



## Charles Ray Helums

April 24, 1939 - December 14, 2013

Charles Ray Helums, 74, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at Lincoln Medical Center in Fayetteville, Tennessee. Born Monday, April 24, 1939 in Ardmore, Alabama, he was the son of the late Howard Helums and the late Nettie Edwards Helums. He was also preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers. He was a life-long member of the American Angus Association, enjoyed showing classic cars, and spending time with his grandchildren. Surviving are wife, Gale Helums, Taft, TN; sons, Jeff (Susan) Helums, Taft, TN, Jason (Lisa) Helums, Taft, TN, Justin (Toni) Helums, Taft, TN, six Grandchildren; Meghan Helums, Morgan Helums, Lindsey Helums, Jentry Helums, Kyle Helums, Kaitlyn Helums. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Ray from school. Praying that each of you will find peace and comfort in this difficult time.

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**Loretta Merrell Ekis** - December 18, 2013 at 05:12 PM

JB

“ Jason and Family,  
So very sorry about the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the days ahead. I know how very hard it is to lose a parent.

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**Jeanie Hickman Bates** - December 17, 2013 at 03:22 PM

DR

“ Jason & Family  
I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Helums passing. I always really enjoyed talking with him at work. May God be with you during this sad time in your life and I will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless each of you. Dot

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**Dot Holder Rogers** - December 17, 2013 at 08:57 AM

PC

“ Jeff, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Phillip & Paula Calahan** - December 16, 2013 at 07:29 PM

JF

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through Heavens Gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the past. You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?" So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

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Janice Tomelrin- Finley - December 16, 2013 at 01:47 PM

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“ *Jeff & Susan,*

*Very sorry to hear of your loss. May you feel the grace and love of God during this sad time.*

*Tony Neal*

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**Tony Neal** - December 16, 2013 at 09:02 AM