

Arthur "Ray" Shepherd Jr.



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, both parents, Arthur "Ray" Shepehrd 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, 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 was preceeded in death by 1 uncle, Ronnie Hammond.

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).