



## Ray Balthrop

August 10, 1941 - May 14, 2013

Raybon "Ray" Evans Balthrop, age 71, of Pleasant View, died Tuesday, May 14th, 2013 at his home. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, May 17th, at 1 o'clock pm in the chapel of Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Bro. Gene Parton and Russ Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in EverRest of Cheatham with Joe Carter, Ray Carter, Cory Balthrop, Greg Balthrop, Randy Davis, and Jerry Forbes serving as pallbearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Harvey Jinnette, Jimmy Orange, William Strange, Tommy Palmore, Jimmy Whitworth, and Tippy Shepard. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4-8:00PM, Thursday from 4-8:00PM, and again on Friday from 11:00AM until the hour of service. Mr. Balthrop was born August 10, 1941 in Chapmansboro, TN to the late Earl and Artheta Balthrop. He worked as a Foreman for the Cheatham County Highway Department and later as the Store Manager at Dainty's Market. He was a member of Oakland Free Will Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Steve Balthrop; brothers, Ronnie, Thomas, Jack, and Jimmy Galen Balthrop. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joy Balthrop; daughter, Teresa (Bo Carpenter) Balthrop of Ashland City; brothers, Wayne Balthrop of Nashville, Owen (Stephanie) Balthrop of Chapmansboro, Travis (Cathy) Balthrop of Chapmansboro; sister, Modene (Willard) Forbes of Ashland City; grandchildren, Joe (Tiffany) Carter of Ashland City, Ray Carter of Ashland City; and great-grandchildren, Alexis Carter-Tansil, McKenzie and Morgan Carter, and Logan Whitehouse, all of Ashland City. Memorial contributions

may be made to Guardian Hospice. All donations may be sent in care of Austin and Bell. AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME IN PLEASANT VIEW IS IN CHARGE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS (615) 746-4433 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ Heartfelt sorrow, my God comfort all of you in this sad time.

Carol Pope - May 17, 2013 at 11:23 AM

SH

“ Teresa, Praying for you and your family as you say goodbye to your daddy today. I know you are at peace as your daddy is no longer having to fight. Sorry I never got a chance to meet him, but from all that you posted, I felt I knew this sweet man, and shared your joy and pains over the past year. You were the best daughter to him, and he knew that. I know he knew he was safe with you at his side. The big circle of life sometimes is puzzling, but we both know that our dad's are in the best place possible. The presence of our Lord, no greater place could there be. Hold tight to your memories and the promise of everlasting life. We will see them again. Love to you and your family.

Shari - May 17, 2013 at 09:45 AM

TC

“ Joy, Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Our prayers are with you.

Tommy & Betty Clouse - May 15, 2013 at 07:27 PM

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Tommy & Betty Clouse - May 15, 2013 at 07:25 PM

SE

“ Joe i am very sorry to hear about your grandfather.

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**Sandra Eichstadt** - May 15, 2013 at 10:12 AM

DE

“ Joe, I am so sorry to hear about your grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am sure you have some wonderful memories.. Sincerly, Debbie

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**Debbie** - May 15, 2013 at 10:10 AM

DC

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family Joe. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Darlene Corron** - May 15, 2013 at 09:12 AM