



James Ray Singleton

August 12, 1928 - October 28, 2016

Obituary for James Ray Singleton

James Ray Singleton, 88 of Surfside Beach, passed away on October 28, 2016, peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

He was born August 12, 1928, in Conway, SC., to the late Spivey B. and Wilma J. (Bland) Singleton.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Melba G. Singleton (Rutley). He is survived by son, Edward R. Singleton (Margret) of Irmo, daughter, Melanie S. Martin (Charlie) of Surfside Beach, grandson, Jake Martin of Austin, TX, granddaughter, Ashton Martin and great-granddaughter Savannah Davis of Surfside Beach. He was preceded in death by his brother, Hal Singleton (Mary) of Camden. Also surviving are, brothers, Rex Singleton (Betty) of Bowman and Dee Singleton (Judy) of North Charleston, his companion, Lucille Simerly, and many nieces and nephews.

Ray was a Korean War veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator for 60+ years. He learned his trade from his father when he was 16 years old and worked with him and his three brothers. He traveled extensively across the United States and abroad and ended his career with 20 years working nuclear shutdowns. There wasn't a crane he didn't know or love. He was an avid reader and book collector, loved music,

history, woodworking and computers.

There will be a visitation Monday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and a service Tuesday, November 1, @ 1:00 p.m. @ Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel, 11528 Frontage Rd, Murrells Inlet, SC. Interment will follow service @ Hillcrest Chapel Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The American Heart Association @ www.heart.org/giving

A special thank you to the wonderful people at Tideland's Hospice for their care, comfort and professionalism during this difficult time.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of James Ray Singleton please visit our Sympathy Store.