



## Carlton Ray (RayRay) Nipper

April 27, 1959 - May 29, 2024

Carlton Ray (Rayray) Nipper, age 65, of Tazwell, passed away at home on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, following an extended illness.

Ray was born on April 27, 1959, in Richlands, Virginia, the son of the late Henry Edward Nipper and Edna Louise Totten Nipper. He was a tear-down mechanic on all mining equipment for Joy Manufacturing in Bluefield for many years before retiring. Ray had never met a stranger and could converse for hours with anyone. He enjoyed going fishing any time with whoever would go with him. His greatest all-time passion was cars! He truly loved Volkswagen Beetles and owned many of them in his lifetime. He would trade cars every few months, and his wife, Connie, never knew what would be parked in their driveway. Life with Ray was full of surprises, laughter, and love. He was a lifetime resident of the area and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Nina White, sister and brother-in-law, Patsy and Johnny Simons, brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Donna Nipper, and brothers-in-law Bill Howery and Donnie Puckett.

Those who remain to carry on his vivacious spirit are:

His loving wife of 32 years, Connie Frances Vance Nipper of Tazewell, VA

Special niece whom he loved like a daughter, Maggie Pruitt of Tazewell, VA

Sisters:

Wilma Mullens and her husband, Joe, of Tazewell, VA

Jeanie Howery of Tazewell, VA

Brothers:

Earl White of Bluefield, VA

Dave Nipper and his wife, Frances of Van, WV

Brothers-in-law:

Sam Vance and his wife Barbara, of Bluefield, WV

Wayne Vance and his wife Linda, of Winlock, WA

A host of nieces, nephews, friends, and family also survive.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hurst-Scott for Ray's funeral expenses.

The funeral service for Carlton Ray Nipper will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, with the Rev. Ken Owens and Danny Stinson officiating. Interment will follow at the Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, Virginia. Pallbearers will be Chuck Lowe, HL (Howie) Smith, Cecil (CC) Bailey, Clinton Musick, Timmy Cecil, and Chris (Big Guy) Phillips. Honorary pallbearers will be Danny White, Gary (Big G) Millner, Robert Ramey, Sandy Etter, Terry Price, and Rick Hess. The family will receive friends on Monday from noon until the time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy  
Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell  
870 Main Street  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BP

“ So sorry for your loss! I have known Ray all of my life. I have great memories growing up around him and his family. We were close friends through grade school. His mom and brother Earl baby sat us many times. Love and prayers!!

Billie Rose Proffitt - June 19, 2024 at 11:57 AM

TM

“ Tom and Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Carlton Ray Nipper



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - June 05, 2024 at 05:21 PM

CN

Thank you Connie Nipper

Connie Nipoer - June 07, 2024 at 09:34 AM

DS

“ Ray had a great personality and was a pleasure to know. Although he endured a lot of medical issues, he was determined to continue to work. Prayers of comfort to the family.

Dora Shrader - June 02, 2024 at 10:28 PM

CN

Thank you very much Connie Nipper

Connie Nipoer - June 07, 2024 at 09:33 AM

TV

“ TechniFab Of Virginia sent a virtual gift in memory of Carlton Ray (RayRay) Nipper



TechniFab of Virginia - June 02, 2024 at 06:35 AM

CN

Thank you very much Connie Nipper

Connie Nipoer - June 07, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Carlton Ray (RayRay) Nipper



TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 01, 2024 at 09:34 AM

CN

Thank you Connie Nipper

Connie Nipoer - June 07, 2024 at 09:35 AM

TD

“ Ray made me laugh when we were in school,he was a mess.You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Dalton - May 31, 2024 at 08:38 PM

CN

Thank you very much Connie Nipper

Connie Nipoer - June 07, 2024 at 09:33 AM

RC

“ *Ray Nipper was one of the best employees that I had the pleasure to work with at JOY. He was very dependable and never questioned any assignment. He always spoke to me each morning as I was making my rounds. I had much respect for him. He always tried to do what was right. I am sure he will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him. May he rest in peace.*

*Ron Comer*

*Former Site Manager*

*JOY Bluefield Operations.*

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**Ron Comer** - May 31, 2024 at 07:52 PM

CN

*Thank you very much. He loved working at Joy, especially driving the fork lift. Connie Nipper*

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**Connie Nipoer** - June 07, 2024 at 09:31 AM