



Vernon Ray Rhodes

February 25, 1931 - May 13, 2009

On May 13, 2009 Vernon Ray Rhodes, age 78, was called from this earth to be at home with the Lord. He was born February 25, 1931 in Scotts Hill, TN to Opal & Monnie Rhodes, and graduated from Lexington High School in 1949. He married his high school sweetheart, Edalene Jowers in August of '49. Vernon's lifelong love of music eventually led to him becoming one of the founding partners of Rhodes Music Center in 1963. In 1964, he and his wife became sole proprietors of the store, which later became Lexington's Curtis Mathes, encompassing over 25 years.

A dedicated public servant, Vernon also worked with the United States Postal Service for 24 years, retiring in June of 1991.

For 5 decades with the Lexington Lions' Club, Vernon promoted a spirit of service for his community, most significantly recognized by his receipt of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

A member of 2nd Baptist Church since the early 60's, he served as a deacon since 1981 and as a song leader for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Brundell and one grandson. Along with his wife of over 59 years, he leaves a son, Larry (Denise), a daughter, Teresa Grimes (Johnny), and three grandsons, Dusty and Chuck Grimes, and Shane Rhodes, one great grandchild, and three step great grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00PM, Saturday, May 16, 2009 in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home with Bro. Arnold Cook, Bro. David Buffaloe,

Bro. Wesley Woods, and Rev. William Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Henderson County Memory Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN 38351
(731) 968-2544
info@paffordfuneralhome.com
<http://www.paffordfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAY **15.** 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAY **16.** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.
71 Monroe Avenue
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vernon Ray Rhodes



Pafford Funeral Home - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Vernon was a great person and musician. He will be missed by all his many friends.##imported-begin##Charlie Sipes##imported-end##

May 17, 2009 at 01:28 PM



“ Rhodes family, so sorry for your loss. John & I have known the family many years. Such wonderful folks & I know you will miss Vernon, but he is in the arms of our heavenly father now doing all the things he enjoyed. No more pain and suffering. May God enfold you in his loving arms and comfort all of you during this time. Love and God Bless each of you. Johnny and Theresa you & your boys will always have a special place in our hearts as special friends.##imported-begin##"The Paulk's" John & Charlotte##imported-end##

May 16, 2009 at 02:25 PM



“ Teresa

You and your family are in my prayers. I know how you feel. It is hard when you lose a parent. Your father will be missed.##imported-begin##Lisa Scott##imported-end##

May 16, 2009 at 08:41 AM



“ *The world has lost a special man but Heaven has gained one. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God hold you in His arms throughout this difficult time. Much love to all of you.*

Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Owen##imported-end##

May 15, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ *We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Vernon. We extend to all of the family our heartfelt sympathy. May our Heavenly Father comfort you during this time and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Mark and Becky Powers##imported-end##*

May 15, 2009 at 11:20 AM



“ *Teresa, Our heart felt sympathys goes out to you and your family at this time of great sorrow. We will be keeping you and your family in our prayers.We know your father will be greatly missed. May God bless you and your family thur these trying times.##imported-begin##Jerry & Peggy Simmons##imported-end##*

May 15, 2009 at 10:36 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. I know how your heart must be hurting at this time just know that we love you and we will be praying for you and your family. With all our love, Mike and Melissa Stephens & family###imported-begin###Mike and Melissa Stephens###imported-end##

May 15, 2009 at 09:05 AM



“ Teresa, we are so very sorry for your loss! You and your family are in our prayers! We love you very much!!###imported-begin###Richie & Shonna Wilson###imported-end##

May 15, 2009 at 12:13 AM



“ I know that God is with you in all things, but it is never easy to let a family member go, even though we know they are going to a better place (Heaven) Vernon is walking on Streets of Gold and walking and talking with Jesus. He is playing his music and singing in the Angel Choir. God Bless all of you in this time of sorrow. James, Doris, Stephen, David & Heather & Haylee Smith###imported-begin###Doris Austin Smith###imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ Mrs Rhodes, Teresa, Randy and families. I am sorry to here about Mr. Rhodes. I know that he is at peace but you will miss him dearly. Teresa, give your Mom a hug for me. Thank both of you for being there then Mother passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you now.
X neighbor and friend. Betty###imported-begin###Betty(Melton) Carrington###imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 09:44 PM



“ WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT VERNON HAS PASSED AWAY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY##imported-begin##IMOGENE & FRED FRYE##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 09:36 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. We are unable to attend vistation or the funeral, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Earl, Vernell, & Doris Buck##imported-begin##Doris Buck##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 09:28 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Doris Smith##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 07:55 PM



“ EDLINE, TO YOU AND ALL YOUR FAMILY. YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY I SURE KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH AT THIS TIME. WE WILL SURE MISS VERNON HE WAS SUCH A GOOD MAN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU! AND YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. WITH LOVE JO ANN ANDERSON##imported-begin##Jo Ann Anderson##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ *EDALENE, TERESA AND FAMILIES, YOU HAVE OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES IN VERNON'S PASSING. HE WAS SUCH A FINE PERSON. YOU WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. RAY AND MARY SARASON OAKLAND, TN.##imported-begin##Ray and Mary Barrells Sarason##imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 04:40 PM



“ *Teresa and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Vernon and Cindy Bryson and children##imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 04:29 PM



“ *Bro. Vernon was such a wonderful person with high spirits everytime i would see him at church. Im terribly sorry for your familys loss. Bro Vernon is now where he has been singing about for so long (heaven). You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##a.scott##imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 02:57 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you, for the world has lost a wonderful, humble and mighty Christian man, who touched the lives of those who knew him. May God continue to water the seeds that Mr. Vernon planted while on his earthly journey for years to come. It was an honor to have known him. Many prayers and love..... Tabitha Anderson & family##imported-begin##Tabitha Anderson##imported-end##*

May 14, 2009 at 02:28 PM