



Ray Bailey Munroe Sr.

January 20, 1935 - January 27, 2021

Ray Bailey Munroe, Sr., 86, died peacefully surrounded by family in Tallahassee, FL on January 27, 2021. Ray was born on January 20, 1935 in Quincy, Florida. He was the third of seven children. Ray had a happy childhood and learned to work hard at a young age. He played football at Quincy High School where he graduated in 1953. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and graduated from Florida State University in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in business management. Ray also spent a many years serving in the National Guard.

Fueled by entrepreneurial spirit, love, and desire to build a better future for his family; Ray, along with his wife, Peggy, purchased Mays Electric appliances. They renamed the company Mays-Munroe and reopened under the new name in January 1974. Ray and Peggy are probably best known for their humorous marital spats in their iconic "in the dog house" commercials.

Not only was Ray a successful businessman, he was also very involved in the community. He was a longtime member and past president of the Lions Club where Ray helped raise money for the blind. He was also a past president of the Westside Business Association as well as a long-standing member of the Northeast Business Association. Ray, along with his family, raised an impressive sum of money over the years for the Ray Munroe, Jr. PHD endowment benefitting the Heart & Vascular department at Tallahassee

Memorial HealthCare.

Ray was an avid bird lover. He had a passion for raising prize-winning homing pigeons from an early age. Ray also raised chickens and hung gourds to attract purple martins whom he loved to hear sing. He even had a recording of purple martins singing that he would play outside to attract them. Ray also enjoyed watching cardinals at the bird feeder outside his window.

A Seminole fan through thick or thin, Ray was a Golden Chief and also a season ticket holder since 1976 (Bobby Bowden's second year as head coach). He thoroughly enjoyed drinking an ice cold Coca-Cola while watching football. In the mid-1990s, Ray even stood in for Bobby Bowden in the studio while the crew adjusted cameras and lighting for a commercial.

Ray will forever be remembered for his quick wit, entertaining stories, laughter, huge heart and love of life. He spread joy, light, and laughter everywhere he went. Ray had a deep love and commitment to his family. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy through his wife, children, grandchildren, and the many lives he touched. He was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. Ray gave graciously and generously to others. He was a father figure to many and always a kind and loyal friend. Ray was a rare soul that will truly be missed.

Ray Bailey Munroe, Sr is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Arnow Munroe "Peggy"; his children Mark (Teresa), Michael "Mike" (Ellen), and Meghan (Robert Lisson); daughter-in-law, Lisa; sister, Ruth Bradley; sister, Marion Temple "Tee" (Wilson Hinson); brother, James Donald "Don"; his grandchildren, Caitlin Munroe, Benjamin Munroe, Melanie Munroe, Sean Munroe, Laura Munroe, Mark Munroe Jr, Hope Lisson, Amelia Lisson, and Hailey Lisson; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray was predeceased by son, Ray Jr; sister, Mary Radcliffe; brother, Mark; sister, Ellen; his parents Mark Welch Munroe, Jr. and Ruth Bailey Munroe.

Services will be held graveside at Roselawn Cemetery, 843 Piedmont Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32312 on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 10:30AM. For the health and safety of all guests, social distancing and masks are required. Out of respect and consideration for any friends or family who are not able to attend due to COVID-19 concerns, we will be recording the funeral which will be uploaded to www.bevisfh.com. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to contribute to your favorite charity.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Munroe family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 3 to 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ray gave me my first job at the downtown location ("Where the round Holiday Inn is next to us") while I was in high school delivering appliances (sometimes with Ray Jr.) I remember him as hard working and seemed to love every aspect of his business. Always with a smile he made me feel part of the team. A true asset for the business community and the concept of "shop local".

He donated a refrigerator to the Lincoln Volleyball team when one of my daughters played there. I didn't visit the new location very often but when I did Ray was almost always there.

Our family loved the "Dog House" commercials over the years and they will be missed,

Ray was one of kind and will be missed but never forgotten. Ray was loved by many and his influences will endure.

Stephen Hodge

Stephen W. Hodge - February 04, 2021 at 04:31 PM

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Bevis Funeral Home - February 03, 2021 at 05:42 PM



Wonderful service for a wonderful man, and outstanding member of the community. Uncle Ray will be missed immensely.

Lynn Walker - February 03, 2021 at 09:10 PM



I miss you papa I wish you were here still...

amelia - April 30, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Uncle Ray came to visit our 1860s home in CT and was the keen observer of the flock of pigeons living in the rafters. He was sure he could capture them and train them like his own beloved messenger pigeons This was in the 60's. They have gone from this home in recent years. Maybe Ray made a good bargain with them. Dear smiling Uncle Ray!

mary Nicoll Deno - February 03, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ He was the best papa. I would sleep on his stomach at the age of one and I remember his funny jokes. -Amelia

amelia - February 02, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray Bailey Munroe Sr..



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“ *Betty & Johnny Hutto lit a candle in memory of Ray Bailey Munroe Sr.*



Betty & Johnny Hutto - February 01, 2021 at 10:20 AM