



## Ray Mitchell Busby

December 26, 1938 - February 20, 2026

Ray Mitchell Busby  
Liberty, South Carolina

Mr. Ray Mitchell Busby, age 87, loving husband of the late Martha Sue Busby, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, February 20, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his devoted family.

Born on December 26, 1938, in Elberton, Georgia, Ray was the beloved son of the late Joe Cohen Busby and the late Vernon M. Fortson Busby. A man of steadfast faith and strength, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy for 21 years. Throughout his life, he was known for his strong work ethic, integrity, and deep devotion to his family. Ray labored faithfully to provide for those he loved and will be remembered for his determined spirit, gentle heart, and unwavering commitment to his home, his community, and his country.

Ray enlisted in the United States Navy in 1956, shortly after his eighteenth birthday. His service began at Point Mugu Naval Air Station in California. During his distinguished 21-year career, he served aboard several naval vessels, including the USS Sirius, USS Allegheny, and USS Mauna Loa, traveling throughout the world, including the Philippines and the Mediterranean.

Some of his most cherished memories were made during his time stationed at Pearl Harbor, Moffett Field in California, the Navy Supply Depot in Bayonne, New Jersey, and as a Naval recruiter in Anderson, and his final duty assignment at Fort Allen in Puerto Rico, where he established the animal shelter on base—a testament to his compassionate heart. After faithfully serving his country for 21 years, Ray retired from the Navy in 1976 and made his home in Easley, South Carolina. Though retired from active duty, his pride in serving his country remained evident throughout his life.

Following his honorable military retirement, Ray worked in construction and as an electrician, contributing to the building of the dam at the Bad Creek Project. He later joined General Electric in Greenville, where he faithfully worked for 20 years before retiring in 2003.

In the 22 years that followed, Ray filled his days enjoying the simple blessings of life—riding his Gator, tending his garden, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with family and friends. He especially treasured the companionship of his dogs, and most dearly, his beloved Sophie.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory his granddaughter, Jaycee Busby of the home; his children and stepchildren, Janine Owens of Raytown, Missouri, Reynette Rhodes of Greenville, Craig Busby of Easley, Dawn Tollison of Pickens, April Kelley of Greenwood, Judith Holcombe of Liberty, and Chance Landers of Liberty.

He was the proud grandfather of eleven beautiful grandchildren: Trey, Lexie, Gavin, Ethan, Lily, Josh, Jacob, Chase, Jade, Breanna, and Evelyn.

He is also survived by his sister, Phyllis Powell of Jacksonville, Florida.

In addition to his beloved wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his older brother, Morris Busby; his two younger sisters, Angerlene Bingham and Jean Ritchey; and a precious granddaughter, Mary Ellison Rhodes.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to those who have offered prayers, love, and support during this time.

Flowers will be accepted.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Busby family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel  
105 Florence St  
Pickens, SC 29671  
(864) 878-4441  
mountainviewfunerals@gmail.com  
<https://www.mountainviewfunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Greenville Memorial Gardens  
7784 Augusta Road  
Piedmont, SC 29673

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I remember Ray at our uncle Andrew's funeral. When the flag was presented, he suddenly snapped to attention as if he were in uniform. He seemed a little embarrassed afterward, saying he just did it without thinking. I will always remember him, and how wonderful he was to honor Uncle Andrew that way.

Jan Dale - February 24 at 05:29 PM

BM

Deepest Condolences to the family!

Bobby Madison - February 24 at 09:30 PM

JB

“ Jan B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Mitchell Busby.

Jan B. - February 24 at 05:24 PM

JB

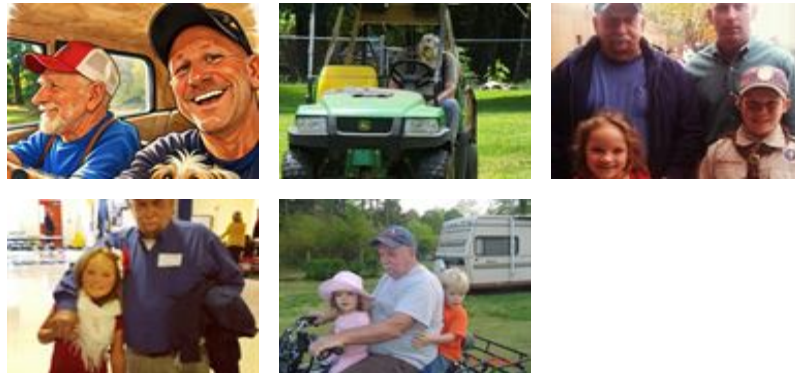
“ Jan B. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ray Mitchell Busby.



Jan B. - February 24 at 05:24 PM

My

“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - February 24 at 04:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ray Mitchell Busby.

February 24 at 09:33 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ray Mitchell Busby.



February 24 at 09:33 AM



“ The Owens clan purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ray Mitchell Busby.



The Owens clan - February 23 at 09:44 AM

MA

“ *Michael Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Mitchell Busby*



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**Michael Anthony** - February 22 at 08:55 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss*

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**Lisa Harrell** - February 23 at 12:38 PM

JD

*Sorry for your loss Ray was a good man I pray for peace during this time*

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**Joey Duncan** - February 23 at 06:05 PM