



## William Raymond Milam, Sr.

May 17, 1945 - July 13, 2019

Mr. Ray Milam, Sr. of Palmetto passed away July 13, 2019. Ray is survived by his daughters, Kay Milam Gosdin and her husband Neal of Palmetto; Kim Milam Couch of Hoschton, GA; son, Raymond Milam, Jr and his wife Stephanie of Newnan; grandchildren, Jordon Veal; C.J. Couch; Max Gosdin and Daylon Milam. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Fairburn with remains placed instate at 10 o'clock. Dr. Oscar Cope officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street  
Fairburn, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory  
8355 Senoia Road  
Fairburn, GA 30213  
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<https://www.parrottfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Fairburn  
Fairburn, GA 30213

# Tribute Wall



“ Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



Parrott Funeral Home - July 16, 2019 at 08:54 AM

JA

*A wonderful man and friend to many. I know he will be missed!*  
Joyce Branaman Akins

Joyce Branaman Akins - July 17, 2019 at 09:50 AM

KC

*What a beautiful tribute to Ray. Know that he will be missed by all of you.*

Kay Collins - July 17, 2019 at 02:31 PM

BD

*Beautiful tribute to a special friend! He will be missed!*

Beth Vickers Dean - July 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM

WW

*Great friend since childhood will miss his grin and hearty laugh!!!*

william white - July 17, 2019 at 08:16 PM

CC

*He was such a great guy. Everybody liked Ray. I never heard anyone say a negative thing about him. What a legacy he left. God Bless this family. It was a pleasure knowing Ray.*

Cricket Chitwood - July 18, 2019 at 11:04 AM

JB

“ Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



Jayne Bennett - July 20, 2019 at 09:37 PM

BH

“ Bonnie Mae Hayes lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



Bonnie Mae Hayes - July 18, 2019 at 06:45 PM

BH

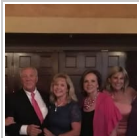
Sorry for your loss Kim. Keeping you in our prayers.

Bonnie Mae Hayes - July 18, 2019 at 06:46 PM

JJ

“ I will never forget the smile that Ray always greeted you with. He will be missed by family and 100's of friends.  
John Joiner

John Joiner - July 17, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ HE WAS A GOOD MAN- SORRY I AM IN FL. AND COULD NOT MAKE THE FUNERAL.

Tommy Smith - July 17, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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July 17, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Randy Cook purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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**Randy Cook** - July 17, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Ray will be Truly be missed he was a great friend sorry I can't make the service I went to school with ray he was a ikon at chs and his memory will not be forgotten*

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**carl watson** - July 16, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ *Dave and I send our deepest condolences . I can't stop thinking of all the Milam family at this time. I can't tell you how sorry I am. Ray was a shining light to all who knew him. A true friend and gentleman his whole life. Our prayers to all the family. Dave and Rhecia Healy*



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**Dave and Rhecia Healy** - July 16, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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July 16, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ *Dear Kim and family,  
I am deeply sorry about the loss of your father. My prayers are with you and your family as you go through this most difficult time. Please know, if I can help in any way, I will. Just ask,*



*Sincerely, Peggy Engelman*

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**peggy engelman** - July 16, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Linda And Randy Brown lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



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**Linda and Randy Brown** - July 16, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 16, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ Donnie Kendall purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



Donnie Kendall - July 16, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 16, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 16, 2019 at 12:49 PM

CC

“ *Kim, Kay, Raymond, and families.*

*I am so sorry about your dad passing. I have nice memories of working for him at the showroom.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Christiane Carter*

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**Christiane Carter** - July 16, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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July 16, 2019 at 12:06 PM

LC

“ *Linda Shedd Chapin lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



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**Linda Shedd Chapin** - July 16, 2019 at 10:53 AM

TC

“ *The Fountain Family, Bobby, Patricia and children purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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**The Fountain Family, Bobby, Patricia and children** - July 16, 2019 at 09:41 AM

PB

“ Truly a Great Man who will be missed by so many he touched. Thank you for sharing your father/grandfather with so many people and especially the friendship he had with Bobby. Our memories of Ray will forever be cherished. Prayers for you all and may God wrap his loving arms around each of you.



