



Ray Sory Matthews

November 16, 1927 - August 4, 2012

Services for Ray Sory Matthews will be held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2012 in the Chapel of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria with Brother Jack Sawyer and Dr. Bob Vincent officiating. Burial will be in Matthews Cemetery, Cedar Hill, Tennessee on Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 10:30am with his brother, Lynn Matthews officiating.

The family requests that visitation be observed Tuesday at Hixson Brothers, Alexandria from 1:30 p.m. until time of service.

Mr. Matthews, 84, of Alexandria passed away Saturday, August 4, 2012 at Grace Home. He was born on November 16, 1927 in Springfield, TN. He graduated from Springfield High School, Springfield, TN, and then attended University of Chattanooga until enlisting in the U.S. Army May 1946. He served as a paratrooper in Japan until October 1947. After his honorable discharge, he completed his BS Degree at Tennessee Tech University and his MS at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

After graduating, Ray Matthews coached and taught in Georgia. He then worked as a biologist in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in New York, and retired from Research & Development Dept of American Cyanamid Company after 28 years as a research agriculturist in Louisiana.

He was a member of Pineville Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by parents, John H. and Mary Jo Darden Matthews; sister, Linda Draper.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 62 ½ years, Ann Ewell

Matthews; daughters, Debra JoAnn Soileau and husband, Paul, Janice Greer and husband, Burt; brothers, Lynn Matthews, Billy Matthews, Albert Matthews, John L. Matthews; sister, Judy Parker; grandchildren, Janice Raye Weidner and husband, Kevin, Virginia Ann Soileau; great grandchildren, Matthew Weidner, Patrick Weidner and Paige Weidner.

Memorials may be made to Compassion Care Hospice or Alzheimer's Association, in lieu of flowers.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

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