



## Mr. Ray "Buddy" Nesbit Love, Sr.

July 21, 1935 - October 5, 2019

A memorial service for Mr. Ray Nesbit "Buddy" Love, Sr., will be held 3 o'clock, Wednesday, October 9th, at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church with Dr. Jack Heinsohn and Chaplain Michael Driggers officiating. A private interment will be held in the church memorial gardens. The family will receive friends following the memorial service in the church atrium. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

Mr. Love passed away peacefully Saturday, October 5th, at his home following an extended illness. Born in Concord, NC, he was the son of the late Mumford C. Love, Sr. and Claudia Nesbit Love. He proudly served in the US Air Force-Strategic Air Command. Mr. Love received a degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University and was employed by Pratt Whitney Aircraft in West Palm Beach, FL. On his way back to the Carolinas his career took him to Jackson, MS, with the Small Business Administration and then to Columbia, where he retired in 1992 after 26 years. Following retirement from the SBA, he was employed by the SC Legislative Council. Mr. Love was a Deacon and long-time member of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church. His leisure pursuits included golf, trips to the North Carolina mountains, and being "Pops" to his granddaughters.

Leaving to cherish his memory is his wife of 64 years, Janice Varner Love; sons, Ray Nesbit "Skip" Love, Jr. and Barry Nelson Love (Karen) all of Columbia; granddaughters, Emily Love and fiancé, Josh Collins, of Belton, SC, and Allyssa Love of Travelers Rest, SC; sisters-in-law, Patsy Love of Harrisburg, NC, and Judy Cook of Winston-Salem, NC; brother-in-law, Stephen Canipe of Boone, NC; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, MC Love, Jr.; sister-in-law, Margie Varner Canipe; and brother-in-law, Kenneth K. Cook, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to one of the following charities: Spring Valley Presbyterian Church (Music Department), 125 Sparkleberry Lane, Columbia, SC 29229, Hospice Care of South Carolina, 110 Dillon Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29307, or Tidewater Hospice, 2858 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of South Carolina, Tidewater Hospice, and special angels, Melva King, Gwendolyn Anderson, Jasmine Owens, and JaMeer Owens for the love, care, and support they have given Mr. Love and his family.



# Comments

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“ Dear Janice and family,

I am so sorry to hear about Ray. John Mixon notified me, but I just opened his email today.. I have so many fond memories of the Gov'nor (as I always called him), carpooling to P&W, playing, golf at NPB, and my visits to your homes in Jackson and Columbia. He was a great guy, and one of my all-time favorite people. I'll miss him..

With deepest sympathy,  
Marv Wren

**Marvin Wren** - October 10 at 03:04 PM

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“ What a great friend. So fortunate to have such fond memories of playing golf, fun outings with the wives, and getting his advise on how to grow centipede grass.

Everybody loved Buddy. Chuck Beaty

**Chuck Beaty** - October 09 at 09:11 AM

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“ I have such wonderful memories of growing up with the Love family. Buddy is my cousin and Skip and Barry are my age. We all gathered together at Buddy's mothers house, Claudia at Christmas every year growing up with a huge gathering of the Nesbitt family. There was never a dull moment. We were so happy when the Love's moved to Columbia and my mother and father, Shirley and Dennis, spent many good years enjoying life with Janice and Buddy. Buddy and my dad played golf ALOT. They were very supportive of my family when my Mother became sick. They are the best family to have. I will miss Buddy but so glad he is healed and with a God. I know my mom is with him right now.

Diana Daye Abromaitis

**Diana Abromaitis** - October 07 at 10:05 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Ray. Ray and Janice were great friends and good neighbors. We have so many fond memories of getting together for dinner or just hanging out talking and laughing. Our love and prayers go out to the family. He will truly be missed

**Andy and Missy Atkins** - October 06 at 09:25 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear of Ray’s passing. I remember so well the fun times Ben and I had with you all at the “Apple Festivals”, your visits with us in the mountains at Connestee, and our many visits with you both each time we came back to Columbia. There are so many wonderful times that we enjoyed with you both and the “boys too”.  
My thoughts and Prayers are with each of you. With much love, frances cothran

**frances cothran** - October 06 at 05:58 PM



“ He was such a kind, gentle, happy man and was always so very much in love with his beautiful wife, Janice. A wonderful father and dearest friend whom my children affectionately called “Uncle Buddy.” My favorite story involves something that he loved so much—golf. He and Janice were invited to Birmingham where he played in a member-guest tournament with my husband. They both had about the same handicap...12 or so, but Ray played out of his mind and they won all the money!!! Many of the members even accused my husband of bringing in a “ringer.” Ray was happier about playing so well than about winning the money! He will live on in my very affectionate memories of him. Pat

**Pat Tharin** - October 06 at 05:12 PM



“ Dixon Tharin  
I have fond memories of the many rounds of golf we played.  
His favorite song was “Proud Mary”. Please accept my sincere condolences.

**Dixon Tharin** - October 06 at 05:48 PM



“ We never met, but he had to b a wonderful man to have such a wonderful wife and family!  
Prayers for you all thru these tough times !

**Deborah Collins** - October 06 at 08:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Janice and her boys. We have such fond memories of Mr. Ray! Janice, you'll continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. The Vern Amick family

**Lisa** - October 06 at 10:11 PM



“ Jasmine & Ja'Meer Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray "Buddy" Nesbit Love, Sr.





“ Gwen Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray "Buddy" Nesbit Love, Sr.



Gwen anderson - October 06 at 02:36 PM

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“ Ray was a great friend and neighbor. He loved his family and friends and especially his wonderful wife he affectionately called 'Babe'.

Roz Catoe - October 06 at 02:07 PM