



## Ray Needham

September 24, 1942 - April 25, 2018

Ray Needham, 75, of Ozark, Arkansas, died Tuesday, April 25, 2018 at his home. He was born in Scranton, Arkansas on September 24, 1942 to Buford Guy and Gurtha Delilah Whitecotton Needham. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Vivian Taylor; a brother, O.J. Bud Needham; and a grandson, Kaleb Needham.

He was retired from Hanover Compression, and a certified grease monkey, Jack of all trades, avid car buff, (if it didn't run, or was broke, he could fix it, ) loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Member of the Johnson county car and truck club where he loved to show or talk about his beloved 55 Chevy, which he has had for 43 years and lovingly restored.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Lancaster Needham of Ozark; three sons. Doug Needham and wife Kim of Woodward, Oklahoma, Danny Needham of Scranton, and Robbie Needham and wife Alicia of Clarksville, Arkansas; one daughter, Jelaine Davis of Little Rock, Arkansas; a step daughter, Rita Wigington and stepson, Paul and wife Christine Fisher of Mulberry, Arkansas; and ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Friday, April 27th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 am Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home with Brother Herb Tilley officiating and burial at Rankin Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Pridgen, Dwight Peters, Doug Olson,

Greg Cobb, Dennis Rood, and John Hunter. Honorary pallbearer will be members of Johnson Co. Car and Truck Club.

To leave online condolences visit our website: [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Rankin Cemetery

White Valley Road  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray Needham*



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**Shaffer Funeral Home** - April 26, 2018 at 10:50 PM



“ *Ray Needham*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Sharon and family I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Davis** - May 03, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Needham.*



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April 27, 2018 at 11:03 AM



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“ *My Uncle Raymond Needham was a true Pioneer and of the 1st generation of America's love for fast cars and the sport of Drag Racing! He's helped pass that monster on to a lot of us! Thank you Ray Love You so Much.*



*He's now resting with God, Jesus, His Father Burford, Mother Gurtha big Sis Vivian "Bib", and brother Bud.*

*He will be sorely missed..*

*May we all rest assured knowing he's no longer in pain..*

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**Kelly and Sheri Taylor** - April 27, 2018 at 07:32 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of loss.*

*Bill Snow*

*Springdale, Ar*

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**Bill Snow** - April 26, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ *I'm so sorry Sharon for the loss of Ray. He was a wonderful and loving man. He will be missed by so many. Cathy Jordan*



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**Cathy Jordan** - April 26, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ *To the family, we are so very sorry for your loss, we are praying for you all. Miss Sharon, I am so very sorry, love you lady. (Susan) Susan and Teddy Moore Greenwood, AR*

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**Susan Moore** - April 26, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ *Pam Patton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Ray Needham.*



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**Pam Patton** - April 26, 2018 at 05:16 PM