



Ralph Armstrong

July 10, 1946 - November 28, 2016

Ralph A. Armstrong departed this life on November 29, 2016. Ralph was born July 10, 1946 in Bonifay , Florida to R.A. and Myrtice Armstrong. He moved to Graceville with his family at the age of 6, and he graduated from Graceville High School in 1964. He received his Associates Degree from Chipola Junior College in 1966 and married his high school sweetheart, Mary Grace Mixson. They moved to Gainesville where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Florida in 1968. He began his career as a teacher at Interlachen High School that same year and taught there for two years before coming home to Jackson County to teach at Graceville High School . He later left teaching and worked for 20 years as an inspector with the Florida Department of Agriculture. Ralph and Mary Grace entered the cattle business upon their return to Jackson County in 1970, and he continued the family cattle business until 2013. Ralph was a member of First United Methodist Church in Graceville where he sang in the choir. He was involved with the Graceville High Booster Club for many years serving as the club's President. His favorite pastime was coaching youth sports and supporting youth sports in Graceville, and he truly enjoyed the time he spent at the ballpark with the kids and young men of Graceville. Ralph is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Grace; two sons, Rob Armstrong, his wife, Amber, Ben Armstrong, his wife, Christie; three grandchildren, Kurt, Kase and Claire; two brothers, Earl Armstrong, and his wife, Myrl Armstrong, and Harold Armstrong, his wife, Paula; a sister, Linda Allen and husband, Bill; a sister-in-

law, Marie Grover; and several nieces and nephews. Celebration of His Life will be 2 p.m., Friday, December 2, 2106 at the First United Methodist Church in Graceville with Rev. Sean Rezek officiating. Burial will follow in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Family will receive friends at First United Methodist Church, Thursday, December 1, 2016, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers family request memorials be made to the Ken Armstrong Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 596 Graceville, FL 32440.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Dear Mary Grace and family, We are so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. May the memories of your life together sustain you during this difficult time.

Keith and Barbara Folse - December 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ May God Bless you, he was a great man and you are a great people.....love you guys

Regina Johnson Bell - December 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ A leader of a great family. He was someone I always aspired to be like. He will be missed.

Bill Meredith - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ So sorry to hear about Ralph. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God provide you comfort and peace.

Glenda Sue Adams Livingston - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ So sorry, Mary Grace, that Ralph had to go too soon....He was the first person to smile and wave at me upon my return to Graceville.....something I will never forget....and don't you forget, he is smiling at you now, because he is not gone...just on the other side where we will all be soon.....may God bless and comfort you and your family.

Bobby Underwood Wade - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Mrs. Mary, Please know that you and the children are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We have such fond memories of the time we were able to spend together (especially when Kurt and Cody were little)!! Mr. Ralph made us feel like we were part of the family. We love you all.

Britt and Julie Garwood - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ RIP Ralph. You were a good teammate, classmate, and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Jerry and Dianna Brookins - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Mary Grace my love and prayers!

Linda HARKRIDER Walket - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ I am so sorry for your loss! May God give you and your family strength and peace!

Brenda Vaughn - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Cheryl and I will never forget our years as your neighbors. I always looked forward to our visits. Although we cannot be at the service, Just know you will live in our hearts always. May God bless your family during their time of great need.

Rev. & Mrs. Dan Rhodes - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM