



## Ray Upchurch

October 16, 1935 - March 14, 2017

Mr. Ray Upchurch, age 81, of Carthage, TN, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Mr. Upchurch was born October 16, 1935 in Jackson County, TN, the son of the late Raymond Lee Upchurch and Thelma Ramsey. Ray married Linda Paschall of the Hickman Community in August of 1961. He was a member of the Carthage Church of Christ. Ray began work as a young boy with his brothers, delivering papers for the Nashville Banner and the Tennessean. They would deliver every day, once in the morning and once in the evening, from 1948 until 1954. Ray graduated from Smith County High School in 1954 and attended University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in Cookeville to obtain a bachelor's degree. He served his country in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. Mr. Upchurch worked for the Tennessee Department of Health for 42 years in many facets with numerous job titles, but was predominantly a Field Manager.

Mr. Upchurch is survived by his Wife of 55 years; Linda Paschall Upchurch of Carthage, TN. Two Children; Scott and wife Samantha Upchurch of Carthage, TN, and Jennifer and husband Scott Agee of Carthage, TN. Three Grandchildren; Lauren (Cal) Welch, Paige Upchurch, and Seth Agee. Two Great-Grandchildren; Emery Kay Welch and Andrew Calbreath Welch, V. Three Brothers; Tommy (Barbara) Upchurch of Elmwood, TN, Phillip (Valerie)

Upchurch of Carthage, TN, and Bobby (Mai Miller) Upchurch of Hardinsburg, KY. Sister; Sue Thomas of Hermitage, TN.

Graveside Services and Interment for Mr. Upchurch are scheduled to be conducted from the Ridgewood Cemetery on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 2PM with Edward L. Anderson officiating.

Visitation with the Upchurch family will be held at the Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Thursday from 4PM to 8PM and on Friday after 12 Noon until departure for the cemetery at 1:45PM.

Pallbearers: Mike Malone, Bob Malone, Zach Upchurch, Jimmy Perrigo, Roy Etheridge, Mark Houser, Larry Dudley, Mike Denney, Tim Upchurch, Julian Upchurch, and Paul Upchurch.

In lieu of flowers the Family requests donations be made to the Tennessee Kidney Foundation or the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund.

BASS FUNERAL HOME, CARTHAGE CHAPEL, DIRECTORS.

# Cemetery Details

## Ridgewood Cemetery

Cemetery St  
Carthage, TN 37030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Home  
807 N Main Street  
Carthage, TN 37030  
(615) 735-1212  
kurtbass@bassfh.com  
<https://www.bassfh.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 17. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Carthage Chapel of Bass Funeral Home  
807 N Main Street  
Carthage, TN 37030  
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## Service

MAR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ridgewood Cemetery  
Cemetery St  
Carthage, TN 37030

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Linda and family, we were so sorry to hear of Rays death. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Kerry & Laura Reasonover*

Kerry & Laura Reasonover - March 18, 2017 at 06:43 PM

BC

“ *So sorry and will be thinking about you during this most difficult time.* *Barbara Cross*

Barbara Cross - March 17, 2017 at 12:24 PM

SA

“ *see above purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ray Upchurch.*



see above - March 16, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Upchurch.*



March 16, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Upchurch.*



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March 16, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ *All through school I felt like a member of the family. All the Upchurch sibilings were great friends.of mine as were Mr and Mrs Upchurch. I spent manyl nights in their home on Water Street. Glenda's family was lifetime neighbors. So sorry we cannot be with you during this sad time but know that our prayers are with you. Rest in peace Big Brother, Ray Flynn*

*Morris and Glenda*

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**Morris Myers** - March 16, 2017 at 06:42 AM



“ *We are out of town and just learned of Ray's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. He fought a long hard fight, now he is out of pain, and in the hand of the Lord. Our thoughts are with all of your family. Love, Martha & Sonny Apple*

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**Martha Apple** - March 15, 2017 at 09:39 PM