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**Patricia & Bobby** - July 16, 2019 at 09:32 AM

BF

*Patricia & Bobby Fountain*

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**Bobby Fountain** - July 16, 2019 at 09:31 AM

MB

*My sympathies to Ray's family. Ray was an upperclassman when we where in school, but, he was always positive and a greater encourage.*

*Ray saw life as an adventure and he approach life with a pleasant pioneer spirit which remained with him all his life. While I only saw him from time to time, it was also as if we had spoken yesterday.*

*What a great fellow to call "friend". He will be truly missed.*

*Murray Bradley (Jr.)*

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**Murray Bradley** - July 16, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..

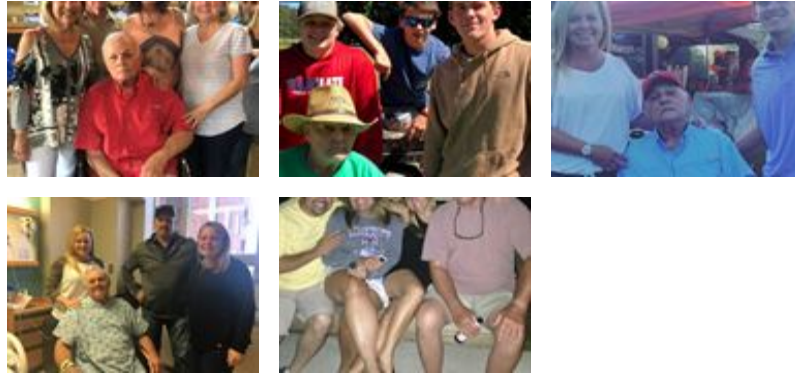


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July 16, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Parrott Funeral Home - July 16, 2019 at 07:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 16, 2019 at 07:28 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Remembering him as a high school friend and such a sweet guy. His struggle was short . Prayers are with his family and praying that God will give them comfort...R.I.P dear Ray. Your Memory will live on to all who were blessed to have known you..*



Sarah Rowell Andress - July 16, 2019 at 07:22 AM

NM

“ *Mr. Ray was a kind and sweet person. Whenever you saw him, he always had a big smile on his face and something nice to say to you. Our prayers are with the family.*

*David and Nan McGuffey*

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**Nan McGuffey** - July 15, 2019 at 08:15 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra Cochran Johnson lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



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**Sandra Cochran Johnson** - July 15, 2019 at 08:03 PM

OE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you find comfort and peace in the love and support of your family and friends. Owen and Bobbie Edge*



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**Owen and Bobbie Edge** - July 15, 2019 at 04:09 PM

CM

“ Before I was old enough to go to school, I remember Ray riding his bicycle down to our house on Fayetteville Rd to hang out with my brother Steve. Through the years when Steve talked about his friends, Ray was at the top of the list.

Our mother Christine dearly loved Ray and Linda. They came to her 90th birthday too.

Ray was a good friend to all our family. He was a wonderful man who will be truly missed.

Carole Bomar Matthews



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Carole Bomar Matthews - July 15, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



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July 15, 2019 at 02:31 PM

MD

“ May you find comfort in wonderful memories that are being shared with you. Melanie Dyke.

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Melanie Dyke - July 15, 2019 at 01:06 PM

DE

“ Rest in Peace, Ray. My condolences to your family. David Eidson

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David Eidson - July 15, 2019 at 01:03 PM

JH

“ Ray was a fine man. He will be missed by many. Our intercom came from his store back in 1986. Our condolences to the family. Jimmy Hopkins & Judy Ruppensburg Hopkins.

Judy R. Hopkins - July 15, 2019 at 01:02 PM

JT

“ You are truly going to be missed.

Joe Turner - July 15, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 15, 2019 at 11:57 AM

JW

“ Thinking of the Milam family at this difficult time. Remembering how he came to our house when he and Bob were in high school together. He was like one of our family. Having sweet memories of him. May God's great love and grace comfort you in your sorrow. JoAnn Carithers Webb and Hugh

JoAnn C. Webb - July 15, 2019 at 11:32 AM

JB

“ I send my love to you all. Some of my favorite Times were made with Kay and Kim hanging out at the carpet store with Ray and going to his house to spend the night. Lots of fun memories.

