



Raymond Chambers

December 4, 1939 - November 16, 2020

Raymond Chambers age 80 passed away on November 16, 2020. He was born December 4, 1939, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the late Clarence Chambers Sr and Colonel Lee Mays Chambers. He was a resident of Conway County for forty-four years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Morrilton.

Raymond has worked as a Social Studies teacher and Coach at Peake High School in Arkadelphia; a Venture Analyst with West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, in Hot Springs; a Desegregation Consultant with ATAAC Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia; Elected Superintendent of East Side School District in Menifee, AR. He was very instrumental in the smooth transition of the court ordered consolidation of the three school districts; Menifee, Plumerville and Morrilton, which was named South Conway County School District (SCCSD), of which he became Assistant Superintendent. In 1998 Raymond was elected Superintendent of SCCSD where he remained in that position until he retired in 2003.

After retiring he served on a Bias and Sensitivity Committee for the Pennsylvania School System. Raymond has done a lot of volunteer work in his community, because he believed in giving back. His volunteer work was cited in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette News Paper on 09/20/2015 under the title Retired Superintendent has done "world of good". The Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce voted Raymond as 2015 Morrilton Citizen of The Year. The Conway County NAACP presented him with their 2015 Presidential Award. Earlier in that same year he received the Prestigious Human Rights Award from the Conway County Church Women United and the Martin Luther King Jr Committee. He was a member of the Community Service Youth Foundation Board of Directors; At FUMC Morrilton he was a member of the Upper Room Sunday School Class, served as an usher and several other committees; A Morrilton Rotary Club Member and the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award; South Conway County School District Foundation Board; Conway County Care Center Board of Directors; CHI St Vincent Morrilton Hospital Advisory Board; President of Conway County Retired Teachers Association and numerous other Committees in Morrilton and Hot Springs.

A graduate of the historic Langston High School in Hot Springs; A bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Texas Southern University; A Master of Science Degree in Social

Studies from Henderson State University; A Master Of Educational Specialist Degree in Administration from University of Arkansas Fayetteville and a Master Degree in Administration from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville.

Other than his parents Raymond was preceded in death by his son, Eric "Ricky" Chambers; brother Clarence (Vhaness) Chambers Jr. Raymond leaves to cherish his memories, his loving devoted and supporting wife Willye of 57 years; son Ivan (Nadine) Chambers Sr. of Aurora, Illinois; Four grandchildren; Ivan Chambers, Jr of Los Angeles, California; Kara (Anthony) Granville of Tucson, Arizona; Erika (Jarrod) Black of Conway, AR; Airelle Chambers of Garland, TX. One Goddaughter; Cristye James Walker of Little Rock, AR and one niece; Anita Renee (Augusta) Farver; of Sherwood, AR; and four Great-grandchildren. He leaves very dear friends Vernon and Consevella James of Little Rock.

Memorials services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021 at First United Methodist Church of Morrilton with Pastor Katie Pearce officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to First United Methodist Church Morrilton 201 S. Chestnut St. Morrilton AR 72110 or Conway County Care Center, P.O. Box 494, Morrilton AR 72110.

Events

JUN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM
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First United Methodist Church
201 S. Chestnut St., Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

Comments



“ My prayers and condolences are extended to Mr. Chambers' family and friends. He was my 7th and 8th grade history teacher. I'll never forget that big hearty laugh and the forever smiles, a gentle giant.



Author Linda Black - June 10, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ Jean Hervey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Chambers



Jean Hervey - June 04, 2021 at 12:28 AM



“ Prayers for Family and Friends, may God be with you in your time of Sorrow.

