



## Ray Halbert,

November 30, 1936 - October 1, 2009

Mr. Ray Halbert Sr., age 72, of Palestine, died Thursday, October 1, 2009, at the Baptist East Hospital in Memphis.

Mr. Halbert was born November 30, 1936, in Palestine, and was the son of the late Claude Mallory Halbert and Sarah ChrisChana Lee Halbert.

Mr. Halbert was a graduate of Forrest City High School and continued his education at the Arkansas State University for four years.

On June 4, 1957, in Wheatley, he was united in marriage to Nancy Stephens. They were blessed with two children, Le'Ann H. Ross and Ray Halbert, Jr.

He served in The Arkansas National Guard for 13 years with Battery B, 445 Howitzer, in Forrest City.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Palestine. Mr. Halbert was a farmer since the age of 12. He served his community by serving as a board member of St. Francis County Farmers for 33 years and as President for nine years. He served on the Palestine Board of Education for 10 years and as Preside for nine years.

He was appointed Justice of The Peace of Prairie Township by Governor

Winthrop Rockefeller in 1969. He was re-elected Three Terms before The Townships were redistricted. He served on the St. Francis County Farm Bureau for 10 years. He was a member of the King-Beasley American Legion Post. He was named as an Honored Professional in farming in The National Register's Who's Who in The 2000-2001 Edition.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy S. Halbert of Palestine, one daughter, Nancy Le'Ann Ross and husband, Allen, of Caldwell, a son, Ray Halbert, Jr. and wife, Amanda, of Palestine, three grandchildren, Nancy Na'Cole Ross of Columbus, Indiana, Mallory Lee Ross of Caldwell, and Ray Halbert III, of Forrest City, one sister-in-law, Pat Stewmon and husband, Carl, of Cotton Plant, a nephew, Claude Halbert and wife, Cindy, and son, Chad, of Forrest City. A niece, Deana Miley and husband Gary, and children, Meagan, Gunter, and Justine, of Batesville, and a nephew, Jay Stewmom and children, Kassancee, of Brinkley, and Jayson of Jonesboro. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Lee Halbert of Little Rock, a great-grandson, Nicholai Caden Ross, and a dear friend and co-worker, Leroy Gardner.

Services for Mr. Halbert will be held, 3:00 P.M., Sunday at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Palestine. Visitation will be Saturday evening 6:00 till 8:00 P.M., at Stevens Funeral Home with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on line registry.

# Tribute Wall



“ *May the God of all comfort comfort you in this loss especially with the hope of reunion in the resurrection to which we look with assurance! May He sustain you with His sufficient Grace daily.*

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April 12, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ *We are so sad to hear about Mr. Ray's death. Our prayers are with you.*

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April 12, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ *We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Halbert family. Our heart and prayers go out to you all. Always remember the precious memories. Try to dwell on the good times for this is where we can find strength for each new day. God is our refuge and strength. The Lord will never put more on us than we are able to bare.*

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October 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are saddened by the loss of Mr. Halbert. He will be greatly missed in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this great time of loss.*

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October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Le'Ann and Allen, we are sorry to hear about Mr. Ray's death, please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Peggy, Sue, Speedy and Kay*

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October 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Ray's death. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Dan & Kathy Billingsley*

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October 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family  
May each of you find comfort in the many memories that live on in your hearts and find peace and comfort in cherished moments.  
With deepest sympathy  
Gary*

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October 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM