



## Mr. Ray O. Lankford

February 24, 1922 - October 15, 2016

Funeral will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at Village Chapel for Ray O. Lankford, age 94, of Gadsden who passed away Saturday October 15, 2016. Dr. David Carroll and Reverend Albert Morgan will officiate. Burial will follow at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Lankford was a Veteran of WWII, serving during campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He participated in the liberation of two POW camps and Nordhausen Concentration Camp. Mr. Lankford told many funny and often horrific stories of his military service to include venison steaks for Christmas during the Battle of the Bulge. He always thanked God and the thoughtful prayers of friends and family for seeing him through the war with several "close calls" but no injuries.

Mr. Lankford was a member of Malone Baptist Church where he served as deacon for many years. He worked for Stowers Mfg. Co., in Walnut Park, for 40 years. Mr. Lankford was preceded in death by his parents, Gurthie and Lurlie Lankford; brothers, Mitchell and Hoyt Lankford; sister Lois Knight. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Dorothy Frazier Lankford; daughters, Ramona (Dennis) Griggs, Audrey (Russ) Samples; son, Dennis (Carol) Lankford; grandchildren, Chris (Elaine) Turner, Scott Samples, Angie (Jason) Busby and Michael Mummah; great grandchildren, Ashlyn (Blake) Allen, Alex Turner, Steven Samples, Madison (Jacob) Self, Cole O'Bryant, Dillon Busby and Cara Busby; one great great grandson, Finley Ray Allen, due Nov. 11,

2016 and special cousins, Richard Alverson and Roscoe Garner.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers will be friends, family and neighbors.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Amedisys Home Health and Hospice, Paulette Johnson, GRMC 7th floor nursing staff, Riverview Wound Care and the many physicians and technicians who gave him special care during his last week.

# Cemetery Details

**Oak Hill**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home  
101 Vandell Blvd  
Gadsden, AL 35904  
(256) 547-5557  
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

### Service

OCT 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Dennis, our prayers are with you at this time.  
Mike & Susie Holloway*

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**Mike Holloway** - October 18, 2016 at 07:43 PM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of Mr. Ray. I remember many good times eating at the house after church on Sunday and Ramona and Audrey playing dress up with me. He was a quite, kind man who was sweet to a little aggravating kid. Love and prayers to your whole family!*

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**Beverly Morgan Skinner** - October 18, 2016 at 01:59 PM

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“ *RIP---RAY---words are never enough at a time like this but sometimes it is all we have----kbe*

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**kenneth elliott** - October 17, 2016 at 11:11 PM