



Ralph B Helms

January 15, 2009

Ralph B. Helms, 71, husband of Jeannie Crowder Helms, of 19 Mizzen Lane, Salem SC, died Thursday, January 15, 2009 at Oconee Medical Center.

A native of Scottsboro, AL, Mr. Helms was the son of the late G. Preston and Eva Mercer Helms. He was a retired Vice President of Finance with Lithonia Lighting of Conyers, GA. Mr. Helms was a member of Seneca Baptist Church and Walhalla Kiwanis Club.

In addition to his wife of the home, Mr. Helms is survived by son, John R. Helms of Indianapolis, IN; daughters, Patricia Huebner of Huntsville, AL, Amy Ratterree of Zanesville, OH and Michelle Tinch of Muncie, IN; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 18, 2009 at Seneca Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:00 PM, Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Seneca Baptist Church, 1080 South Oak Street, Seneca, SC 29678 or FODAC, 4900 Lewis Road, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083.

The family is at the residence.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph B Helms*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Jeannie, I'm praying for your comfort and strength. Ralph's life touched us all. We have so many wonderful memories. He was a precious man whose friendship was certainly a gift. Love, Jan and Ron*##imported-begin##*Jan Freeman*##imported-end##

February 07, 2009 at 12:05 AM



“ *Jeannie - I was greatly saddened to hear about Ralph. He was an amazing person with a wonderful spirit. He helped me to grow not only professionally but personally at a very difficult stage in my life. I enjoyed my time working for him and getting to know you as well. You both will always be special to me. I often think back to the scrapbook we made him for his retirement and how much fun it was to see how he touched so many lives. He will be greatly missed.*##imported-begin##*Alicia Fyffe*##imported-end##

January 21, 2009 at 08:12 AM



“ *Jeannie,*

I'm saddened to hear of Ralph's passing. I enjoyed working with him for many years, and always found him to be knowledgable, helpful, and professional. Focus on your faith and many good times together during this difficult period.##imported-begin##*Lavon Dunaway*##imported-end##

January 19, 2009 at 10:58 AM



“ Jeannie,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time.

Ralph and Glen Vanderwater played major roles in molding me into the person I am today. I am grateful for his advice and guidance.

Ralph could be a tough task master; but, he had a heart of gold and would never ask any of his folks to tackle a task that he himself would not do.

With fond memories and deepest sympathy,

Regina Daniel##imported-begin##Regina Daniel##imported-end##

January 19, 2009 at 08:14 AM



“ *I was not able to attend Ralph's funeral, but want you to know that he will be missed. Ralph was not only a great mentor to me personally, but also a friend.*

He not only opened up to me his professional wisdom, but also his family.

All of you hold special memories for me, and I can only hope that you find comfort in knowing that the person you loved so much, was also deeply cared for by many others. He is in peace.##imported-begin##Tim McKinney##imported-end##

January 19, 2009 at 07:37 AM



“ Rusty, Terry, Robby, Lauren & Katy, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Embrace our hugs & memories of your father & grandfather, as if we were there with you now. As Ralph entered heaven on Thursday, know that now God will give him a new life that with no pain and his quality of life has now been restored. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Dewey, Pat, Jerry, Becky, Lori, Tracy, Luke, Grandma & Grandpa White###imported-begin##Becky Servies###imported-end##

January 18, 2009 at 06:28 AM



“ Jeannie, Patty, Michelle, Amy & Families, Please know that all of our family are with you at this time in prayer & thoughts. And know that Ralph is now in a place where all of his health issues that have not only burdened him recently, but for some years now, are behind him. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you all, Dewey, Pat, Jerry, Becky, Lori, Tracy & Luke###imported-begin##Becky Servies###imported-end##

January 18, 2009 at 06:14 AM



“ We have had the opportunity to share Ralph for over thirty years. Jeannie, our friendship and love have and will continue to be with you both forever. We loved him as a brother and know what a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, and friend his was, and will continue to be to all those who had the opportunity to loved him. He was ours to share for a while, now God will forever be at his side.
Our Love and deepest sympathy to the family.
Marilyn and Harv###imported-begin##Marilyn and Harvey Welch###imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 04:48 PM



“ Patti-

I am so sorry about your father. My prayers are with you and your family.

God Bless-

Martha##imported-begin##Martha (Hinkle) Harrington##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 02:13 PM



“ Jeannie - Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Ralph was a great mentor to me and more importantly a friend. I'm so glad that I got to meet both of you for dinner in December and will be left with very positive and lasting memories of my 20 years of knowing Ralph.

Take care and we will be in touch down the road.##imported-begin##Mike & Betina Beverly##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 11:18 AM



“ Jeannie, my heart is sad at the news of your loss; please know I am thinking of you all. He helped make many of us who we are today. My prayers and thoughts will be with you.

*With most sincere condolences,
Mary##imported-begin##Mary Pilotte##imported-end##*

January 17, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ Jeannie,

I am saddened to learn of your very significant loss. Please know that I am holding you close in prayer. May the Lord give you strength and courage in the days ahead.

Fondly,

Jan Ranard-O'Neill##imported-begin##Jan Ranard-O'Neill##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 07:41 AM



“ Jeannie, I was sad to hear that Ralph had passed away. My prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. Ralph was a dear friend of Glen and myself.

Van Vanderwater##imported-begin##Van Vanderwater##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ Jeanne and Family,

Words can't express how sorry I am. Just know that in m heart I am holding you tightly as well as the rest of your family.

All our love,

Nancy and Randy##imported-begin##Nancy Perigo##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 08:54 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to work for Ralph at Holophane for a few years before he retired. He was a great mentor to me and a good friend. His guidance still influences me today. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Brian Buehrer##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 08:37 PM



“ I am so sorry. My prayers go out to you, Jeannie, and all of Ralph's family.##imported-begin##Donna Neeley##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 07:36 PM



“ To the family of Ralph Helms,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Ralph. I have fond memories of working with Ralph during his Conyers assignment with Lithonia Lighting. He always impressed me with his professionalism and dedication to work and his family. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Bill & Marile Astary##imported-begin##Bill Astary##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 05:13 PM



“ Jeannie,

We are so sad to hear Ralph passed away. He was such a good friend and a very important part of my career at Acuity. I truly appreciated his advice and interest in my development. He will be missed. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Daren & Beverly Cox##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Jeannie,

Your and your family are in our thoughts and our prayers. Ralph was a friend and a mentor to many of us at Crawfordsville. That gruff old bear had a heart of gold. He will be both missed and remembered. In your time of sorrow, please know that your grief and your loss is shared by your many friends.

Keith Keller##imported-begin##Keith Keller##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 03:55 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family and close friends.##imported-begin##San Dodgen##imported-end##*

January 16, 2009 at 03:44 PM



“ *Mrs Helms,*

I am so sorry for your loss, I feel like Mr Helms was part of Lab Family and we all will miss him. I came on several occasions to see him and told him I was there. I will really miss him and I know you will, He talked of you often and I saw the Love he had in his eyes when he mentioned you. I will pray for your family during this time of sorrow##imported-begin##Gail Blackwell##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 03:21 PM



“ Jeannie,

We are so sorry. We will miss Ralph so much. We are thinking of you and will be praying for you and your family.

Love,

Donna and Lynn##imported-begin##Donna and Lynn##imported-end##

January 16, 2009 at 01:47 PM