



Ray England,

October 12, 1922 - January 19, 2013

Raymond Edward England, Jr., was "absent from the body, present with the Lord" Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013, at the age of 90. He was born in 1922 in Pharr, Texas, the oldest of five children. During the Depression, the family moved to Springdale, Ark., where his dad owned a gas station and opened the Owl Inn at the corner of Allen and Hwy 71. Ray married his childhood sweetheart, Ida Watts and moved to Chicago where he attended college. He left for Germany to be a radio flight operator with the Army Air Corps.

Ray worked as a poultry industry salesman with Brown's Ledbreast (the Ledbreast Chicken logo was Ray's creation) until the 1960s when he became sales manager for J.B. Hunt Co. An entrepreneur by nature, he owned his own business, National United Enterprises developing with Monsanto AstroTurf as artificial nesting material for animals and other ventures until the 90s.

Ray and Ida were very active in their church, First Baptist of Springdale, under the Reverend's Burton A. Miley, Cliff Palmer and later, Ronnie Floyd. They sang in the choir, (he loved gospel music), he was a deacon and Boy Scout leader. He loved to travel the world, often with church friends. They explored so many continents over the years, never tiring of a packed suitcase.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Ida; brothers, Cecil of Fayetteville and

Harold; and sister, Marie Baker of California. He is survived by his brother, Eugene of Owasso, Okla.; four children, Charolette Caudle of Long Beach, Wash., Mark of Austin, Texas, Marleen Pellham of Springfield, Mo., and Phillip of Grapevine, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ray moved to the Meadows Assisted Living facility in Bentonville, Ark., after Ida died, where their personal caregiver, Charlene Chase continued to care for him.

Graveside service officiated by the Rev. Charles Foster of Crossroads Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Bluff Cemetery.

The one piece of advice Ray always had was "don't ever give up". Good advice from a man who overcame tremendous physical adversity and personal loss to forge a career and raise his family. He was greatly blessed by God.

To sign the guestbook online please visit www.siscofuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray England,*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Our prayers and sympathy are with you at this difficult time. We enjoyed coffee with Ray and Ida many Sunday nights after church.*

NORMAN&Ruth Marie Crowder - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM



“ *Mr England was in charge of my Boy Scout Troop 112 with my father. He left a great impression on me. Becoming a Eagle Scout, Army Ranger Retiting as a Sgt Major and now VP for the BNSF Railway. He will be in my prayers R*

Randy L George - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM



“ *A wonderful Christian man. Always spoke words of encouragement. Sorry I missed learning of his going home until just a few minutes ago. Rest with your Lord my friend.*

Sam Wilson - May 29, 2013 at 05:00 PM