



## Delbert Rye

December 29, 1931 - July 17, 2014

Delbert Rye, age 82, of Nanjemoy, MD, died at home on July 17, 2014. He was born in Nanjemoy, MD on December 29, 1931. Delbert was the son of the late Frank Adrian Rye and Nora Izetta Kendrick Rye. He was predeceased by his daughter, Debra Sue Greene Howe and 13 older brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Sue Palmer Rye; his sons, Bruce Wayne Rye, Kerry Frank Rye and his wife Amy Elizabeth and Kent William Rye and his wife Diana Thompson; 10 grandchildren, Wendy Owen, Amy Rye, Ben Greene, Steve Rye, Beth Greene, Lauren Rye, Tyler Rye, Katelyn Rye, Jake Rye, and Molly Rye; and three great-grandchildren, Justin Owen, Joey Owen, and Brayden Catlett.

Delbert was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, co-owned a floor sanding business with his brother Jesse, worked as a grounds keeper for the Charles County Government, and was a maintenance technician for the Charles County Library. He was a devout Christian and deacon who taught Sunday School. He served on and led many committees, including the Cross Building Team that built 246 crosses for the Crosses Across America Ministry. Delbert loved the Lord and led many to Christ through his love, service, and example to others. In his younger years, Delbert loved to play church league softball, yet his favorite pastime was planting, tending, and harvesting his large vegetable garden at his home in Nanjemoy. He enjoyed his self-service

vegetable stand and loved to give away his surplus crops. Delbert was a caring family-oriented gentleman who loved to socialize with his friends and family. He had a great sense of humor and a fun-loving positive personality throughout his entire life. Delbert's friendship will be sorely missed by all.

Family and friends were received on Sunday, July 20, 2014 from 2-4PM and 6-8PM with a Prayer Service at 7PM at the Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646 with a Funeral Service on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 11AM. Interment was at the Nanjemoy Baptist Church Cemetery.

For those desiring, contributions in memory of Delbert may be directed to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)), Donor Services, PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or Chicamuxen United Methodist Church, PO Box 2338, La Plata, MD 20646.

# Cemetery Details

## Nanjemoy Baptist Church Cemetery

3030 Baptist Church Road  
Nanjemoy, MD

# Previous Events

## Friends Received

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Friends Received

JUL 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Prayers

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JUL 20. 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
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<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

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JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
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<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Rye*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Delbert Rye*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Kathy Grassia lit a candle in memory of  
Delbert Rye*



**Kathy Grassia** - August 11, 2014 at 08:13 AM

“ My heart goes out to Sue and to the rest of the family, even though my recollections of Delbert go back in time. I first met him when my parents bought his parent's farm in Maryland Point - back in the olden days. He drove the school bus that I rode to the school in Nanjemoy changing to the bus that would take me onto La Plata High School. His neice Annabelle Scott Wright and I were best friends. Back then, Delbert always seems to have a contagious smile and loved to tell jokes. He had a special way of combing his hair, like so many others during that time. Later, he invited me to attend their summer Fourth of July family get-together, and I regret not having gone. He and Sue visited and did so many caring things for Jane Wilkerson, his sister's child in Annapolis. After a visit from them, Jane would tell me how thoughtful they were to her. We said hello to each other through Jane. When Jane told me that Delbert was ill, my thought was to try and see he and Sue when I was in Maryland the next time. But, the Lord had other plans and wanted him sooner. Delbert and Sue had lost their dear daughter and son-in-law only a few months before I lost my oldest son. We shared heartaches. Their children and grandchildren are left with a high standard to follow, beginning with knowing the Lord like Delbert did.

