



Ira Ray Donaldson

July 18, 1940 - April 17, 2026

Ira "Ray" Donaldson, 85, of Mooresville, will be remembered fondly by family and friends following his passing on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury.

Born on July 18, 1940, in Iredell County, he was the cherished son of the late Ervin Quitman Donaldson Sr. and Cora "Rebecca" Gillespie Donaldson.

Ray proudly served in the Vietnam War, dedicating his time to his country as a member of the US Army and later the US Navy Seabees. After serving his country, he returned to civilian life and built a successful career as an HVAC technician, working diligently with Donaldson Heating and Air. His knack for fixing things was matched only by his love for good company, often sharing meals and laughter with friends at local favorites like What-A-Burger.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Ervin Quitman Donaldson Jr. and Charles William Donaldson, as well as his sisters, Joyce Winders and Faye Ketchie. He is survived by his loving sisters, Lura Dorton and LaVon "Vonnie" Collins, cherished nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, who will hold his memory close to their hearts.

A Service of Remembrance with military honors will be held at 6:00 PM on Friday, May 1 with receiving of friends following until 8:00 PM at Cavin-Cook

Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorials to be made to Welcome Home Veterans at Richard's Coffee Shop, located at 165 N Main St, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville is honored to serve the family of Mr. Donaldson. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Other

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Receiving Friends

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oh my!!!! I just found out!! Ray was on my favorite Sherrill Town neighbors and Shop n Save guys!! To the family! I am so sorry Ray was such a good guy!

Angie Wingate Walker - May 04 at 07:38 PM

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“ very sorry to hear of rays passing away.i have known him from back in the late 1950s. he was always a great guy,frendily and good to talk with.good hard working guy.he will surely be missed by many. rip brother sailor,dave cook

dave cook - April 22 at 09:10 AM