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**F**uneral Service for Mr. Ernest Gaines Colley, 82, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the Chapel of Radney Funeral Home. will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 10, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Radney Funeral Home.

Mr. Ernest Gaines Colley, a cherished husband, father, and friend, passed away surrounded by love and warmth at his home in Alexander City, AL. Ernest's life was a testament to the enduring strength of kindness, the joy of a passion pursued, and the profound impact one can have on their community. Ernest was the beloved husband to Norma Colley, who stood by his side in every chapter of life's journey. Together, they shared a love that was evident to all who knew them. His tender and loving nature was a comfort and pillar for his family. Though he now joins his predeceased family members - his father Barney Lee Colley, mother Rose Ella Colley, daughter Tammy Jean Colley, and siblings Charles, Byron, Robert, John, Lois Browning, Sue Lovelady, and Faye Lowe in eternal rest, his legacy of love and kindness continues to live on through his wife, extended family, and the many lives he touched. An avid fisherman, Ernest was often fondly referred to as the "Mayor of Timber Gut" by his friends, a title he wore with a humble smile and a twinkle in his eye. His passion for the water extended beyond fishing; he enjoyed working on boat motors, always eager to lend a hand to anyone in need. His expertise and willingness to help solidified his reputation as a man who could fix anything that was handed to him. Ernest's love for the outdoors was matched by his skill in training dogs, which was more than a hobby-it was a way for him to connect with the natural world and the animals he so deeply appreciated. His trained dogs were not just pets but companions and a reflection of his patient and guiding spirit. Those who knew Ernest would describe him as handy, loving, and kind. He had a gift for fixing things, not just in the



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mechanical sense, but in life. He could turn a bad day around with a kind word, a warm hug, or a knowing nod. His presence was a source of stability and comfort to his family and friends, and his acts of kindness were countless. Ernest's life was one of quiet but profound influence. Through his everyday actions, he taught those around him the value of hard work, the importance of patience, and the virtue of generosity. He was a man who spoke more through his deeds than words, and his deeds were always those of love. As we say goodbye to Mr. Ernest Gaines Colley, we celebrate a life well-lived and a man well-loved. His memory will be treasured in the hearts of those who knew him, and his lessons will be carried forward by those who were fortunate enough to have been touched by his gentle soul. His was a life that truly made a difference, and his spirit will be deeply missed. Ernest's life will be honored in a private ceremony, where family and friends will gather to share memories and celebrate the remarkable man he was. His story does not end with his passing, for in the lives he has shaped and the community he has enriched, his legacy will continue to flourish. Rest in peace, Ernest Gaines Colley, and know that your memory will be carried forward on the gentle waves of Timber Gut and in the hearts of all who loved you.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.radneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.radneyfuneralhome.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Raymond & Trina Butler** posted:

So sorry to learn of your loved ones passing. A few of our memories of him were actually at Timbergut at the boat ramp with his little furbabies. And I know if him and Raymond got together they were talking boat and lawn mower motor stuff. Praying for all his family & loved ones.

December 8 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ernest by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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