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Port St Lucie, FL- Arthur "Ray" Shepherd, 53, took his last breath on this earth, Monday, August 3, 2015.

We rejoice in knowing at that moment he took his first breath in the arms of Jesus Christ. After a valiant battle with cancer, Ray ceased at St. Lucie Hospice House, Port St Lucie Florida. His early education began in the Bibb County School system, continued for 1 year at Gordon Junior College and 2 years at USC Aiken, where he was awarded scholar athlete of the year twice and to this day holds baseball

achievements including most home runs at consecutive at bats. Ray came back home and graduated from

Mercer University Macon with a teaching degree. He became a certified educator in both Georgia and Florida. His lifetime was dedicated to helping children, not only in the classroom, but sharing his talent and knowledge of baseball.

He especially loved encouraging his Brothers children, Cam, Ashton and Jacob and followed their accomplishments daily. Ray was a faithful middle school educator until early retirement in 2014.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Gayle, his beloved pets, Bob-Kitty, Blackie, Rusty and Tiger, both parents, Arthur "Ray" Shepherd Sr. and Fay Shepherd Baker, step-mother Elaine Shepherd and step-father John A Baker, four Brothers, Tony Shepherd, Mike Shepherd and wife Judea, Jerry Shepherd and wife Erin, Chris Shepherd and wife Betsy, step-sons Shawn and Brent Kitrell, Sister-in law Lynn Thompson, niece Staci Thompson, Uncle Ernie Shepherd, Uncle Charles Shepherd and wife Renee, Aunt Carolyn Hall and husband John and Aunt June Shepherd. three step-brothers, Dr. Justin Baker and wife Mollie, Scott Baker and wife Brittany, Todd Baker and wife Amy, 2 step-sisters Lindsey Childres and husband Zan, Melanie Baker, 2 aunts Angie Hester and Tracy Hammond, 3 uncles, Jerry Martin and wife Sherril, Jimmy Hammond and wife Debra, Steve Hammond and wife Kim, 14 nephews. 3 nieces, 2 great nephews, and 1 great niece. He leaves lovingly numerous cousins, whom he grew up with and loved very much. He was proceeded in death by uncle, Ronnie Hammond, Uncle Scottie Shepherd, Aunt Carolyn Shepherd and Uncle BoBo Shepherd.

Condolences may be expressed online at the Macon Telegraph and News Obituary website.

In loving memory the family requests donations be made to St Lucies Hospice House, Port St. Lucie Florida, The [American Cancer Society](#) or Mollies House Stuart Florida (Housing for the families of terminal patients).

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