Jennifer Dunaway Beasley - July 15, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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July 15, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ *TROY & SHERRY HARRIS purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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**TROY & SHERRY HARRIS** - July 15, 2019 at 07:49 AM

RA

“ We met Ray about 25 years ago when we moved in across the road from Ray and Linda. Before we moved we put in a change of address card at the post office in Palmetto - when the clerk saw our new address, Piney Woods Church Rd, he said, "You mean Ray's Road"!

Over the years, Ray and Linda included us in their many cookouts and pot lucks with their friends and family. There were pickin' parties hosted in his barn and scores of friends (and Ray has many) stopping by.

Ray was always quick to help out if we needed anything and loved talking about his horse Cody (if I asked after him). He would "allow" me to feed and keep an eye on him when he and Linda were out of town. One night when Linda and Ray were out late, there was a bull in the middle of Piney Woods Church Road, assuming that it was one of Ray's "cows", I coerced him through the gate with the other cows. When Ray called the next day, he informed me that he didn't have a bull and that I had put someone else's bull in with his heifers - we had a good laugh!

I will always cherish the memories and time spent getting to know Ray and his family, and will surely miss him. I could see the light on at his farm at night, through the woods, and will miss its welcoming glow.

-Roland & MJ

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Roland Alston - July 15, 2019 at 07:26 AM

NJ

“*Neighbors, Roland and Mary Jane purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



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**Neighbors, Roland and Mary Jane** - July 15, 2019 at 06:58 AM



“*Margaret Kilgore lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



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**Margaret Kilgore** - July 15, 2019 at 12:15 AM

AR

“*We are going to miss you Ray. You were a good neighbor and friend.*



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**Annie and Jim Robinson** - July 14, 2019 at 09:59 PM

JP

“*Jo Ann Phillips lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



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**Jo Ann Phillips** - July 14, 2019 at 09:53 PM

JP

*This candle is lite to honor Ray the Gentle Giant that touched all he met with his kindness and spirt to love all the people he met. He will be missed by everyone. May you Rest In Peace.*

**Jo Ann Phillips** - July 14, 2019 at 10:02 PM

CP

“ *Cathy and David Purcell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



**Cathy and David Purcell** - July 14, 2019 at 08:11 PM

JT

“ We have lost what I call an icon in my life. The Milam family is one I’ve always considered to be my family. I believe that many others out there feel the same way. I have so many memories throughout my life with them and “Daddy Ray”

Kay, Kim & I spent many days at Milam’s Lighting, next to Atlanta Jewelry Exchange playing on the adding machines, climbing the rolls of carpet, hiding and scaring anyone that came around the corner. Mawmaw and Pops were always there. Pops was always the jokester who made us laugh & would take us to Melear’s BBQ. Mamaw made us laugh without even knowing it. She was always taking us to all our extracurricular activities whether it was cheer leading, Duncan Park Day Camp, etc. I think many times she would be upset with us, as we joked about her driving or we picked on one another in the backed seat and she tried to make us behave. “Hit it again Mawmaw” inside joke. I remember Daddy Ray in his office full of Georgia Memorabilia. He was pretty much business at the store, but once in the car, then that jokester came out in him too. He was always soft and kind to the ones he loved.

He introduced me to deer sausage, which I have yet to find any that compared! It always amazed me how he would manage fights between Kay, Kim and Raymond. I remember many! We were all scare of Daddy Ray with his deep voice and size! It usually ended in tears and hugs but always love. He was a strong tough man but very much a family loving man. I remember having to clean the house before the housekeeper came to clean. I think I was always there then, for some reason. Maybe because we were good at making messes. Kay, Kim & I would talk about how we couldn’t understand cleaning before the housekeeper comes. I get it now, but never understood that then. We’d laugh and joke so much. I remember laughing so hard so many times that our stomachs hurt & tears rolled down our faces. We began to grow up as we all did, but in my mind they were always my true friends that would remain family.

