Wayne L. Ray, 74, died at home Tuesday, April 14, 2015, after a long illness surrounded by his family.

A lifelong resident of Long and Liberty counties, he was retired from CSX after 38 years of service.

Mr. Ray was a lifelong member of Liberty Baptist Church and a deacon.

He was a Mason and an avid fox hunter and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leavy and Marjorie Ray; brother, Steve M. Ray; and sister, Harriette R. Simmons.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Jackie Ray; children, Mark and Casey Ray of Ludowici, Synthia and Paul Brannen of Jesup, and Keith and Toni Ray of Odum; grandchildren, Taylor, Graysen, and Morgan Brannen, Trevor and Evan Ray, and Bryce and Carson Ray; brother Cliff Ray of Ludowici; sister, Brenda Riddlespur of Aniston, AL; a special cousin, Ronald Ray of Midway; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015, at Liberty Baptist Church.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2015, at Liberty Baptist Church and burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pastors Tommy Hamilton and Robert Long will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Michael Graff, Ryan Graff, Billy Kirk, Eric Keel, Cliff Ray, Jason Ray, Jeffrey Simmons, and Kelsey Simmons.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Mr. Rays CSX Co-Workers and Jody Smith, Larry Golden, Steve Wright, Bobby Sikes, Art Groover, Brad Lee, Bill Hooks, and Jim Morgan.

Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.