



Ray Robbins

May 5, 2013

Obituary of Ray Robbins

Ray Robbins, 96, died Sunday as a result of a stroke. Raised in the historic Tuscanooga community, near Groveland, Robbins is survived by his wife, Etta, of 74 years and 10 months. He is also survived by daughter-in-law Bernice Robbins, wife of deceased son, Charles, and daughter, Mary Helen (Wally) Myers, all of Tuscanooga. He had 7 grandchildren: Denise Kurfiss, Becky Brown, Anthony Myers, all of Groveland; Patricia Brown, Leesburg; Missy Yates, Mascotte; Wallace "Hoss" Myers, Orlando; Margie Ritchey, Windermere, and 14 great grandchildren.

A "Legendary Local of Lake County," Robbins began his work career as the first employee of Sumter Electric (SECO), from which he retired and later served as Chairman of the Board of Directors. For years he Chaired the Lake County Planning and Zoning Commission, was a past President of Rotary and Farm Bureau, and was the oldest living member of Tuscanooga Baptist Church. Gardening was his hobby and many area residents were recipients of his fresh vegetables.

Visitation will be Tuesday night, May 7, Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., followed by a Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., graveside service at Tuscanooga Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a local

high school FFA chapter or to Hospice of Lake County.

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Services

Wednesday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m., graveside service at Tuscanooga Cemetery.

Interment

Burial at Tuscanooga Cemetery.

Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall

TP

“ We are very sorry to hear of Mr. Robbins' passing. He was an asset to his community and his church, and he did a great deal to help young people through his support of FFA. We will certainly miss him here in Sumter County, and we know he will be missed at home. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Tom and Jackie Peterson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Ray from years ago. He was always kind to me. A testimony of his love of God. The world is better for his having lived. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Ruth Yancey Ray - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Ray was a wonderful person, he will certainly be missed.

Peggy Boyatt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Miss Etta, so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. My prayers are with you and the family at this time! Ray was like a father to me during my years at the county serving the Planning and Zoning Board. So many great memories of him, Steve Vaughn, Jay VanderMeer, my father-in-law Jim Stivender, Sr., and Simon Brown. Ray was one of the great men who served Lake County well with humility, honesty and true passion for making our little part of the world better! Thank you for sharing him with all of us! God Bless!

Debbie Stivender - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *With deepest symathsy, I worked Mr. Robbins, in the mid 60's, and I had the highest rememberence.*

Sue Brock-Jenkins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM