



## Raymond B. Reaves

January 6, 1939 - January 9, 2025

Raymond B. Reaves, 86, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2025.

Raymond was born on January 6, 1939 to Robert K. and Dorothy Reaves of Lipscomb,

Alabama. Raymond was a 1957 graduate of Bessemer High School who spent his

career working for the City of Bessemer, retiring as a Lieutenant in the Bessemer Fire

Department.

A long-time member of First United Methodist Church (Bessemer) and Pleasant Hill

United Methodist Church (McCalla), Raymond's Christian faith formed his outlook and

guided his steps throughout his life. An avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman, Raymond was an accomplished athlete well into his 50s, a youth baseball and basketball coach, a loyal Bama football fan, a 50+ year member of Riverbend Hunting

Club and an expert crappy fisherman.

Raymond is preceded in death by his parents Robert K. and Dorothy Ervin Reaves, two

brothers, Robert E. "Pete" Reaves and Paul E. "Butch" Reaves, and a sister, Linda

Griffith. He is survived by his bride of 66 years, Pat Pickens Reaves, two sons Benjie Reaves (Paula) and Greg Reaves (Isabel), six grandchildren, Nicholas Reaves, Amanda Reaves, Emily Reaves, Kika Reaves, Max Reaves and Elisa Wall (Nathan), great-granddaughter, Magdalene Wall, brother Donald W. Reaves (Carolyn) and sister Bobbie Busenlehner (Frank).

Raymond was widely admired as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and a trusted friend who possessed a clear sense of right and wrong. Working until nearly 80 years old, Raymond knew no limits when it came to supporting his family, often outworking men half his age, and was a strong example to his sons and all who knew him.

The family expresses our sincere appreciation to our friends, extended family and church community for their support and love as well as Raymond's incredible caregivers, Lue Smith, Lynn Underwood, Maxine Johnson, Lorraine Naves, and hospice nurse, Amanda Caldwell.

The funeral will be held at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla on Tuesday, January 14 and will be officiated by Rev. Willis "Bill" Kierce, President of the Francis Asbury Society. The viewing begins at 10am and the church service at 11am with graveside to follow in the Pleasant Hill Church cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill United Methodist Chruch Cemetery

4809 Bell Hill Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church  
4809 Bell Hill Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

## Funeral Service

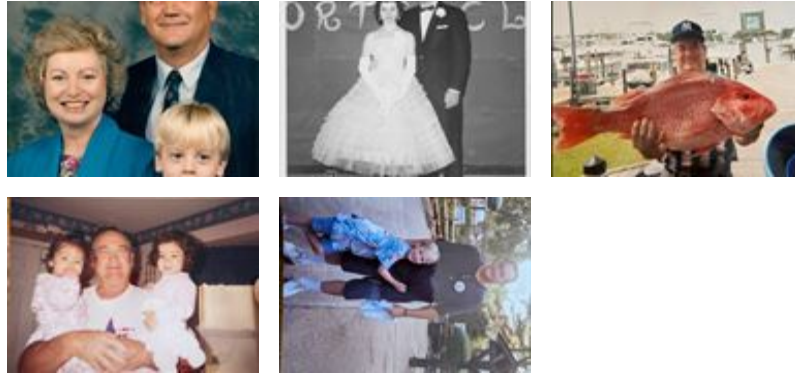
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# Tribute Wall



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



McCalla Memorial Funeral Home - Traditions - January 13, 2025 at 03:03 PM

FC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. I've known Raymond for many years as my late husband Mason worked with Raymond at the Fire Department and he retired in 1993. Pat, you are strong lady and I'm praying for peace and comfort for your loss !!

Frances Cain - January 13, 2025 at 01:40 PM

FH

“ Sincerest condolences to Pat & the entire Reaves family. Have known Raymond since he was in high school when my sister, Sondra, married Raymond's brother, Pete. Prayers for all during this sad & difficult time. 🙏



Faye Carter Helms - January 13, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DW

“ Diana and Darryl Wall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond B. Reaves.

Diana and Darryl Wall - January 13, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ Diana and Darryl Wall purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Raymond B. Reaves.



Diana and Darryl Wall - January 13, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JE

“ John And Sarah Elam lit a candle in memory of Raymond B. Reaves



John and Sarah Elam - January 11, 2025 at 05:19 PM