“Big Daddy Ray” was a sweet caring person who loved his family unconditionally and he will be missed by many people in so many different ways. Kay, Kim & Raymond, your Daddy was an amazing

*man! I know he was so proud to be your Father, Daddy and Friend!  
He made his mark on all of us which makes him an icon that will  
never be forgotten..*

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**Julia Thomas** - July 14, 2019 at 08:01 PM

CB

“ *May God's angels surround you bringing you comfort and His peace during this heartbreaking time for you. He was a dear friend to me and a source of encouragement to me. Will always remember him and miss his friendship.  
Carol Peskopos Beaber*

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**Carol Peskopos Beaber** - July 14, 2019 at 07:24 PM

CB

“ *Carol Peskopos Beaber lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



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**Carol Peskopos Beaber** - July 14, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Ray.He was a good friend to all of us. It's so sad to loss another Campbell High friend! Ray was always one of the good guys!*

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**Jimmie Hunnicutt Aldredge** - July 14, 2019 at 07:18 PM

PD

“ Prayers for the all the Milam family! Ray was a wonderful guy and will be missed by many! I'm sure he is celebrating in Heaven with Linda!  
RIP: Ray



Phil & Sandra Davis - July 14, 2019 at 07:12 PM

DR

“ I was blessed to have you as a friend. RIP brother. You are remember with love.

Dan Rainwater - July 14, 2019 at 05:47 PM

RT

“ Thinking of the Milam Family at this difficult time and pray that you will feel God's presence . May you find comfort in knowing that others care.

Rebecca Thompson



Rebecca Thompson - July 14, 2019 at 05:40 PM



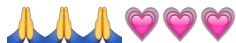
“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 14, 2019 at 05:23 PM

CF

“ *What a great guy! Always super nice & fun to be around. Ray will surely be missed by so many of us. Love & prayers to all of the family.*



cindy farr - July 14, 2019 at 03:50 PM

AN

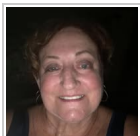
*I never saw Ray without that tremendous smile of his . . . unless we lost a football game back in the early '60s 😊*

Adrien Neely - July 14, 2019 at 04:12 PM

ET

*Condolences to the Milam family. We share your loss of this wonderful family man and friend. I've been away for many years, but the one constant that kept me close to my roots was Ray. His yearly get togethers helped keep old friends close and rekindled the memories that made us that way. RIP, Bo*

Eric Tipton - July 15, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Jack and I are so very sorry to hear of your loss! Jack and Ray shared the same birthday and we have had many laughs about this. We also have shared the love of his children and our sons. He is one of a kind and will be greatly missed but I know he is where he longed to be. Celebrate a life well lived!*

Libby Stevens - July 14, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 14, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ Becky Smith Hamilton lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



Becky Smith Hamilton - July 14, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Remembering my lifelong friend and one I called 'my other lil brother' with a smile in my heart. Ray was one of the most giving and caring friends I have ever had. He spent lots of time at our family home with my brother Bobby and friend Larry and numerous other football and close friends. This made me very popular with all the girls at Campbell High School. They always wanted to visit me at home! Oh what cherish memories I have of Ray. That smile to die for, the sweetness of his words when you needed them. My memories could go on forever with smiles and love. I will miss you my Jolly Giant and 'other lil brother'. Until we meet again in Heaven. To all the precious family I send my ever ending love for you all and ask God to give you peace and comfort. Love, Joyce Carithers Mashburn.

Joyce Carithers Mashburn - July 14, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ Joyce Carithers Mashburn lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



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**Joyce Carithers Mashburn** - July 14, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ Ken & Nancy Freeman sent a virtual gift in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



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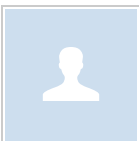
**ken & Nancy Freeman** - July 14, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ Rest In Peace my friend. Prayers for all the family 🙏 and friends who will miss and love you forever.

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**Tony Chapman** - July 14, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



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July 14, 2019 at 12:32 PM

PN

“ Pat Norton lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.



Pat Norton - July 14, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 14, 2019 at 11:52 AM

CW

“ Ray was such a kind and wonderful person to be around.. He will surely be missed by all of us. Heaven welcomed him with open arms.

Carole Hudson Walker - July 14, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..



July 14, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Raymond Milam, Sr..*



July 14, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Nancy Astin German lit a candle in memory of William Raymond Milam, Sr.*



**Nancy Astin German** - July 14, 2019 at 11:03 AM



*Nancy Astin class 1963.*

**Nancy Astin German** - July 14, 2019 at 11:04 AM



*Lawrence Harmon class 1963*

**R Lawrence Harmon** - July 14, 2019 at 11:11 AM



*Lawrence Harmon class 1963*

**R Lawrence Harmon** - July 14, 2019 at 11:12 AM