



James Ray Singleton

August 12, 1928 - October 28, 2016

James Ray Singleton, 88 of Surfside Beach, passed away on October 28, 2016, peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He was born August 12, 1928, in Conway, SC., to the late Spivey B. and Wilma J. (Bland) Singleton.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Melba G. Singleton (Rutley). He is survived by son, Edward R. Singleton (Margret) of Irmo, daughter, Melanie S. Martin (Charlie) of Surfside Beach, grandson, Jake Martin of Austin, TX, granddaughter, Ashton Martin and great-granddaughter Savannah Davis of Surfside Beach. He was preceded in death by his brother, Hal Singleton (Mary) of Camden. Also surviving are, brothers, Rex Singleton (Betty) of Bowman and Dee Singleton (Judy) of North Charleston, his companion, Lucille Simerly, and many nieces and nephews.

Ray was a Korean War veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator for 60+ years. He learned his trade from his father when he was 16 years old and worked with him and his three brothers. He traveled extensively across the United States and abroad and ended his career with 20 years working nuclear shutdowns. There wasn't a crane he didn't know or love. He was an avid reader and book collector, loved music, history, woodworking and computers.

There will be a visitation Monday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and a service Tuesday, November 1, @ 1:00 p.m. @ Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel, 11528 Frontage Rd, Murrells Inlet, SC. Interment will follow service @ Hillcrest Chapel Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The American Heart Association @ www.heart.org/giving

A special thank you to the wonderful people at Tideland's Hospice for their care, comfort and professionalism during this difficult time.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **31**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV **1**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James Ray Singleton



Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 31, 2016 at 08:28 AM

VC

“ Ray and I have been friends ever since we first met in 1996. I spent a lot of time with him and Melba and always felt like I was part of their family. I loved them both and now that they are together again... it will never be the same when I visit Myrtle beach and not being able to stop by and chat with Ray. He was a good man and lived a life that added to our country, to his family, his church, and to his friends. Count me amongst the many people that will miss Ray so very much. R.I.P. My Friend. Thank you for all you gave us.

Vic Clontz - November 13, 2016 at 09:24 AM

AT

“ With deepest sympathy. Ray was such a kind man. He will be missed greatly by the North Anna and Surry Fitness For Duty team. Blessings, Angie Timmons



Angie Timmons - October 31, 2016 at 06:04 PM

BB

“ *Becky Bannon lit a candle in memory of James Ray Singleton*



Becky Bannon - October 31, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Ray Singleton.*



October 31, 2016 at 11:19 AM

GT

“ *Glenda Tarry purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of James Ray Singleton.*



Glenda Tarry - October 31, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Ray Singleton.*



October 31, 2016 at 09:10 AM

WU

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



Wayne Williams - USMC - October 31, 2016 at 07:55 AM

BL

“ Our family had the pleasure of knowing Ray for three plus years. He was a kind and good man. He always had a story to tell. He will be missed.
Our heartfelt sympathy goes to all of Ray's family.
We loved him and he will be missed.
Lucille, Brenda, and Family

brenda litaker - October 31, 2016 at 07:34 AM

DA

“ Even though we lived in the north Ray & Melba and their kids were always a part of our lives. The memories go back to my early childhood. Remember the house in Indiana? There were many happy times. He will be missed, and I will definitely miss having him in my life.

Deb & Jim Ainslie

Deb Ainslie - October 30, 2016 at 10:19 PM