



## C. Ray Reece

November 18, 1935 - February 7, 2021

C. Ray Reece, age 85, of 556 Highway 548 Conway, died Sunday, February 7, 2021 at his residence due to complications related to ALS: Lou Gehrig's Disease. Born on November 8, 1935 in Haywood County, NC, he was the son of the late Kate Reece Gore and the late Roy C. Reece. Ray was a 1954 graduate of Wampee High School and was also a member of the first graduating class of Coastal Carolina College in 1959.

Ray was a Sergeant in the Army, stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska in 1955 and received the Good Conduct medal for his service. He was the General Manager of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Inc. of Conway where he served faithfully for 51 years. He also served as Vice President of the South Carolina Bottlers Association. He was involved in several community organizations, including Junior Achievement, and was an active member for many years at Maple Baptist Church where he served as Church Treasurer, Chairman of the Trustees and Chairman of the Deacons. Ray served many terms as an elected member to the Crabtree Watershed Conservation District and received the Conservation Citizenship Award for a lifetime of outstanding conservation stewardship in 2017. He was named as Coastal Carolina University's Distinguished Alumni of the Year in 2003 for making significant contributions professionally and in the community.

Ray was a devoted family man and loved spending time and making memories with his children, loved ones, and close friends. He was an avid follower of many sports, spent countless hours outside on his tractors, and

was a mentor to many throughout his lifetime.

He was preceded by his wife of 52 years, Donna Long Reece of Conway, a daughter, Candice Reece Shelley of Aynor, and his late wife, Barbara Shannon Reece of Conway.

He is survived by daughters, Gay Reece Todd (Junior), Ellen Reece Holt (Timmy), and Nora Gail Reece Terry (Carlton), a son, Don Reece (Suzi), of Conway, sisters, Anna Graham of Loris, Helen Graham of Loris, Shirley Butler of Conway and Kitty Weldon of Texas, grandchildren, Ryan Shelley (Tessa) of Aynor, Clint Shelley (Devan) of Aynor, Annie Barfield (Justin) of Aynor, Ashley Todd, Cliff Todd, Lindsey Holt Haas (Eric), Donnie Reece, Sophie Reece, all of Conway and Mary-Hannah Cashion of Wilmington, NC, great grandchildren, Ethan Shelley, Chloe Shelley, Claire Shelley, Abigail Barfield, Molly Rae Barfield all of Aynor and a dear lifelong friend, Bobby J. Calder.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Thompson Cemetery, located on State Highway 65, north of the Maple Community.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, facemasks and social distancing will be required.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) <<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>>.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, 606-610 Beaty Street Conway, SC 29526, will be overseeing the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Funeral Service

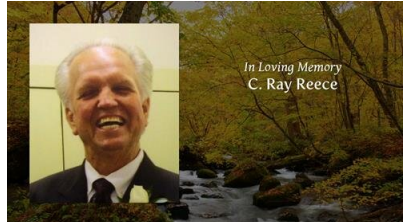
FEB 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Thompson Cemetery  
4500 Highway 65  
Conway, SC 29526

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of C. Ray Reece*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - February 10, 2021 at 08:51 AM

BH

“ *Helen, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for comfort and peace.*

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**Barbara Housand** - February 14, 2021 at 01:33 PM

WU

“ *Thanks for your service Soldier !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - February 12, 2021 at 06:22 PM

PJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. May the memories you treasure bring comfort; may God's grace and love bring peace as only He can. Peggy J Jones*

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**peggy jones** - February 11, 2021 at 08:47 AM

PM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. It was a blessing to have known Mr. Ray.

Patti Lewis Martin - February 11, 2021 at 06:20 AM

BG

“ Thinking of the family at this time. I've known Ray for a long time.  
Billy D. Gore, Longs, SC

Billy Gore - February 10, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C. Ray Reece.



February 10, 2021 at 08:21 AM

AL

“ Praying for your strength & understanding. Love you guys💔🙏

Alisa Lipscomb - February 09, 2021 at 09:21 PM

LS

“ Mr. Reese was a fine Christian man who loved others as Jesus did. He did many great things for Maple Church. Prayers for his loving family.  
Lyn Snyder



Lyn Snyder - February 09, 2021 at 06:08 PM

TH

“ *Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of C. Ray Reece*



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**Tammy Howell** - February 09, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *Gay, Nora Gail, Ellen, Don and family,*

*So sorry to hear about your Dad. He was such a fine person and will be missed. May God hold you close during this difficult time. I am sure he has found Donna and they are having a good time.*



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**Glenda Johnson** - February 09, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of C. Ray Reece.*



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February 09, 2021 at 12:15 PM

FH

“ Mr. Ray was a Southern Gentleman. I have always heard his name in many gatherings and was a phenomenal business man. Did so much for the Family of the company that he worked for those 53 years. He was such a wonderful family man to his children, grandchildren and every one he came in connect with. I will keep Gay and Junior in my prayers and the extended family. He will be missed but has gone to a better place and out of pain. 🙏

Faye R Hickson - February 09, 2021 at 09:32 AM

LB

“ An Authentic American Eagle in our Conway, South Carolina and United States Communities ... A Consummate Leader in every way who invested time, effort & support to make life better for all of us ...  
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Larry Biddle - February 09, 2021 at 08:38 AM

 Dianne Porter

“ My sincere condolences to the Reece Family, Mr. Ray was a faithful Christian Gentleman. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.



Dianne Porter - February 09, 2021 at 05:17 AM

 Dianne Porter

*Dianne Hucks Porter*

Dianne Porter - February 09, 2021 at 05:20 AM

LC

“ *Ellen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray God wraps you in His supernatural peace and fills your mind with sweet memories.*  
*Lynn Bordeaux Cook*

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**Lynn Bordeaux Cook** - February 09, 2021 at 04:51 AM

GS

“ *Guy & Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of C. Ray Reece*



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**Guy & Debbie Smith** - February 08, 2021 at 08:38 PM

CA

“ *Carolyn Dew Ammons lit a candle in memory of C. Ray Reece*



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**carolyn dew ammons** - February 08, 2021 at 08:07 PM

JT

“ *Ray had a huge smile for everyone and a huge sense of humor. A very out going personality. I was not fortunate to know him as he served at Maple, however it showed in how everyone greeted him when he came for events such as Homecoming. When he arrived...you knew he was there. A gentle soul who loved his family. Sympathies to the family.*



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**Julia Taylor** - February 08, 2021 at 07:20 PM

DF

“ *Condolences to the Rease family! I work with Mr Rease for 11 years he was a fine man and fair in his handling of his employees! It was a honor to have know him. Prayers for your family!*

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**David Fox** - February 08, 2021 at 06:23 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Suggs Long lit a candle in memory of C. Ray Reece*



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**brenda suggs long** - February 08, 2021 at 05:16 PM