



Ray Ona Reese

May 26, 1928 - December 22, 2014

Ray Ona Reese passed away at his home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina December 22nd, 2014. Ray was born May 26, 1928 in Purcell, Oklahoma to Claude and Bertha (Wood) Reese. Ray joined the U.S. Army Air Corp toward the end of WWII, and was a decorated officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He met his wife Barbara (Moore), while stationed at Ft Belvoir, VA. Never letting the dust settle, Ray and Barbara lived in Springfield, VA,, Los Angeles, CA, Tampa, FL, Manassas, VA, and in Shady Point, Ok before retiring to Myrtle Beach, SC. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Lavon, Barbara, Betty, Dorothy, and brothers Dale, Wayne and Claude, and by his daughter Darby (Reese) Jones.

Ray never met a stranger, loved to tell stories and generously volunteered his time and services. For many years in Manassas, he regularly visited nursing homes offering free haircuts to the residents. After moving to Myrtle Beach, with guitar in hand, he visited a nursing home on Sunday's, playing gospel music with the residents.

A successful entrepreneur, Ray owned The Star Barber Shop in Manassas, and Reese Paving Company in Oklahoma. He was a man of learning and a dedicated problem solver. He was an airplane and auto mechanic, a door to door salesman, real estate broker and business owner, all of which gave him the skills he needed to be a loving husband and father to his four children. He

enjoyed playing and singing music at home and at church. Ray and Barbara were members of gospel quartets in Virginia and Oklahoma.

Ray is survived by his wife of 60 years Barbara, daughter Raenita (Bobby New) of Manassas, VA, and Debbie Reese of Myrtle Beach, SC and son Ronald of Fredericksburg, VA, 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30AM Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia with viewing preceding the service at 10:30AM. Burial will be at Quantico National Cemetery directly following the service.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Barbie and Family, Just a note to say how sorry I am to hear of Ray's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I would have loved to have been at the service but because of health issues I was not able to make it. Love to All, Frances McCuin

Frances McCuin - December 31, 2014 at 11:32 PM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Ray Ona Reese.



December 30, 2014 at 12:45 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ray Ona Reese.



December 30, 2014 at 12:23 AM



“ *Susan Keller lit a candle in memory of Ray Ona Reese*



Susan Keller - December 29, 2014 at 11:30 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God continue to give your strength, until you see him again.*



Sharon Dolinger

Sharon - December 29, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Ray Ona Reese.*



December 28, 2014 at 08:04 PM



“ *JANET HOLMES ROBERTS lit a candle in memory of Ray Ona Reese*



JANET HOLMES ROBERTS - December 28, 2014 at 05:52 PM

BF

“ So sorry for your families loss Betty Jo Funkhouser



Betty Jo Funkhouser - December 27, 2014 at 06:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray Ona Reese.



December 27, 2014 at 05:48 PM



“ Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Ona Reese.



December 27, 2014 at 01:10 PM



“ Lisa Leslie lit a candle in memory of Ray Ona Reese



Lisa Leslie - December 27, 2014 at 10:12 AM

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“ Dear Barbie, Raenita, Ron, and Debbie,

So sorry to hear about Ray. I have so many fond memories of your family and ours and so many others at Bradley Forest Church, and also at your house when my parents, the Shorts, the Hawkins would get together for the famous oyster dinners. Ray was always so kind and sweet to us "kids". He was a wonderful man and I'm sure will be missed by many. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

With much Love, Vicki McCuin Rohs

Vicki McCuin Rohs - December 26, 2014 at 10:32 PM

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“ Lisa Russell Colgan lit a candle in memory of
Ray Ona Reese



Lisa Russell Colgan - December 26, 2014 at 07:25 PM