*"Man's days are determined: you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed." Job 14:5*

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where am." John 14:1-3*

*Surely, Delbert is in His Father's House. My sympathy to all.*

*Phyllis Mandley Davis Engebretson*

*July 23, 2014*

**Phyllis Engebretson** - July 23, 2014 at 05:18 AM

KK

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Sue, Bruce and the whole Rye family. I am so glad that I got to meet you and Delbert through Marilyn. When I met you and Delbert I left thinking what wonderful people you were. My heart is heavy knowing all the emotions you must be going through and what a loss you are feeling. I so enjoyed you and Delbert telling stories of times past and I could have listened to them all day. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. He leaves an amazing legacy behind through all of you to carry on.*

*My deepest sympathy,  
Kay Wright Knott*

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**Kay Wright Knott** - July 20, 2014 at 06:57 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn Scott Marks lit a candle in memory of  
Delbert Rye*



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**Marilyn Scott Marks** - July 20, 2014 at 05:39 PM

MM

“ Sending condolences and love to you Sue, Bruce, Kent and Kerry and all the Rye Family during this hard part of life that we all dread but have to go through. Delbert was a wonderful, kind, loving, Christian man. He played a big role in my childhood and meant so much to me. I have such good memories of spending time with you guys there at your house and at church. Fun times after church when our youth group got together at your place and Sue always having baked or fixed something special for us. Your friendship and memories have continued through my adult life and made it important to me to visit whenever I returned to my home town. Glad we had those times and those memories. I will miss him so! May God Bless each and every one of you during this time and thereafter. May He give you a strength and peace you've never known. Know you all are in my heart and in my prayers. I know Delbert is in his heavenly home for eternity with Our Father and other loves ones and where we will some day join him. God Bless!

Love,  
Marilyn Scott Marks

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**Marilyn Scott Marks** - July 20, 2014 at 05:36 PM

BP

“ Our condolences to Aunt Sue, Bruce, Kent and Kerry. We will miss Uncle Delbert's laughter! All of my memories of Delbert and the family bring a smile, from the sweltering 4th of July celebrations to hundreds of other moments or gatherings together. I'm guessing that God was looking for someone to fill out the softball team!

Love, Brian and Kathy

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**Brian Pickerall** - July 20, 2014 at 08:40 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Grassia lit a candle in memory of Delbert Rye*



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**Kathy Grassia** - July 20, 2014 at 07:39 AM

KG

“ *Uncle Delbert has always been a big presence in my life. We spent many Sunday dinners there growing up and I spent lots of childhood hours playing with Debbie and Bruce in those tobacco barns and spending the night and eating Aunt Sue's great cooking! One special memory to share is when I lost my parents and Uncle Delbert knew we were cleaning out their home. He was always checking in on us to make sure we were doing ok. When things were winding down, we had one last sale to do out in the barn. Uncle Delbert and I stood and talked about all kinds of things for a long while and I so enjoyed it as like always he just made me feel special just by taking the time to talk. My last conversation on the phone with him was about this and he remembered the time and said "yes, and I bought a bunch of nuts and bolts, too!" Always loving to all his nieces and nephews and in these last years he really felt a sense of responsibility to look after us all. Uncle Delbert you will be missed by me and so many. I love you and will see you again one day. Your loving niece,*

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**Kathy Grassia** - July 20, 2014 at 07:32 AM

SW

“ My prayers and deepest sympathies go out to Aunt Sue, Bruce, Kent and Kerry and their families. I am very saddened by the loss of Uncle Delbert. May he rest in peace. We know he is with our Lord. God bless all of you and I love you all very much. Love, Sharon Rye Walters and family.

sharon rye walters - July 20, 2014 at 07:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert Rye.



July 20, 2014 at 07:00 AM

TK

“ Uncle Delbert was an enormous positive influence in my life. He was a second Dad to me. I will never forget the time he took me to a father/daughter dance when I was in 2nd grade because my father was serving in Vietnam. He taught me to feed chickens, gather eggs, drive a tractor, work in the garden and so many more things to numerous to mention. He unconditionally loved me and prayed for me. The angels were singing when he entered heaven and I am sure that God said "Well done, good and faithful servant". He always asked me "How's my girl?" and it made me smile. "Your girl" will always love you and I will miss you so very much.

