



## Ralph Gandy

July 11, 1933 - May 21, 2021

James Ralph Gandy, age 87, passed away on Monday, May 21, 2021 at his residence in Tharptown.

Ralph worked thirty plus years in maintenance at U.S. Reduction. He was a member of Tharptown Baptist Church for over 50 years, and for years had been over the Tharptown Cemetery, which seems fitting that he passed away on the decoration weekend for the cemetery. He was a diehard Democrat and big fan of Alabama sports. He loved meeting up with his buddies at Kelly's Kitchen for breakfast and solving the world's problems. When you met Ralph, you knew you had made a good friend. He was a beloved husband, father, and PopPaw and he had a deep love for all of his family. Sam and Tiny became his daily companions and he cherished them. He fought a good fight and his fight is over. The world was a better place with him in it and now heaven is even more beautiful.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ernestine Lewey Gandy; son, Greg Gandy; infant daughter; parents, John & Belle (Crews) Gandy; brothers, Paul Gandy, Roy Gandy, Hubert Gandy; and sister, Methel Moreland.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his daughters, Brenda Gandy Hunt (Kreg), Teresa Gandy Mitchell (Harvey Drewery); grandchildren, April Gandy, Amanda Logan, Russell Logan, Ashley Gandy Thompson, Caleb Mitchell, Jared Mitchell (TeLeah); great-grandchildren, Simeon Broome, Levi Bryant, Malachi Minor, Uriah Thompson, Layla Mitchell, Travis Mitchell; sister, Marie Powell;

daughters of the heart, Sam Winborn, Amy Davis; and a host of nieces & nephews.

The pallbearers will be Terry Don Powell, Gary Powell, Ricky Powell, Stevie Gandy, John Mitchell, and Randy Waldrep. Honorary pallbearers will be the Breakfast Club friends from Kelly's Kitchen.

The visitation will be 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The service will follow at 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021 in the chapel of Spry with Bro. Eddie Wix and Bro. Steven Scott officiating. He will be buried at Tharptown Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to Greta Boutwell, the staff of Hospice of North Alabama, for your love and care of our dad and PopPaw. Also a special thanks to Barbara Mansell and her family for being a wonderful neighbors and friends for over 50 years".  
Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We feel very fortunate to have spent time with him prior to his passing. He had multiple good days while we were in town and we know he wanted to do more. We will cherish that time along with all the phone calls before and a few after. He had a way of making a person feel important and loved that you just can't put into words. He was true to his faith and the desire for his family to live the best life possible. He was generous and stubborn in all the old fashion ways which made you love him even more. He said he was ready to go and yet he didn't want to leave his family. I know he is looking down hoping he did all he could to pass on his wisdom and faith to all those he met and loved. We are all better people for knowing him. We love you all and are always here for you! Prayers to you today, tomorrow and always.



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**Aaron & Nicole Rose** - May 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We'll keep your family in our thoughts and prayers

*Roland, Lynne and family*

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**Roland Gandy** - May 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you as this time brings an earthly sadness, while knowing there is rejoicing in Heaven because another one of His has come home.

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**Sherron Powell** - May 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM