



## Malcum Rawls Puckett Sr.

November 16, 1921 - May 22, 2022

Malcum Rawls Puckett, Sr, 100 years and 6 months, resident of Cincinnati, OH but formerly of Lincoln County, Tennessee died peacefully at home in his sleep on Sunday May 22, 2022.

He is the cherished husband for 71 years to the late Auline Smith Puckett (11-8-2012). He is the father of Susan (Greg) Visconti of Cincinnati and the late Malcum (Carolyn living) Puckett Jr of Nashville, TN. Beloved grandfather of Lisa Puckett Ateshkari of Ashland City, TN, Angela (Bryon) Harger of Sacramento, CA, Ashley Visconti of Cincinnati, OH, Andrea (Tim) O'Brien of Colorado Springs, CO and the late Michael Puckett. Survived by his sister, Helen Hargrove of Rockwall, TX. He is also survived by 10 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren and special nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mattie Puckett and 8 siblings.

He was a 50+ year member of E.T. Carson Lodge (32nd degree Mason) in Cincinnati and member of the Scottish Rites. He served 3 ½ years in the Army Air Corp during WWII. He and Auline attended 17 Military Reunions and he was appointed chairman of the Seeking and Search Committee to find other WWII members. After retiring from the post office in 1984, he found many years of joy helping family and friends any way he could. Family and friends meant the world to him. He once said "if not for our family, we live for our friends". After Auline passed he was given an iPad and iPhone. When he couldn't reach someone by phone, he'd stay in touch with them by sending and receiving emails and text messages.

He was introduced to Find a Grave website and spent many hours connecting family members to each other and even made friends with some other contributors. When asked why he worked so hard to communicate with people he said "there's only one thing better than having a good friend...to be one". Even at 100 years old, everyone who knew him was amazed with his memory for names, dates, numbers and events.

There will be a visitation at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home in Ardmore, Alabama, on Sunday, May 29, 2022, from 1:00PM – 2:30PM. A Chapel Service will follow beginning at 2:30PM. Burial immediately following the service at Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore AL. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, PO Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263-3597.

# Cemetery Details

## Gatlin Cemetery

Stateline Road  
Ardmore, AL 35739

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home  
27186 E. Main St.  
Ardmore, AL 35739  
<https://www.ardmorechapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 29.** 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sue, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. My deepest condolences

*Ralph Striet*

Ralph Striet - June 01 at 05:31 PM

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“ Uncle Malcum was our family historian, World War II Veteran, reliable birthday card sender, fixer of things broken, people finder, and talker. He had a memory for detail that included date, time, place, and other conditions surrounding the events he recalled. He painted word pictures, during his conversations, that were often more interesting than the story he was telling. Uncle Malcum was an Airplane Armorer during WWII. He inspected and maintained weapons and armament, then loaded bombs and ammunition on combat aircraft. Armorers were responsible for ensuring combat flight crews had the ammunition and firepower to defeat the enemy. He finished his military service in Memphis, TN where he built and installed hospital beds, on cargo planes, to transport battlefield wounded home for care.

Relying on getting a card, from Cincinnati at birthday time, was a tradition in our family. It came from Uncle Malcum. He was a faithful sender.

If something was broken, he could fix it. He had an engineering mind without the degree. He understood how things worked.

People finding was one of his best skills. He was locating WWII Veterans for reunions decades before the Internet existed. We always said he missed his calling by working for the Post Office, instead of the FBI. He could have located everyone on their Most Wanted List.

No one could talk more than Uncle Malcum. I had to hang up on him, during our last 2 hour conversation, because he wouldn't stop talking long enough to hear me say I had to go. He called me right back and said, "You hung up on me." I'm so glad we ended our call with our usual, " I love you," as I'll never hear him say it again.

Rest in peace, Uncle Malcum. May your spirit soar.

Kaye Hicks - May 29 at 12:49 AM

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“ Mr Puckett contacted me several years ago because he knew my Father's family from Tennessee. I had many interesting conversations with him about the Bolin, Baird, Cross and Steadman families.

I am glad he lived a good long life and pray for his family and friends.

Rest In Peace Mr. Puckett❤️

Pam Bolin Marsiliusen - May 24 at 07:21 PM

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“ I will miss my good friend, Malcum. He loved so many people, and he was always so kind and caring. I know he is with loved ones in heaven, and I know he will be busy getting reacquainted with old friends. He and Arline were special to me.

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**Loretta Merrell Ekis** - May 24 at 04:08 PM