



Dallon Ray Ogle Sr.

May 20, 1941 - July 14, 2021

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Ray Ogle died peacefully in his home in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, on July 14, 2021. He was surrounded by his loved ones. He is survived by his son, Dallon Ray Ogle (Jennifer), Junior and his daughter, Jill Rin Ogle. He is also survived by his granddaughter Rachel Joanne Ogle and his brothers, Randy Ogle and Ronnie Ogle. He is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Thanna Curtis Ogle, his dad, J.R. Ogle, mom, Bessie Swann Ogle, his brothers, Charles, Jerry, Donnie and Danny Ogle. He was a member and former Deacon at the Calvary Baptist Church in Russellville.

Ray was born and raised in Decatur, Alabama. After graduating from Decatur High School, he attended Southern Union College, Athens State College, the University of North Alabama and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. This culminated in his earning an Education Specialist Degree.

He began his career at Union Hill School and then worked as a computer programmer on the Apollo Program at Teledyne Brown Engineering, in Huntsville Alabama, and at the National Life Trust Company, in Nashville, Tennessee. He returned to his first career-love, in teaching math to middle

school students at the Russellville Junior High School. He retired from his teaching career in the Franklin County Schools as a counselor at Tharptown and East Franklin Schools in 2008 with 37 years as a Secondary School Educator.

Ray taught literacy and GED preparation night classes for the Alabama Adult Basic Education System for over 40 years. He loved being an umpire and referee in football, basketball and softball. He was inducted into the National Softball Indicator Fraternity at the USA Softball Hall of Fame in Oklahoma in 1994. He was active in the Alabama Education Association.

Ray was separated from the love of his life, Than, in February and looked forward to their reunification. Their marriage lasted almost six decades, and their partnership was legendary among friends. Ray was a doting father who was the undisputed king of dumb daddy jokes. His ability to plan and execute an educational and fun Sunday afternoon drive was unparalleled. He was a master treehouse builder and renowned for his ability to repair family vehicles under a shade tree.

Due to the lethality and resurgence of the COVID-19 virus in north Alabama and since many of Ray's family and friends would be at higher risk, Ray was laid to rest in a private family ceremony at the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Russellville on Sunday. A register is available on Pinkard Funeral Home website, at www.pinkardfh.com for tributes, remembrances, and respects. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you spend a little time encouraging someone to learn or teaching someone to read.

Tribute Wall

YF

“ I am sorry to learn of the passing of Ray Ogle with whom I taught at the Russellville Junior High School. Ray was always an active member of AEA and I appreciated his support when I was his UniServ Director.

Yvonne Foster - August 17, 2021 at 12:02 AM

GE

“ I always loved officiating ballgames with Ray. Not only did he do a great job, but he always had a new joke to keep us laughing. May he rest in peace.

Gary Evans

Gary Evans - July 22, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DK

“ Donna King sent a virtual gift in memory of Dallan Ray Ogle Sr.



Donna king - July 21, 2021 at 06:45 PM

DL

“ Dal, we wish to express condolences on the passing of your father. May your grief be assuaged by the confidence that he made a difference for good in our community.

Don Lokey - July 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

BL

“ Ray was such a great colleague, friend, and mentor to so many, including me. I enjoyed working together with Ray in the Shoals Area Tri-County Adult Education Program and Northwest-Shoals Community College Adult Education Program. God's blessings and peace to Ray's family. - Dr. Brannon Lentz

Brannon Lentz - July 20, 2021 at 01:01 PM