a cane and entertain the Ladies Club of Bowdon by reciting Mother Goose tales. He was a member of the Jaycees and did public speaking which led him to become 'the Voice of the Bowdon Red Devils.' He held this honor for 33 years before his failing health ended his career in 2012.

After his retirement from American General, Ray worked as a Bailiff for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department. Always a community servant, he served as a Bowdon City Councilman for 12 years and was a founding member of the Bowdon Area Hospital Authority.

Ray was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Bowdon.

He loved to play golf, to fish, cooking, and playing cards. He loved the Bowdon Red Devils, the Georgia Bulldogs football, and the citizens of Bowdon. He was a true example of "The Friendly City."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the mother of his children Joy Lanier Garrett; his brother Harold Garrett and his daughter Laura Garrett Bailey.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years Kathy Turner-Garrett; his children Debbie Garrett Smith (Jeff), Alan Garrett (Suzanne), Andy Garrett and Chris Turner (Brandi); his grandchildren Brandon Garrett, Allison Smith Robinson, Anna Smith Albright, Drew, Mallory and Leah Garrett, Morgan Turner Jones, Savannah and Iven Ross Turner; great-grandchildren Kaide Garrett, Brantley Jones and Claire Robinson; caregivers Louise Holland, Jacque Benefield and Darlene Freeman.

Services for Mr. Garrett will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 4:00 pm at Bowdon United Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Mickler officiating and a Eulogy from Mr. Mike Steed. Pallbearers will be Ricky Hammonds, Jimmy Watts, JT Craft, Galen Bentley, Dillard Wood, Steve Prater, Landon Hammonds and Jeff Smith. Honorary

Pallbearers will be the Class of 1961. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Mr. Garrett will lie-in-state from 3:00 until the funeral hour.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bowdon Athletic Booster Club.



# Cemetery Details

## Bowdon First Methodist Cemetery

302 Wedowee Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
(770) 258-7239  
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church  
302 Wedowee Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Linda Wilson Grizzard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Linda Wilson Grizzard** - October 10, 2013 at 12:15 PM

PW

“ *I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Horace and also share comforting scriptural promise made by Jesus that our loved ones will come back to life again.....please read John 5:28,29*

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**P. Watts** - October 10, 2013 at 06:48 AM

LR

“ *Lisa Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Lisa Robinson** - October 09, 2013 at 08:42 PM

TF

“ *Tisha Frisby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Tisha Frisby** - October 09, 2013 at 02:21 PM

KG

“ *Kim Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Kim Garrett** - October 09, 2013 at 01:46 PM

LR

“ *Logan Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Logan Reeves** - October 09, 2013 at 11:49 AM

AR

“ *Andy & Donna Richie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Andy & Donna Richie** - October 09, 2013 at 11:48 AM

SH

“ *Stan Holloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Stan Holloway** - October 09, 2013 at 09:50 AM

ET

“*EARVIN & SANDRA TRAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**EARVIN & SANDRA TRAYLOR** - October 08, 2013 at 08:28 PM

DF

“*Deborah Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Deborah Foster** - October 08, 2013 at 08:14 PM

BR

“*Brian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**brian** - October 08, 2013 at 06:03 PM

SO

“*Sheila Inman Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**sheila inman oliver** - October 08, 2013 at 04:43 PM

SS

“ *Samantha Hudgins Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Samantha Hudgins Simpson** - October 08, 2013 at 03:12 PM

CL

“ *We would like to express our deepest sympathy for your family's loss. Our prayers are with you all.*  
*Cynthia and Terry Langley*

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**Cynthia Langley** - October 08, 2013 at 02:48 PM



“ *Sue Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Sue Allen** - October 08, 2013 at 02:21 PM

RG

“ *Rosie Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



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**Rosie Gentry** - October 08, 2013 at 12:59 PM

TG

“ Tracy Garrett Grizzard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



Tracy Garrett Grizzard - October 08, 2013 at 11:47 AM

TC

“ Tim And Vicki Cowart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



Tim and Vicki Cowart - October 08, 2013 at 10:38 AM

RC

“ Randy & Vinicia Cortez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



Randy & Vinicia Cortez - October 08, 2013 at 10:29 AM

CH

“ Coach And Sherri Hochstetler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



Coach and Sherri Hochstetler - October 08, 2013 at 10:04 AM

CH

*Coach and I will always have a special place in our hearts for Ray. Our memories will last forever. Just a wonderful man who loved his Red Devils and his Georgia Bulldogs. Ray would do anything he could for any body. Proud to have known him and call him a friend.*

**Coach, and Sherri Hochstetler** - October 08, 2013 at 10:07 AM

JA

“*"Here come the Red Devils" will never sound like it did when Ray said it. Thanks for your many years of service to our community. Prayers for the family.*

**Jason** - October 08, 2013 at 10:02 AM

EC

“*Elaine Hightower Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett*



**Elaine Hightower Chambers** - October 08, 2013 at 08:57 AM

EH

*The one thing we remember about Ray in high school was his sparkling smile and GREAT personality. Our sympathy is extended to the family.*

*Elaine Hightower Chambers Rome, Ga.  
Kenneth Hightower Heflin, Al.*

**Elaine Hightower** - October 08, 2013 at 09:00 AM

TH

“*Tanner Hospice Care staff would like to offer our condolences during this difficult time and to say thank you for trusting your loved one in our care*

**Tanner Hospice** - October 08, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ Praying for your family during this terrible loss. He was a wonderful man and memorable member of the Bowdon community. He will be missed terribly. Alan you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



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October 08, 2013 at 08:33 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



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October 08, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ Jan Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



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**Jan Hosey** - October 08, 2013 at 08:09 AM



“ Tommy And Linda Ogletree lit a candle in memory of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



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**Tommy and Linda Ogletree** - October 08, 2013 at 05:57 AM

TC

“ Tommy & Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Horace Ray Garrett



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**Tommy & Judy Cantrell** - October 07, 2013 at 08:23 PM

SO

“ Dear Debbie, Alan and Andy,  
You all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Blessings....Sheila Inman Oliver

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**Sheila Inman Oliver** - October 07, 2013 at 02:06 PM