



RALPH DUDLEY VINES

May 23, 2025

Ralph Dudley Vines, age 87, born April 19, 1938 passed away on May 23, 2025.

He was born to Irene Williams Vines and Luster Vines. He was predeceased by his parents and by his brother Gary Dale Vines and his survived by his wife Doris Herron Vines, his brother Travis Vines, his daughter Lisa Vines Finch, his son, Wesley Wade Vines (Linda), grandchildren, Claire Kelly Mathews (Kyle), Evan Kelly (Brittany), Christian Vines (Brooke), Kelsey Cromer, seven great grandchildren, beloved cousins, extended family, and friends.

Dudley grew up in Rock Creek. He attended Concord elementary school and Hueytown High School. He worked for Birmingham Southern Railroad, Pittsburgh Paint and Glass and was the owner for many years of Brook's Hardware in Bessemer.

As a child, Dudley attended Rock Creek Church of God. He was active in the youth group and loved going to church camp at Double Oak Mountain. He made a profession of faith at an early age.

Dudley was a craftsman and a builder. As an adult, he helped with the new church building project, providing stain and paint and his services in applying them. He was the church treasurer for several years.

He loved spending his time on the Warrior River and enjoyed many years there with his wife Doris. He loved nature and also enjoyed time spent on his porch, especially in his latter years, watching the wildlife, particularly enjoying the variety of birds that came to his feeders.

Dudley was always described as being a very kind man with a quick wit and great sense of humor, a large heart and had a quiet but personal relationship with Jesus.

We will celebrate his home going on Wednesday, May 28. Visitation is at People's Chapel 1:00 with the service following at 2:00.