



Ray Ernest McDowell

February 8, 1944 - May 24, 2026

Ray Ernest McDowell, 82, of Conway, South Carolina, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, in his home.

Ray was born and raised in Conway and was the son of the late Ernest Pink McDowell and Menter Chestnut McDowell.

A proud patriot, Ray joined the United States Air Force in 1962 and honorably served for 20 years before retiring in 1982. Military service remained a source of pride throughout Ray's life.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Ernest McDowell.

Ray is survived by a devoted wife of 62 years, Nora "Jo" Leigh McDowell, two daughters, Sherry and her husband Robert "Bob" Hauser, and Michelle McDowell; a brother Buster and his wife Maxine McDowell; two grandchildren, Matthew Lee and Savannah Lee.

Known for a kind heart and a willingness to help others, Ray made a lasting impact on the Conway community. Ray owned and operated Ray and Jo's Country store on Hwy 90 for many years where lasting friendships were formed. Ray later retired from Combraco concluding a long and dedicated

work life.

Graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2026 at Hillcrest Cemetery with Full Military Honors provided by the U.S. Airforce, Joint Base Charleston. Burial will follow, directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel on Sunday, May 31, 2026 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Ray will be remembered for his kindness, strong work ethic, love of family, and service to country and community.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Goldfinch Funeral Home Conway Chapel

Graveside Service

MAY 31. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Cemetery
1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526