*My love and prayers to Aunt Sue, Bruce, Kent and Kerry and the entire family. The Kipple Klan will continue to lift you up in prayer as you walk this hard road of grief and healing.*

*Love and many prayers, Tonya Kippl*

Tonya Kipple - July 19, 2014 at 09:22 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Delbert Rye.*



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July 19, 2014 at 09:14 PM



“ *I'm so sorry Aunt Sue!! I loved him a lot and will miss him.*



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**Nicki Duhon** - July 19, 2014 at 07:09 PM

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“ *In Memory of Uncle Delbert*

*While at Mass today , during the sermon of the Parable of the Weeds I couldn't help but think of my sweet Uncle Delbert...He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man..the field is the world , which to me Uncle Delbert approached with a good heart. the good seed , the sons of the kingdom, the weeds the sons of the wicked one. He was a man that always tried to lead anyone to the kingdom and away from the wicked. But the harvest is the end of the world, and the reapers are the angels. And at harvest time , I imagine that God said to the reapers Delbert has very few weeds, gather the wheat he brings with much joy and bring to my kingdom. Welcome kind and faithful servant...Not goodbye Uncle Delbert only until we meet again.... Love you Ellen Sue*

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**Ellen Richard** - July 19, 2014 at 06:30 PM

MR

“ *My condolences go out to the family.*



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**Mary Rye** - July 19, 2014 at 05:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delbert Rye.*



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July 19, 2014 at 01:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert Rye.*



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July 19, 2014 at 11:39 AM

ER

“ A poem by Helen Steiner Rice to share with Aunt Sue and family



*When I Must Leave You*

*When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you !*

*Aunt Sue you and Uncle Delbert have always been such an inspiration to me in family and religion I love you both dearly....*

*Ellen Sue*

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**Ellen richard** - July 19, 2014 at 11:36 AM

JB

“ Jack, Gladys, John & Marian Fawsett and Bob & Gayle Barr purchased the With Distinction for the family of Delbert Rye.



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**Jack, Gladys, John & Marian Fawsett and Bob & Gayle Barr** -  
July 19, 2014 at 10:30 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Delbert Rye.*



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July 19, 2014 at 08:30 AM



“ *I got in touch with Delbert about 8 years ago when someone suggested I contact him for answers to some genealogy questions I had. Not only did he have the answers, but since Delbert and my great-grandmother were cousins, he shared a bunch of information with me. He also invited me and my three little ones to his house multiple times to pick blackberries, and always threw in some vegetables from his garden to take with us, while Sue was sharing with us some of her homemade pie. It was a real treat to bump into him while out and about in town and he always was so happy to stop and talk. I will miss him dearly, and I hope that the fond memories his family and friends have of him will help comfort them in this time of grief. He was a wonderful man and he will be greatly missed.*

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**Vicki Kelly** - July 19, 2014 at 06:32 AM



“ *I want to offer my condolences to all the Rye family. I remember Delbert well from the summer I spent with the Whisnants in Nanjemoy. Mitch and I helped Delbert harvest his tobacco once and that was my only experience along those lines. I also enjoyed playing softball with him during that summer. Delbert was a fine man and someone I enjoyed knowing. May God bless Sue and all the family during this time. May you find peace and healing knowing Delbert was a strong man of God.*

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**Howard (Howie) Roberts** - July 18, 2014 at 09:45 PM

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“ *My first memories of Uncle Delbert were when I was a little girl (about waist high to him at that point) growing up in Accokeek and he and my dad, Jesse, were partners in the floor sanding business... When I would hear their truck pull up in the drive I would run out to the truck and greet Uncle Delbert first and walk him to his truck to drive home to Nanjemoy and then run and go into dinner with my Daddy. That is my first and fondest memory while there are so many more I have of him and his entire family each Sunday, holiday, and every day in between welcoming me and my family into his heart and home with such love, generosity and humor. We'll miss you Uncle Delbert but your family in heaven is embracing you with such love. I know you are now at peace and in God's care and know that those you left behind are missing you more than you could ever imagine.*

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**Valerie Rye Riscoe** - July 18, 2014 at 06:55 PM