



Gerald Edward Ray

October 10, 1942 - October 12, 2020

Mr. Gerald Edward Ray, of Swords Creek, formerly of Cedar Bluff, VA, passed away peacefully at Carillion Tazewell Community Hospital, early Monday morning, October 12, 2020, following a long illness, with his niece, Debbie Ratliff, by his side. She had promised him not to leave him alone, and she made good on that promise. His 78th Birthday was observed by his family on October 10. He was born in Richlands, VA, a son of Mary Moore Ray and Ira Clearance Ray. He resided his whole life in the Cedar Bluff and Swords Creek area. He was a coal miner by trade. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, John "Bud" Ray, and Jeffery Dean Ray, and one niece, Sheila Kinder Oliver.

He is survived by his companion of 29 years, Loretta Jones, of Swords Creek, two granddaughters of the heart, Lyric Faith, and Kyra Paige Cook of Richlands, and their children, his great grandchildren of the heart, two sons, Greg and Tim Ray, of the Cedar Bluff and Bandy area, two granddaughters; and two grandsons of the heart, Jamie and Ryan Stacy and their children.

Three Sisters, Dottie Ray Wingo, and husband, Mike of Cedar Bluff; Sylvia Jean Hall, also of Cedar Bluff; and Donna "Dee" Compton of Martin, KY, and two brothers, Jim Ray and wife, Pat of Cedar Bluff; and Franklin Dee Ray, and companion, Linda Dodd of Sorrento, FL. Several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews also survive.

We know without a doubt, he's walking on the streets of Gold today, because after being unresponsive for two days, he awoke, very strong, asked for one to pray, and one to go. Pastor Jimi Watson came very quickly to pray. Gerald sang, kept time with the music for about 45 minutes after the Pastor left. He became unresponsive again late on Saturday, and never responded again.

The family would like to thank the medical personnel and staff of Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital for their wonderful care of him and care and treatment of our family during his last days.

A memorial service for Mr. Gerald Edward Ray will be conducted at 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, VA with family and friends officiating.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

OCT **18**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Edward Ray*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Gerald Edward Ray*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Robin Muzzleman lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



Robin Muzzleman - October 29, 2020 at 04:28 AM



“ *Norma Jewell Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



Norma Jewell Richardson - October 18, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Maim Harrison lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



Maim Harrison - October 15, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ *Cousin, Rip*

George C Reynolds - October 15, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ *Dana Altizer Moats lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



Dana Altizer Moats - October 15, 2020 at 03:13 AM



“ *Praying for all of Gerald's family. A friend from back in the day Earl R Little Jr.*

Connie Little - October 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - October 14, 2020 at 08:42 AM

JH

“ James@ Ruby Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Edward Ray



James@ Ruby Harmon - October 13, 2020 at 11:45 PM

DR

“ 5 files added to the album Gerald



Debbie Ratliff - October 13, 2020 at 06:09 PM

SD

“ Sherry Dailey lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray



Sherry Dailey - October 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - October 13, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray*



Carolyn Pyles - October 13, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *So happy to learn of Gerald 's last minute conversion to Christ . An answer to prayers I and so many others have prayed for years . My prayers are with all family members during this time of grief . Once Gerald asked me to fill in for him at a low coal mine as foreman for a couple of days . I did . Can you imagine my six foot 2 inch frame in 30 inch high seam of coal . His crew told me to go to the tailpiece and stay there . I did .*

Nancy Sargent - October 13, 2020 at 01:07 PM

DR

Oh, it did sound like last minute conversion, but a funny story-the Pastor was praying the Sinners prayer, and Uncle Gerald stopped him, and said I'm okay! Pastor said there's no doubt he's okay if a man stops you in the middle of a Sinners prayer. I was so glad to be able witness him singing and patting his hands and keeping time with the music that we played for him.

Debbie Ratliff - October 13, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JW

“ Gerald was a special friend, he was Jerry's employer when we got married 55 years ago. He was Jerry's hunting and fishing buddy in our younger days. They were always into something. Our kids were about the same age, so we share memories of that time in our life. I have stories on top of stories in our Young days. Such wonderful memories. Will miss Gerald calling when he needed something or just wanted to ask a question. Gerald, go rest high on that mountain and enjoy the reunion of all your family. Love you our friend. Wish we could have done more for you. The whole Warner family loves you!!

Jerry and Pat Warner - October 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DB

“ David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward Ray



David Beavers - October 13, 2020 at 12:45 PM