Frances (Camper) Mahan - May 13, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ I’ve never met a better man than Mr. Raymond Chambers. He was a leader and a giver to his community. I began teaching 6th grade science at Menifee. I had the privilege and honor to work with Mr. Chambers on numerous programs to better our schools. He supported those he worked with as he did the many students who went through SCCSD. He will be missed tremendously. I’m praying for his beautiful wife and the rest of his family.
Sammi Bruich

Sammi Bruich - November 24, 2020 at 02:22 AM



“ Memories are precious gems that encourage us through times of great loss. The Wonderful memories of my cousin Raymond will forever be dear to my heart. Raymond achieved much in his lifetime through his compassion for and commitment to others. He was a man of stature, humility and he has left an indelible impression on those who know him. His race is over and by the Grace of God, he has finished the course.

To Willye, Ivan and all the family, may God make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

Love, Cousin Nina

Nina Truitt - November 22, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family Mr. Chambers will be greatly missed
Henry & Beth Turner

Julia Turner - November 22, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ It was a honor to meet Mr Chambers and assist with getting him home to his family. I’m so very sorry for your loss! Please know you are all in my thoughts & prayers!!

Cathy Fletcher, RN with AR Hospice - November 21, 2020 at 03:23 AM



“ Uncle Raymond, I pray that you rest in eternal peace and that God watches over your family. You lived an admirable life, and because of you and your life's work, the world is a better place. You will be missed.

-Byrhonda G. Lyons

Byrhonda G Lyons - November 20, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ I am so deeply sorry for your lost.i knew mr.chambers a long time.he always had a hello for me at harps..he will be truly missed.he was a very nice man..I will remember him always..Rhonda Reedy Tanner

Rhonda Tanner - November 19, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Mr. Chambers taught me Social Studies at Arkadelphia High School in the early 1970's. I remember a kind man who gave a mediocre student the benefit of the doubt and he impacted my life for the better. My condolences to the family...he will be missed. Fred Burnside

Fred Burnside - November 19, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ I have nothing but fond memories of working with Mr. Chambers when he was Assistant Superintendent and then Superintendent of the SCCSD. He was always dignified, professional and humble. I always felt as if I had his full support. My heart goes out to Mrs. Chambers and his family.
Clark Lewis

T. Clark Lewis, 2 - November 18, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ To Mrs. Chambers and the Chambers family I want to express my sincere sympathy. I have been so fortunate to be friends with Raymond. What a great man and what a great life he led almost entirely of service to others! We worked together on Chamber of Commerce issues and especially our service on the SCCS Foundation. He certainly loved this community and served it with a passion!! Raymond always carried himself as a gentleman. He also a good neighbor and friend to the Koch family! Your family will be in my prayers. Gary Koch

GARY KOCH - November 18, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Chambers family. He was phenomenal as asst. superintendent and community leader.He will always be remembered.

Stephanie Penn - November 18, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ We met Ray and Willey through our daughter, Nadine when she married their son,Ivan. Even though we only saw them on occasionally when visits were made to Morrilton or Chicago, we found Ray to be a very strong and upright person. He and Willey were always together and doing things together. He will be sadly missed. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. Deepest condolences to Willey, Ivan, Ivan,Jr and Nadine.

Clifton Hall & Family.

Sonia Hall - November 18, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time

Billie Hogan - November 18, 2020 at 07:42 AM



“ I've known Mr. Chambers and Mrs.Chambers for many years,to me he was a man who expected nothing but the best for anyone who crossed his path.I always bumped into them at Walmart or Kroger,he will definitely be missed and my prayers goes out to the family.I love you Mrs. Chambers and Ivan

Helen Clark Evans - November 18, 2020 at 01:08 AM



“ Sorry to hear about mr Chambers death he was a good social studied teacher and basketball coach i still remember the tooth pick he used to sport all the time thanks mr Chamber

Edward Knox - November 19, 2020 at 01:29 AM



“ A true gentleman, sophisticated and wise. Full of warmth and care and invaluable advice. A life full of eperiences, a man whom I respect. How lucky I am to have had a Father-in-Law so perfect. May your soul rest in peace and rise in glory. You will forever be in our hearts . Love you....your daughter Nadine

Nadine Chambers - November 17, 2020 at 11:06 PM