



Mr. Merrill Lowery

May 2, 1928 - March 16, 2013

Fred Merrill Lowery, 84, of Fayetteville, Georgia, passed away on March 16, 2013 at Doctor's Hospice in Riverdale, GA.

Merrill was born on May 2, 1928, in Ranburne, Alabama. He is the son of Orbie Frank Lowery and Ruth Adams Lowery, both deceased. Merrill was a self-made business man beginning his career while he was attending high school at Ranburne. His Uncle, Virge Lowery, would purchase knives for him on trips to Atlanta that Merrill would later sell to fellow classmates for a profit. After graduating he began trading cars, in Ranburne, AL, and Carrollton, GA. He later moved to Forest Park, GA, where he was the owner of Lowery Sales Company and employed both of his sons, Jim and Tim, his wife, June, and later his daughter-in-law, Susan. He took great pride in going to his office every day until his illness began in May 2012. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Ranburne and continued to drive from his home in Fayetteville, GA, to attend services. His last attendance was on Mother's Day, May 13, 2012. During his illness, he longed to go back to his home, Ranburne.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, June Traylor Lowery; two sons, Jim Frank Lowery and wife, Wanda; Tim Merrill Lowery and wife, Susan; a grandson, Brandon Lowery; granddaughter, Samantha Wilt; a sister, Jean Lowery Hanson & husband, Ambers; one brother, Ray Talton Lowery; nieces, Vickie Lynn Hanson, Teresa Lowery Datka, Allyson Barr Walker, and Elizabeth Barr Clayton; nephews, Julian Mark Jones, Scott Everett Hanson, Steve

Wayne Jones, Kenneth Ray Lowery and Jeff Barr; and his long-time friend, Ray Baughn. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Lowery Howle and her infant son, and Audrey Lowery Jones.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 18, 2013 at Rainwater Funeral Home in Bowdon, GA, at 10:00 am EST until 11:30 am. Funeral services will begin at 12:00 Noon EST at First Baptist Church of Ranburne, AL, with Rev. James Benefield and Rev. Jerome Mitchell officiating. Pallbearers will be Scott Hanson, Steve Jones, Jeff Barr, Mack Lowery, Owen Lowery, Ron Bishop, Ken Archer, Terry Butler and honorary ball bearer, Mark Jones. Burial will follow in the Lowery Family Plot at Ranburne First Baptist Church Cemetery, Ranburne, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to Doctor's Hospice of Georgia, 34 Upper Riverdale Road, Riverdale, GA 30274.

Cemetery Details

Ranburne Cemetery

21041 Main Street
Ranburne, AL 36273

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

Ranburne First Baptist Church
21041 Main Street
Ranburne, AL 36273

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear June, Jim, Tim, Jean Hanson and Ray Lowery,

I have such fond memories of Merrill. He was always so nice to me, even after I was not officially in the family anymore!! I shared a funny memory of him with Cindy Jones on facebook. I remember Jean Hanson was talking about wanting to be an entrepreneur. Merrill was making fun of her, using such a fancy word and what did it mean. She explained the meaning of the word to him. He said in his strong, loud voice "Well Ava Jean, I have been an entrepreneur all my life and did not know it!!" They were all sitting in MamMaw's kitchen!!! It was so typical of him. Take care and remember the happy times!! Cindy Kenney Jones Beam

Cindy Beam - March 18, 2013 at 11:29 AM

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“ Pat Lipham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Merrill Lowery



Pat Lipham - March 18, 2013 at 11:07 AM

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“ Fred was very close friends with my Uncle Ed Kersey...He would have been there if I could of found out the arrangements sooner...Uncle Ed always looked forward to Freds visit they would loaf around and have Long talks...Uncle Ed is very upset that he was not able to show his respect for Mr. Fred for he has had many many strokes and his health is bad...but if he had know we would have provided him transportation...Mr. Fred will be greatly missed...

Pat Lipham - March 18, 2013 at 11:03 AM