



James Edward Ratcliff

May 28, 1928 - March 15, 2018

Mr. James E. Ratcliff, age 89, of Douglas and former long-time resident of Alexandria, Virginia, transitioned from his earthly life on March 15, 2018 at his home in Douglas, GA. Mr. Ratcliff was born May 28, 1929 and raised in Narrows, Virginia, son to the late Wirt and Nellie Ratcliff.

He was a concrete and brick contractor in Northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC for several decades and an avid flower gardener. He was a member of Reality Gospel Church, serving as a deacon, teacher and Sunday School Superintendent for many years. With other family members he also sang in a quartet and was a song leader in the church.

Mr. Ratcliff was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Maymie Sutherland Ratcliff, brother Marvin Ratcliff, sisters Mamie Sue Turner and Virginia Clark Hazen, and son Barry Edward Ratcliff.

He is survived by daughter LaDonna Ratcliff of Douglas, GA, sons James Richard Ratcliff (Tara) of Rocky Mount, Virginia and David Eric Ratcliff (Betty) of Woodbridge, Virginia, six grandchildren: Tracie Ratcliff, Kyle Ratcliff, LeAnn Ratcliff Bradbury (Chris), Jenna Ratcliff Crews (Geoff), James Ryan Charles (Melissa), Tyler Charles (Maggie). four great grandchildren: Ella Bradbury, Colin Bradbury, Gage Moore and Emily Charles, several nieces and nephews and his furry little friend Andy, with whom he enjoyed taking long walks.

Arrangements made by Sims Funeral Home and the funeral service held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria, Virginia on March 24th at 11:30 a.m. Internment at Mount Comfort in Alexandria, Virginia.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.simsfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethany Hospice, Douglas, Georgia

A special thanks to Bethany Hospice for their care and support.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Ratcliff*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *James Edward Ratcliff*

Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet - March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP Mr. Ratcliff. I was very fortunate to have known you and Maymie. May God give your family strength and peace at this difficult time.*

*With Fond Memories,
Linda Pulley Boswell*

March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Edward Ratcliff*

Beautiful in Blue - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Edward Ratcliff*

Sweet Tranquility Basket - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM