



## William Raymond Holley

January 14, 2018

William Raymond “Ray” Holley, age 94 of Hoschton formerly of Austell passed away January 14, 2018. Ray turned down a full college scholarship to serve our country in the United States Army during WWII. He served under Dwight D. Eisenhower in Paris, France and had 250 men directly under his command. After returning from World War II, he attended and graduated from Oglethorpe University in 1949, along with being placed in the National Honor Society. Ray received his Masters degree in Education. He worked for Rich’s Department Store as a furniture salesman for over 30 years. After retiring, Ray taught ceramics and painting classes. He started his own business called “Holley Creations” where he created stained glass art, paintings, and ceramics. He served as choir director, organist, and sang in a quartet for several churches in Georgia. Ray was a lifelong bachelor until he was 77 years old, when he met and eloped with his wife, Bonnie. He was a world traveler whose favorite destinations included Paris and Ireland. Ray was an animal lover who took in abandoned cats and dogs, and left 17 cats to his niece, Rosa Mary. His favorite past-time was going dancing with his sister, Rosa Ruth, and entering jitter-bug contests where they won on several occasions.

Ray was preceded in death by his seven siblings, Bennie A Holley; Eugene K. Holley; Bobby L. Holley; Franklin D. Holley; Rosa R. Holmes; Doris M. Wehunt and Martha A. Weaver.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie M. Holley; numerous nieces and nephews along with numerous great and great- great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Sunday, January 21, 2018 2:00 PM at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home Chapel, Austell. Interment will be held at Crest Lawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Saturday from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home.

# Cemetery

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## **Crest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery**

2000 Marietta Blvd NW  
Atlanta, GA, 30318

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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**JAN** **Funeral Services** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - January 19, 2018 at 01:34 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Raymond Holley.



January 20, 2018 at 09:28 AM

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“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



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“ We loved Brother Ray and so enjoyed visiting with him at our Senior Bible Study and Singing! He had a beautiful Tenor voice but more than that He was a man dedicated to his sweet wife and to The LORD! He loved life and witnessed of JESUS LOVE everywhere he went. Today He is rejoicing at the feet of JESUS!!!!

Rick and Pat Mayson - January 15, 2018 at 03:49 PM

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“ My uncle Buddy was the fun uncle. He always had time to play, listen and in my case he even took the time to pray for me and my young family. He encouraged me in bringing my children up to love Jesus. He was always so pleasant to everyone and I never heard him speak a bad word about anyone. His love for Jesus was evident in everything he did. I am the oldest of his great grand nieces. His legacy of love and service to Our Lord and Savior is what I can hope to emulate in my own life. Just last week my mom, Dianne (Holmes) Parker, and I were talking about Uncle Buddy and why God has given him so much time and I was telling her I believe God keeps us on this earth as long as he has work for us to do and when that work is finished he takes his Saints home. She told me that Uncle Buddy was sharing Jesus's plan of salvation there with others at the nursing home and that God had a reason for having him there. I know our Lord and Savior greeted him and said "Well done, my good and faithful servant". He will be missed but his legacy lives in all the lives of those he touched.

**Angela Grigsby** - January 15, 2018 at 03:06 PM