



Ray E McDowell

February 8, 1944 - May 24, 2026

Ray Ernest McDowell, 82, of Conway, South Carolina, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, in his home.

Ray was born and raised in Conway and was the son of the late Ernest Pink McDowell and Menter Chestnut McDowell.

A proud patriot, Ray joined the United States Air Force in 1962 and honorably served for 20 years before retiring in 1982. Military service remained a source of pride throughout Ray's life.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Ernest McDowell.

Ray is survived by a devoted wife of 62 years, Nora "Jo" Leigh McDowell, two daughters, Sherry and her husband Robert "Bob" Hauser, and Michelle McDowell; a brother Buster and his wife Maxine McDowell; two grandchildren, Matthew Lee and Savannah Lee.

Known for a kind heart and a willingness to help others, Ray made a lasting impact on the Conway community. Ray owned and operated Ray and Jo's Country store on Hwy 90 for many years where lasting friendships were formed. Ray later retired from Combraco concluding a long and dedicated

work life.

Graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Hillcrest Cemetery with Full Military Honors provided by the U.S. Air Force, Joint Base Charleston. Burial will follow, directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel on Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Ray will be remembered for his kindness, strong work ethic, love of family, and service to country and community.

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
office@hillcrestcemetery.com
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Conway Chapel
606 Beaty St
Apt U
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 248-4211

Burial with military honors

MAY 31. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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