



## Ray Archer Bentley

September 10, 1936 - March 25, 2011

Bentley, Ray Archer, age 74, a resident of Columbiana, AL, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2011. Funeral service will be at 2 PM, Monday, March 28, 2011, at Bolton Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Pinelawn Gardens. Bolton Funeral Home of Columbiana is directing. Visitation is Sunday, March 27, 2011 from 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home. Mr. Bentley was a valued employee at the Blue Circle/Lafarge Cement Company in Calera, AL. He was a long-time member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Columbiana, AL. He will be remembered most as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Mr. Bentley was preceded in death by his parents, Ward and Esther Bentley. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie Bentley; daughter, Teresa Loyd; sons, Mike (Martha) Bentley, Russell (Robin) Bentley and Richard (Susan) Bentley; sisters, Villa (James) Wright and Sharon (Robert) Derrick; grandchildren, Bethany (Tyler) Hutton, Brooke (Danson) Thornburg, Jordan Bentley, Tiffany Loyd, Whitley Loyd, Haley Loyd, Landon Bentley, Lakelyn Bentley, Racheal (Chris) Trice and Shelley Bentley; great-grandson, Brayden Hutton; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Columbiana Building Fund. Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).



# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *I finished High School with Ray in 1954. He was a good friend.*

Bill Horne - April 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Connie and kids, So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Good times remembered traveling on those youth choir tours and trips with you and Ray. You were always there for our youth to lend a helping hand and mold us into what we are today. Nancy and Roy*

Roy and Nancy Blankenship - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *We are Sorry to hear of the loss of Ray. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of loss, if there is any thing that we can do for you, please let us know. The Wilsons*

Matthew Wilson - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold on to the memories for they will see you through.*

Marsha Horn Harbin - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *I worked with Ray for many years He was a good friend to me and everyone at the plant.*

Ronald Terry - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Ray was a true friend, for the 25 year's I worked with him. I will be praying for the family.

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**Jon Wayne Davenport** - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Ray's death and wish to express my sympathy and condolences to Connie and all other family members. My memories of Ray as a classmate at Shelby County High School (Class of 1954) are clear of his being one of the most gentle, kind and well liked persons I have ever known.

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**Hylott L. Armstrong, Jr.** - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Connie and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I feel your pain and will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Karen Brasher Sweeney** - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM