

ALLEN RAY YOUNG

1928-2015

DECATUR: Allen Ray Young, 86, a retired educator, died Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in Decatur.

Allen Ray was born on August 28, 1928 to James and Minnie (Trussell) Young in Sycamore, Texas. Allen Ray grew up in the Sycamore community on the family farm. He graduated from Slidell High School in 1944, Decatur Baptist College in 1946, and North Texas State University in 1949. He later earned his Master's Degree from NTSU. He began teaching at Decatur Junior High in 1949, but this career was interrupted by his military service. Young was a Corporal in the US Army in 1951-52, serving in Germany during the Korean War. In 1954, he married Nelda Ramey and returned to teaching and coaching again at Decatur Junior High. He retired as principal of Decatur Elementary after 38 years with the district. He also served on the Slidell school board. Allen Ray was an active member of the Sycamore Baptist Church. During his years there, he served as a deacon and taught a men's Bible class.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Lawrence, T.H. and John Bob Young; his sister, Aquilla Maples.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Nelda Young of Decatur; three nephews: Fred R. Maples and wife, Trumanell, of Decatur; Tommy Young and wife, Christy, of Garland and John Young and wife, Jennifer, of Fort Worth; four nieces: Barbara Simpson and husband, Ken, of Arlington; Nora Faye Cain and husband, Johnny, of Decatur; Barbeth Van Baush and husband, Dave, of Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte Smith of Atlanta, Georgia, and a host of friends.

Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Sycamore Baptist Church with burial at Sycamore Cemetery.

Rev. Casey Lewis officiated. Pallbearers were James Maples, Trey Young, Kent Cain, Chris Cain, Trent Young and Gary Caraway.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Decatur Education Foundation.

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