



Ora David Nation

January 9, 1939 - December 26, 2025

Ora David Nation was born January 9, 1939 to Fred and Bertha Nation, one of a large family. He grew up on a beloved family farm in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, with an upbringing that shaped his strong work ethic and steady character throughout his life.

At the age of 18, Ora left home for Atlanta to live with his older brother and find work. He began his career at Rainwater Construction working for Cecil Rainwater as a steel erector. That first job became his only job, a career he faithfully held for 67 years. Starting at 75 cents an hour, Ora worked his way from the ground up, eventually leading steel erection and concrete crews before moving into management and later becoming a building consultant in the company's sales department. Known for his calm demeanor, deep knowledge, and dedication, Ora worked with passion and purpose until earlier this year.

Beyond his work, Ora raced cars from 1969-1975 at the Peach Bowl Speedway and Dixie Speedway. Ora frequently attended Peach Bowl reunions with fellow drivers and enjoyed reminiscing about the "good ol' days". Later in life he found joy riding his prized Harley.

With his first wife, Ora had five children, including a late infant daughter, sons David (Jane) Nation, William (Lisa) Nation, Stanley (Robin) Nation, and was

preceded in death by his daughter Pam Nation Martin.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Betty Nation, and her children: Jennifer (Jon) McCaffrie, Julie (Mitch) Paulk, and Jimmy (Christy) Burger.

Ora cherished his grandchildren and great-grandchildren above all else. He is survived by Justin Nation, Lacie Nation, John (Rachael) Bowling, Jonah Bowling, James Paulk, Jenny (Pierce) Brewer, Will Paulk, Leah Burger, Evan Padgett, Ethan Padgett, and great grandchildren Blakely, Phoebe, and one on the way.

Ora was also preceded in death by numerous siblings and by best friends James Threatt and Ben Rainwater.

Ora resided in Roswell, Georgia for most of his adult life. He was a former member of Atlanta Street Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and dearly loved his Sunday school class. At the time of his death, he was a member of Castleberry Road Baptist Church. He was also a longtime member of Holbrook Campground where he worshipped and served during many summers.

A man of extraordinary dedication and quiet strength, Ora Nation's love for his family was boundless. His quick wit, steady presence, and lifelong example of hard work will be remembered always.

A celebration of life will be on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 at Northside Funeral Home and Chapel at 12050 Crabapple Rd Roswell, Ga 30075. Visitation will be from 11:30 to 1:30 with a service immediately following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Holbrook Campground Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
info@northsidechapel.com

Celebration Of Life

JAN 3. 1:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a <https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc2NzM3NTkxMzM5NTIyNSZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlft> in memory of Ora David Nation



Northside Chapel - January 02 at 12:46 PM

JL

“ Jimmy & Patti Jim & Carole Jeff & Leah purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ora David Nation.



Jimmy & Patti Jim & Carole Jeff & Leah - December 31, 2025 at 07:27 PM

TH

“ The Brewers, The Fondrens, &The Hobgoods purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ora David Nation.



The Brewers, The Fondrens, &The Hobgoods - December 30, 2025 at 08:23 PM

TH

“ *The Brewers, The Fondrens, &The Hobgoods planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ora David Nation.*

The Brewers, The Fondrens, &The Hobgoods - December 30, 2025 at 08:23 PM

LW

“ *Lora Jean Holbrook,Pam & Grant Williford purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ora David Nation.*



Lora Jean Holbrook,Pam & Grant Williford - December 30, 2025 at 02:54 PM

TB

“ *The Bowman's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ora David Nation.*



The Bowman's - December 30, 2025 at 12:05 PM

TB

“ *The Bowman's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ora David Nation.*

The Bowman's - December 30, 2025 at 12:05 PM

UF

“ I met Ora in 2022 when I started working for Rainwater Construction Co., he was an inspiration for his dedication and hard work. We talked often about our families and grandchildren. He is greatly missed in our office. RIP Ora "Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam"

Una Fee-White - December 30, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ora David Nation.



December 30, 2025 at 09:28 AM

HF

“ His Rainwater Construction Co. family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ora David Nation.

His Rainwater Construction Co. family - December 30, 2025 at 09:28 AM

TR

“ The Peacock's, Donaldson's and Rogers' purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ora David Nation.



The Peacock's, Donaldson's and Rogers' - December 29, 2025 at 04:39 PM

TR

“ *The Peacock’s, Donaldson’s and Rogers’ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ora David Nation.*

The Peacock’s, Donaldson’s and Rogers’ - December 29, 2025 at 04:39 PM

WC

“ *Welcome Avenue CHC purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Ora David Nation.*



Welcome Avenue CHC - December 28, 2025 at 09:00 PM

WC

“ *Welcome Avenue CHC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ora David Nation.*

Welcome Avenue CHC - December 28, 2025 at 09:00 PM

BT

“ *Sad his passing was a pleasure times we met.*

Bob Tidwell - December 28, 2025 at 08:34 PM