



## David Ray Bledsoe

August 5, 1928 - October 22, 2016

David Ray Bledsoe, 88, of Jonesville, VA passed away on Saturday, October 22, at his home.

A native of Lee County, VA, he was born August 5, 1928 to the late Clyde Bledsoe Sr. and Lara Sprinkle Bledsoe. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Leytze, one brother and two sisters.

Ray began working early in life as a projectionist in the Jonesville Theatre, where he met the love of his life, Louise. He then went to work at Jonesville Drug, which he eventually purchased and operated for a number of years. In the early 60's, he purchased Lee Ford Tractor which he ran until selling the business in the late 70's. He then operated the Sunny Acres Bowling Alley before becoming a butcher at West Town Market. He also ran a newspaper delivery route for the Kingsport Times News before he finally retired. Ray was also a 64 year mason and was a past Master of the Preston Lodge #47 in Jonesville.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Louise Bledsoe; two sons, Ray Bledsoe and wife Brenda, and Mike Bledsoe and wife Tammy; one son-in-law, David Leytze; seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins and a slew of other beloved family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. Masonic Rites will be presented at 3:00 p.m. by the Preston Lodge #47. The funeral service will immediately follow with Rev. Betty Marshall officiating. The graveside service will follow in the Woodard Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ray Bledsoe III, Michael Bledsoe Jr., Justin Bledsoe, Adam Caston, Colin Heaney, Brian Yount and Paul Bells.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)  
146 Maple Drive  
P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
(276) 346-1196

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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P.O. Box 238  
Jonesville, VA 24263  
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# Tribute Wall

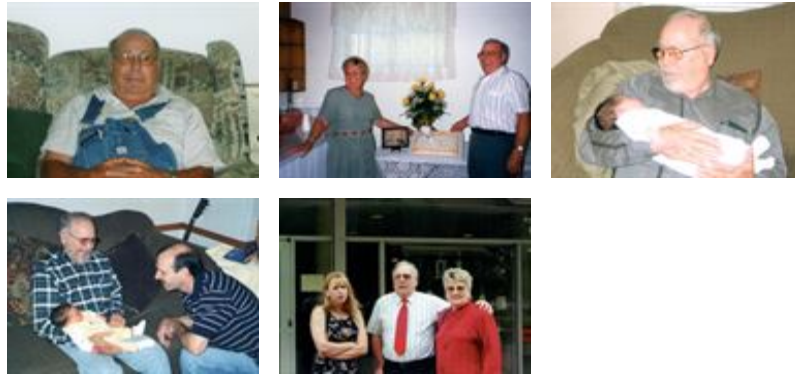


“ *David Ray Bledsoe*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Robinette Funeral Homes** - October 26, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Ray Bledsoe.*



October 26, 2016 at 04:16 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David Ray Bledsoe.*



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October 25, 2016 at 02:58 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss!! He was such a wonderful person and loved by all who knew him. He always made me laugh!! He will be greatly missed!! We will see him again one day!!*



*Mike and Debbie McConnell*

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**Debbie** - October 25, 2016 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ray Bledsoe.*



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October 25, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Dawn Jessup (Friend of Danielle Heaney) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David Ray Bledsoe.*



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**Dawn Jessup (Friend of Danielle Heaney)** - October 24, 2016 at 05:34 PM

DM

“ We love you all and are sorry for your loss but happy for his victory! Diane and Dale Morris



Dale and Diane Morris - October 24, 2016 at 08:10 AM

Colin Heaney

“ He shared and taught me more in a few years than others have in an entire lifetime. A man of God and family and light-heartedness that blessed me/us in countless ways. Quick witted with something to make you smile or think deeply about, he was a big, brave, mischievously fun heart that will be missed.



We love you, miss you, and will lead a life that would make you proud. See you again on that glorious day, Granddaddy. Until then...



Colin Heaney - October 23, 2016 at 09:13 PM

BH

“ Beulah Haynes lit a candle in memory of David Ray Bledsoe



Beulah Haynes - October 23, 2016 at 08:08 PM

EJ

“ *A great friend and brother for as long as I can remember. Sad that he is gone.*

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**Ed Johnston** - October 23, 2016 at 07:12 PM

JG

“ *Jean Gregory lit a candle in memory of David Ray Bledsoe*



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**Jean Gregory** - October 23, 2016 at 06:48 PM

CO

“ *Carolyn & Clifford Osborne lit a candle in memory of David Ray Bledsoe*



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**Carolyn & Clifford Osborne** - October 23, 2016 at 06:24 PM

AD

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss. He was a very special man and we all loved him. Praying for you all.*



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**Amy Davis** - October 23, 2016 at 06:09 PM

Tracy  
Justin  
Bledsoe

“ Will love and miss you everyday until we meet again...it was an honor to call you Grandad



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**Tracy Justin Bledsoe** - October 23, 2016 at 04:34 PM

DC

*Mike and Ray- I am praying for you and your family during your grief.  
God bless - Dinah (Martin) Cantor*

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**Dinah Cantor** - October 24, 2016 at 08:02 PM