



RT Rayburn

March 7, 1937 - July 15, 2017

R.T. Rayburn

age 80

of Lacota

Passed away Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the River Ridge Retirement Village in South Haven. R.T. was born March 7, 1937 in Hackleburg, AL, the son of Joseph and Ethel (Smith) Rayburn and has lived in the Lacota area for the majority of his life. He loved all things outdoors, fishing, hunting, camping, and hunting morel mushrooms. He made walking sticks, and enjoyed collecting things. He loved the New York Yankees and the Alabama Crimson Tide Football. He mostly enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church, Bangor. He worked 48 years at the South Haven Rubber Company/Trelleborg of South Haven where he retired in 1999. After retirement he enjoyed spending winters in Florida for 15 years. Surviving are his wife, Audrey whom he married Dec. 27, 1958; 2 children, Beverly (Greg) West of Holland, Christine Hill of South Haven; 4 grandchildren, Sara (Jay) Ver Hoeven, Amber (Nate) Bemis, Lyndsey (Cal) Bennett, Tyler Smith; 3 great grandchildren, Meah, Violet, Nollynn; sister, Frances Cagle of Bangor; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Mark Hill; brothers, Lonnie, George, Edward, J.E., L.V.; and brother-in-law, Earl Cagle. There will be visitation from 10-11AM Friday, July 21, 2017 at the Sacred Heart Church, Bangor where Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM with Fr. German Perez, Celebrant. Following his wishes cremation will

follow the services. Burial of cremains will be at a later time in Chambers Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimers Association. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
201 S. Walnut
Bangor, MI

Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
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Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Chris Hill lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Chris Hill - August 25, 2017 at 10:40 PM

JD

“ Jimmie & Kathy Dickerson lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Jimmie & Kathy Dickerson - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Amber Bemis lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Amber Bemis - July 20, 2017 at 09:19 PM

HB

“ Sending love and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Helen Biernacki and Family



Helen Biernacki - July 20, 2017 at 07:09 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Donna Rayburn - July 20, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - July 19, 2017 at 03:47 PM

DM

“ *Dear Audrey, Chris and all the family.
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and strength.*

Deb Myers - July 19, 2017 at 12:33 PM

DR

“ Donna Rayburn lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Donna Rayburn - July 18, 2017 at 10:57 PM

DR

I hope you know how much I loved you Uncle RT. I have so many great memories I will carry with me for the rest of my life. You are with your brothers now and sweet mother.

Donna Rayburn - July 18, 2017 at 11:00 PM

DC

“ Drucella Rayburn Cagle lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Drucella Rayburn Cagle - July 18, 2017 at 08:52 PM

DC

“ To my little baby brother. I loved you very much. I am the last of the family. I'll join you someday. You are loved by me and lots of others.

Drucella Rayburn Cagle - July 18, 2017 at 08:49 PM

DQ

“ *Daris Jean Cagle Quinnan sent a virtual gift in memory of RT Rayburn*



Daris Jean Cagle Quinnan - July 18, 2017 at 08:43 PM

DQ

“ *I am so filled with emotion that even this is hard but here goes. Uncle RT was my second Dad. I would spend weeks with Uncle RT and Aunt Audrey as a child and teenager. They took me on every vacation with them. Uncle RT always made me feel loved and cherished. This was so important to me. As an adult we shared so much. Your birthdays, outings, staying overnight with each other and lots of long talks. So many times you have said " now that we solved all the problems of the world- let's go to bed." I think of you so often and all the things and times we shared. May you have the very best of times in heaven. Dear Aunt Audrey,Bev,Chris and family, My love to you and may your memories of this wonderful man give you comfort.*

Daris Jean Cagle Quinnan - July 18, 2017 at 08:41 PM

GH

“ *Gwen Hills lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn*



Gwen Hills - July 18, 2017 at 04:53 PM

SJ

So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man. He had such a sense of humor and always had that twinkle in his eyes. He helped me so much at the Allegan shows too. Rest in peace Papa. You will always be remembered. Love, Sandy

