



## James Rayford Hocutt

January 31, 1929 - March 1, 2017

James Rayford Hocutt, age 88, went to be with his wife Annette, his family and the Lord on March 1, 2017. Ray was born and educated in Berry, Alabama and joined the Army at 21 as an MP to serve in the Korean War. After returning he wed Annette Smith in 1954 and together they raised 2 children, mainly in the Chicago area (although he remained a lifelong Auburn fan) where Ray worked as a manufacturing supervisor for Lustro Plastics. In 1982, Ann and Ray returned to north Alabama where he finished his working career with SCI Systems before moving to Alabaster in 2005. It was there he joined Community Baptist Church and accepted Christ into his life for the first time. A few years after Annette passed away in 2011, Ray moved to North Carolina to be near his daughter and other family. His last two years were spent among friends at Jordan Oaks Senior Living Community, where he will be missed.

Ray is survived by his son Tim Hocutt (Toni) and his daughter Pam Aycock (Tom), granddaughters Kim Strain (Ryan), Dena Palser (Ryan), Paige Garrison (Tyler), and Kandy Koehler (David), and great-grandchildren Zac, Zoe, Remy, Miles, and Asher. A memorial gathering will be observed by immediate family, who ask that all others wishing to pay tribute make memorial donations to the Shelby Baptist Association of Alabama, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, National Breast Cancer Foundation, or other charity of their choice.

Please share your stories, remembrances, and prayers with us here on Ray's tribute wall.