



David F. Bittle

September 9, 1929 - January 21, 2026

On January 21, 2026, we said goodbye to David F. Bittle, a steady and beloved presence in our family. He left us for his home in heaven after a long life of love, service, teaching, and being an example of how to live.

He was born September 9, 1929, in Knoxville, TN, to Charles F. Bittle, Jr., and Wanda Ogle Bittle. He thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Smoky Mountains and was a trove of history and stories.

After his service in Korea, he met and married the love of his life, Laura Roddie, in Kentucky in 1956. They moved to Decatur, Alabama, and raised two children there. He was a chemical engineer at Chemstrand, later Monsanto, and then Solutia.

He taught Sunday School at First Bible Church for several years, then both Sunday School and Children's Church at Southside Baptist Church for over thirty years. He loved teaching, and his lessons had hours of study and preparation, making each lesson deep and powerful. His favorite authors were Francis Schaeffer, C.S. Lewis, and Agatha Christie, and quotes from them often appeared. He always loved hearing from those he had taught and the stories they had remembered!

David Bittle was predeceased by his parents and beloved wife. He is survived

by his daughter, Sandra (Stanley) Howard, and his son David (Catherine) Bittle; grandchildren Elizabeth (Nick) Carter, Michael Howard, Peyton Bittle, Laura Grace Bittle, and Emma Bittle; great-grandchildren Charlotte Carter, Adalyn Carter, and Olivia Carter.

Pallbearers will be Michael Howard, Nick Carter, Julian Hamilton, Wesley Holland, Terry Glover, Sam Ward, and Ashley Holland (honorary).

A graveside service will be held at Burningtrees Memorial Gardens on Wednesday, January 28, at 11:00, Bro. Ben Holland officiating.

Cemetery Details

Burningtree Memorial Gardens

Marsha Avenue
Decatur, AL 35603

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ It was sad news to hear of Dave's passing. Over the years, we worked on many projects at Monsanto / Solutia. When I needed help or advice, Dave always gave a kind, considerate response that was thoughtful and correct. Yes, he was a Chemical Engineer who received one of the few Monsanto founders award for outstanding technical achievement across all of the Monsanto Co.

Celebrate His Work and Life,

Gary Capone

Gary Capone - January 27 at 02:40 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of David F. Bittle.



January 27 at 11:25 AM

RM

“ Rhonda and Tim Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F. Bittle.

Rhonda and Tim Miller - January 27 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David F. Bittle.*



January 26 at 07:06 PM



“ *Mr. Bittle always treated me with respect and with a friendly smile. I always appreciated that about him when is saw him and his wife. There are only a few people that can leave such an impression, and it will be long remembered.*

Jeffery Howard - January 26 at 04:14 PM



“ *Fronda, Jeff and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F. Bittle.*

Fronda, Jeff and Family. - January 26 at 04:07 PM



“ *Fronda, Jeff and Family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David F. Bittle.*



Fronda, Jeff and Family. - January 26 at 04:07 PM

TC

“ The ASRI Family (Catherine's company) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David F. Bittle.

The ASRI Family (Catherine's company) - January 26 at 09:06 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David F. Bittle.



January 26 at 09:06 AM

MR

“ During this sad time, we are thankful for the many fond memories with David Bittle and his family these many years. My late dad was honored to have been their longtime pastor, dating back to the 1970s when he and Laura Bittle were among the planners for Decatur's weeklong citywide "crusade" held at Ogle Stadium and Southside Baptist Church, featuring Billy Graham's associate (and brother-in-law) Leighton Ford. In the years following, it was a privilege to observe firsthand what a gifted Bible teacher Mr. Bittle was, but never knew until today of our shared appreciation for Agatha Christie! To his many loved ones, please know of our deepest sympathy, prayers, and abiding gratitude for such a remarkable life and legacy.

The Rays (Mark, Tommy, and Ann)
Decatur, Alabama

Mark Ray - January 23 at 04:04 PM