



Charles Ray Lucas

June 9, 1933 - May 3, 2024

Charles Ray Lucas, 90 of Astor, passed away Friday, May 3, 2024. Ray was born June 9, 1933 to parents Morton and Mary Lucas at home, at Bluffton, near Astor, Florida. He was a devoted husband for 61 years to Laura Lou Lucas. Loving Father to Raymond, Susan, Curtis, Linda and the most doting grandfather to 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Ray attended Umatilla High School where he excelled as an athlete. After graduation he began his college years when he attended Florida State University in Tallahassee for one year then he transferred and finished his education at Stetson where he earned his Degree in education and a Masters in Administration. He then resided in Umatilla with his family and served as a teacher and principal at Altoona Elementary School and principal at Southside Elementary in Umatilla. He ended his administrative career as Assistant Principal at Umatilla High School.

After his career in education ended, he moved his family to Astor Florida on the St. John's River to work and eventually became the owner of Hall's Lodge where he spent the remainder of his working years. He enjoyed his days with family and friends telling stories about life and spending time on the river. He was an active member of the Astor Baptist church where he served the church in many capacities for most of his life as a Teacher and Deacon. He was saved and baptized in 1948 at the age of 15 by Dr Earl Joiner who was

the Pastor of the mission church in Astor that was sponsored by First Baptist of Deland.

He served his community as a board member for the Astor Water Association for many years. During this time, he was instrumental in the development of the first sewer system project for the Astor Community.

He is survived by his brother Gerald Lucas; son Raymond (Debbie) Lucas, Altoona FL; daughter, Susan Saul, Astor, FL; son Curtis (Betty) Lucas, Astor, FL; daughter, Linda (Ralf) Ziegler, St Martin, Germany; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Lou Lucas; parents, Morton and Mary Lucas; 4 brothers and 5 sisters.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Astor on Thursday, May 9th. Visitation begins at 10:00am and the service will begin at 11:00am. He will be laid to rest at Lakeside Memory Garden in Eustis immediately following. There will be a meal provided for all friends and family after the graveside service at First Baptist of Astor Family Life Center.

Memorial donations can be made to First Baptist Church of Astor 24731 Ann St, Astor, FL 32102.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Astor
24731 Ann St
Astor, FL 32102

Graveside

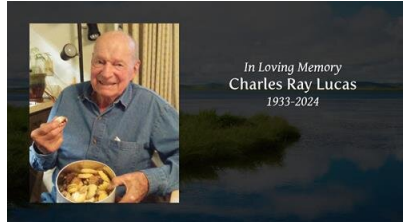
MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Memory Gardens
36601 N County Rd 19A
Eustis, FL 32726

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Ray Lucas*



Beyers Funeral Home - May 06, 2024 at 12:38 PM

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*Dear Family,
The Harris' have so many wonderful memories with all you Lucas'. I will never forget the times we came to Astor... never a dull moment . From spreading newspaper on the "BIG" table and eating all the blue crab we could hold and making music around the campfire. Your mom and dad's home was filled with love and laughter.
Uncle Ray had a unique voice full of joy whenever he called. I would be sad if I didn't know where and who he's with in eternity. Please know you are in my heart full of love and prayers!
Barbara Chase,
(Proud daughter of Rosa Lee Harris Bryant)
Waycross, GA*

Barbara Chase - May 08, 2024 at 06:19 PM

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I miss you Ray...so much...The marina isn't the same without you.I look for you in every animal,sunset and rainbow...Thank you so much for changing my life.Until we meet again my friend.Love and Peace, Julie.

Julie Purinton - August 28, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Lucas.*



May 08, 2024 at 08:58 AM



“ *Caitlin Kroger and Aaron Ratliff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Ray Lucas.*



Caitlin Kroger and Aaron Ratliff - May 07, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ *Rosa Lee and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles Ray Lucas.*



Rosa Lee and family - May 07, 2024 at 05:03 PM



“ *Rosa Lee and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Ray Lucas.*

Rosa Lee and family - May 07, 2024 at 05:03 PM

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“ *Jack & Mike Briggs and Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Ray Lucas.*



Jack & Mike Briggs and Families - May 06, 2024 at 03:02 PM