



## Mr. Chestley Watson Rowley

December 27, 1927 - February 6, 2019

Mr. Chestley Watson Rowley, age 91, of Union Grove, passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Marshall Medical Centre North.

Mr. Rowley was born on December 27, 1927 in Akron, Ohio to Charles Chestley Rowley & Isabelle Noaker Rowley. Chestley was a U.S. Army Veteran and served in WWII. He and Mrs. Dewilla "Dee" have been married for 53 years, they are formerly of Akron, Ohio but have been residing in the Union Grove area for the last 28 years. Mr. Chestley owned and operated Lake Drive Flower Shop in the early 40's and still continued to create floral arrangements until his passing. He later retired from Firestone Tire and Rubber Company where he worked as an Engineer. Many considered Chestley a master letter writer, since 2004 he had written over 5000+ letter of encouragement to send to others. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #6226.

Mr. Rowley was a member of Arab First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Rowley is survived by his wife; Dewilla "Dee" Rowley; daughter & son-in-law, Lynne Bridges & Tom; sons & daughters-in-law, Mark Rowley & Donna, Keith Rowley, Jeffrey Rowley & Gretchen, Troy Rowley & Alison; brother & sister-in-law, William Rowley & Karen; sister, Bonnie Littleton; grandchildren, Stacey, Carrie, Matthew, Greg, Evan, Aaron, Austin, Grant, Reese, AnnaMarie, Megan, Matthew, Justin, Joshua & Jarrod; 8 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents. Chestley & Isabelle Rowley; sister, Carol Sue Bussey; brother-in-law, Gordon Littleton.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Arab First United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve West & Pastor Clarence Hager, officiating. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Arab First United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers family has requested donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0142 or Arab First United Methodist Church; P.O. Box 470, Arab, Al. 35016.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church  
1058 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

ER

“ It’s been 2 years and I still think of you often, shortly after you passed we found out Heather was pregnant. Unfortunately the newest great grandson missed you by 9 months, but if you ask the world I think we would agree, you got out of here at just the right time. I think Walker would have made you proud, though and I’m sure you’re watching us anyways:) Love and miss you Grandpa.



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**Evan Rowley** - April 29, 2021 at 11:38 AM

DN

“ Chet rescued me (and not inconsequentially son Mark.) when the boatman we had hired to take us kids on a camping trip to an island on the Venezuelan coast decided that he wasn’t responsible for returning us to the mainland. I don’t know if this was accomplished at gunpoint or not, but by the time the boat showed up to pick us up, with him in the prow, he was my forever hero. Rest in peace you badass!

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**David Norton** - February 11, 2019 at 07:28 PM

MR

*Thanks Scott, we are in the car reading this and having a laugh*

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**Mark rowley** - February 15, 2019 at 05:46 PM

RB

“ Prayers for all of the Uncle Chestley's family. He will be missed so much by his wife, children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I am thankful for the letters and cards I saved from him that I will keep until we meet again. I know Isabelle and Carol Sue welcomed him to heaven with open arms. Rest in peace Uncle Chestley.

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**Rebecca Bussey** - February 10, 2019 at 05:13 PM

MR

Thanks Rebecca

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**Mark rowley** - February 15, 2019 at 05:47 PM

LB

“ We have lost another great man in Chet Rowley. He will be missed by his family, friends, and community. Our family will never forget Chet's loving friendship with the Brannon family, especially Julian. These two men shared a rare kind of friendship because they didn't meet until later in life, but we true friends at first sight. Chet blessed our family with showing what friendship is all about (sharing, loving, caring and helping) He did all those things for Julian in a great gentlemanly fashion. These two men were true gentlemen and it showed daily. God rest in peace, Chet, and God bless the Rowley family!!

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**linn brannon** - February 10, 2019 at 02:33 PM

MS

“ LOVELY MAN ! ALWAYS WISH WE'D LIVED CLOSER TO HIM AND DEE.  
MARILYN SON

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**MARILYN SON** - February 10, 2019 at 02:07 PM

CF

“ I always loved Chesley. Anytime he came to town, when I was young, I would seek out his approval. Always so sweet to everyone. Even though I haven't seen hi. In many years, I've missed him.



Christine A Fretwell-McCune - February 10, 2019 at 11:28 AM

CA

“ Our sincerest sympathies go out to all the family of dear Chet. He was a great man with a great big personality that just warmed your heart. I loved to receive one of his famous letters. I was his second daughter. A treasured title to be sure! Love you so much!

Love,

Caren Wallace and John Hart

caren - February 10, 2019 at 11:11 AM

NW

I loved him was such a good man he sent me letters and cards .When I lost my husband and daughter.But we will meet again I am sure he walking streets talking. Prayers for his family and his sweet wife.Nancy Wilks.

Nancy Wilks - February 18, 2019 at 08:27 AM

CH

“ Caren Wallace and John Hart purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Mr. Chestley Watson Rowley.



Caren Wallace and John Hart - February 10, 2019 at 11:04 AM