



## Mr. Richard Earle Black Sr

February 25, 1934 - January 29, 2017

Richard Earle "Dick" Black, Sr., 82 of Arab, Alabama died Sunday January 29, 2017 at Shepherd's Cove Hospice.

Mr. Black was born February 25, 1934 in Jefferson County to John Wesley Black and Aleene Ogletree Black. He graduated from West End High School and later earned his degree in mechanical engineering. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed by NASA as a rocket scientist until his retirement. His wife, Elizabeth Anne Black preceded him in death on April 5, 2009. He moved to Arab in 1988 from Huntsville. Mr. Black was a former member of the Arab Rotary Club and served as President twice.

He was a member of Arab First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Black is survived by his children and in-laws: Rick Black, Valerie and Anthony Ball and Kathleen Phillips; his grandchildren: Sarah Grace Byrd and Tyler, Riley Phillips, Natalie Ball, Jason and Savannah Ball, Bonner Black and Battle Black. He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Aleene Black and his wife Elizabeth Anne Black.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday February 1, 2017 at Arab First United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve West, officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be in Brookwood Cemetery with Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Shepherd's Cove Hospice at 408 Martling Rd, Albertville, Al 35951.



# Cemetery Details

## Brookwood Cemetery

2059 Old Guntersville Road  
Arab, AL 35016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)


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

## Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

 Sharon  
Adams

“ *Ricky, Valerie and Kathleen,*

*I am very sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Please know that he is in heaven and at peace. He will always be in your hearts.*

*I heard about your dads passing to late and therefore missed the service. I think of the three of you and hope that you are all doing well. I am still in Huntsville. Please reach out if there is anything that I can do for any of you.*

*Love Always,  
Sharon Poslajko Adams*

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**Sharon Adams** - February 05, 2017 at 09:12 AM

JH

“ *To Rick, Val and Kat. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Uncle Dick was one of the greatest men to ever walk the face of the earth.*

*Susan, Peter, John, William Hicks*



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**John Hicks** - February 02, 2017 at 12:39 PM

MD

“ To Dick's Family, How can I say goodbye to such a great friend? Lasting memories will endure of such a kind man, a gentleman, a friend, someone who could carry on a conversation with anyone, a humorist, a good listener. He was a loving father and husband and cherished his family. Above all, he had a determination to live the best life he could with such a great attitude on living the battle and sharing his life with his family. He will be remembered with love and gratitude for sharing his goodness with his friends.



We will miss him and we extend our deepest sympathy, Kathleen, Valerie, Rick and all the family.

Sincerely,

Marian and Bill Dinan  
West End High School Classmate

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Marian Dinan - January 31, 2017 at 10:07 PM

RB

“ Dear Ricky, Val and Baby Kat, We love y'all so much! We hold y'all in our loving prayers. 💖 Auntie Rose, David, Kimmi, JD and all of us.

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Rose Battle - January 31, 2017 at 07:37 AM