Sandy Johnston - July 19, 2017 at 04:46 AM

PH

My heart goes out to all of you at the loss of your dear husband and father. Even though I am unable to make it to the funeral, I wanted you to know that I will be praying that our Lord will help you through yet another loss. May He comfort you and strengthen you through this difficult time. With love and deepest sympathy, Pat Henry

Pat Henry - July 19, 2017 at 05:33 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of RT Rayburn.*



July 18, 2017 at 03:35 PM

PT

“ *There are just so memories of Uncle RT that I could share that I wouldn't know where to start, he was always so kind and cheerful and I always think of him every time I see my Tin Man he gave me. I will cherish it forever!*

Patti Tate - July 18, 2017 at 03:25 PM

TP

“ *The Patti's purchased the Pretty Please for the family of RT Rayburn.*



The Patti's - July 18, 2017 at 02:11 PM

RA

“ *Roxanne Anderson lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn*



Roxanne Anderson - July 18, 2017 at 08:48 AM

RA

“ *Heart is breaking over the loss of this special man I call Uncle. So thankful for the wonderful memories I have of the times we spent together. Glad that I have a little piece of him in the beautiful bookcase he made for Grandma years ago. Even though my heart is heavy I know that he is having a wonderful reunion with his parents, my Daddy and Uncles, his nephew and niece and all those that went before him. So thankful his mind and body are whole again so that he may watch over Audrey, his girls and grandkids. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of them. I wish that Dave, Mike and I could be there to say goodbye and hold those that are hurting. Love you all.*

Roxanne Anderson - July 18, 2017 at 08:48 AM

PP

“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle R.T passing. We will cherish the memories we have of him. He was a great man and will be missed, But our hearts are comforted by the thought that he is restored to the man he once was and is now in heaven with Grandma and his brothers. What a joyful reunion that must of been. Our prayers are with all of you. I'm so sorry I won't be able to come to the service. But I love all of you and wish I could be there.



Pamela Patti - July 18, 2017 at 08:36 AM

PP

“ Pat Provost lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Pat Provost - July 18, 2017 at 06:03 AM

RC

“ So sorry Jim and I can't get back in time for the service. I will never forget what a great uncle RT was to us kids. As we got older be became a friend as well as an uncle. Way to many good memories to list here.

Robert Cagle - July 17, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of you. I wish I could come up there. I miss everyone of you

Ross Tate - July 17, 2017 at 09:32 PM

KP

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kim Hallmark Pearce - July 17, 2017 at 09:29 PM

KI

“ I am so very sorry! Prayers! Kim

Kim - July 17, 2017 at 09:19 PM

WF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Walle Family - July 17, 2017 at 08:51 PM

BK

“ I have such wonderful memories of time spent with Uncle RT and Aunt Audrey. My only comfort with his passing is that he and the family are no longer suffering. I hope he is having wonderful time in heaven reuniting with all our loved ones who are already there. Prayers and condolences to Aunt Audrey, Bev, Chris, and their families.



Barbara and Scott Kelley - July 17, 2017 at 08:24 PM

SV

“ Sara VerHoeven lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Sara VerHoeven - July 17, 2017 at 06:34 PM

SW

“ Shirley Wagoner lit a candle in memory of RT Rayburn



Shirley Wagoner - July 17, 2017 at 06:16 PM

SJ

“ Audrey, we were so sorry to hear about RT. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Don & Sandi Johnson

Sandi Johnson - July 17, 2017 at 06:14 PM

RM

“ Audrey, so sorry for your loss, love , Rose and Ken Morrison

rose morrison - July 17, 2017 at 04:00 PM

HC

What a special friend we have lost. We had many good times and memories with R. T. & Audrey; going on a long trip out east in their motor home, playing cards every week, here and our winters in Florida. R. T. And Harold were more like brothers, they grew up together in the same town. Prayers for Audrey (who we will keep close to every week), Beverly, Chris, and all his loved ones. He is home now with his loved ones that went before him.

Harold & Bonnie Cagle - July 18, 2017 at 05:51 PM