



Sam Davis Ray

January 26, 1948 - April 26, 2020

Sam Davis Ray was born January 26, 1948, in Culleoka, TN to the late Anniversary Ray and Anna L. Ray. He was preceded in death by one son, Anthony Lavon Ray; one daughter, Tina Laverne Woodard; and one brother, Dennis Ray. His formal education was in the Maury and Williamson County school systems. He was a devoted member of Fort Cooper Church of Christ. Sam was known as “Red” to many of his friends. He was a well-respected mechanic, he had a beautiful smile and an outgoing personality. He never encountered a person he didn’t talk with, like he had known them for a while. Sam was a talker. He could talk for hours on many topics, whether it be religion, politics, nature, and just about life in general. He loved working on cars, motorcycles, lawnmowers, skill saws, and just about anything that had a motor. He also loved yard work and being outside. He loved fishing, hunting, and riding his motorcycle. He loved his family deeply, often talking about his childhood. He loved his wife and his children. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of thirty-five years, Shirley Ray; sons, Sam D. Ray Jr., Michael Ray, Valery Ray, Stacy (Nika) Ray, Clarissa (Cory) Woodard, Eddie Gregory (Stephnie) Woodard, Eric (Charlene) Ray, Nicholas Ray, Orlando (Heather) Ray; siblings, Willie Edward Ray, Mary (Lewis) Booker, Johnny (Charles) Booker, John (Arlean) Ray; brother-in-laws, Robert (Phyllis) Mitchell, Harold Mitchell, Timothy Mitchell; sisters-in-laws, Priscilla Marlow, Florine (Norma) Roberts, Linda Mitchell, Brenda Mitchell, Yolonda Mitchell; aunts, Lottie Green, Alma Anderson, Emma Joe (Joe Frank) Armstrong; thirty-two

grandchildren; devoted grandson, Daniel Woodard; devoted granddaughters, Brittany “Spud” Anthony and Jaida “Chocolate” Anthony; a great-granddaughter he loved unconditionally and she felt the same way about him, Madison Devonna Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Special devoted friends include Frankie Ward, Tommy Tidwell, Calvin Loafon, James and Mary Smith, Oscar Lee Warfield, Norman Roberts, Gard Mutize, Carl Grimes, Clifford Hardison, Cory Fletcher, Leonard and Huey Modena.

Special thanks to Avalon Hospice. Sincere thanks to these special caregivers: Sam Ray Jr., Clarissa Woodard, and Eddie Woodard.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens

2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ
2111 Carmack Blvd.
Columbia , TN 38401

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Graveside Service

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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2833 Highway 100 E
Centerville, TN 37033

Tribute Wall



“ Pamela Hooks lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray



Pamela Hooks - April 30, 2020 at 08:48 PM

DW

“ My condolences to the family.

Dorothy Williams - April 30, 2020 at 07:04 PM

JA

“ Condolences to the family you all are in my prayers



JANNIE ARMSTRONG - April 30, 2020 at 04:47 PM

RC

“ Lit a candle in memory of Sam Ray



Ray/Gwen Carothers - April 29, 2020 at 05:46 PM

TW

“ Tina Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray



Tina Weatherspoon - April 29, 2020 at 11:01 AM

CA

“ Condolences to the family, you'll be in my prayers



Carletta - April 29, 2020 at 10:40 AM

BS

“ Bobby And Alfreda Sowell lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray



Bobby and Alfreda Sowell - April 29, 2020 at 12:03 AM

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“ Equasto Cathey (Nene) lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray



Equasto Cathey (Nene) - April 28, 2020 at 08:49 PM

AP

“ *The family have my deepest and heartfelt condolences. I've known Sam Davis for many years. Prayers sent.*



Alma J Frierson Pillow - April 28, 2020 at 08:49 PM

TG

“ *Tiffany Grimes sent a virtual gift in memory of Sam Davis Ray*



Tiffany Grimes - April 28, 2020 at 08:28 PM

CM

“ *Christie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray*



Christie Mitchell - April 28, 2020 at 07:18 PM

ML

“ *Marie Hornbeak Lee lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray*



Marie Hornbeak Lee - April 28, 2020 at 04:28 PM

DG

“ *Danielle Grimes-Eady lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray*



Danielle Grimes-Eady - April 28, 2020 at 03:51 PM

LE

“ *We will love you always and forever papa...take your rest love you*

levika - April 28, 2020 at 03:12 PM

CP

Will be missed my friend.family 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�

Clabie Pillow - April 29, 2020 at 05:07 AM

FW

“ *Felicia Wilbanks lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray*



Felicia Wilbanks - April 28, 2020 at 11:54 AM

FB

“ I will never forget that smile. He always helped Mama with something, cutting grass, cleaning, whatever she needed. Shirley, I love you so very much. I know your heart is heavy but know that God can heal your brokenness. Hold on to your memories and share them with your friends and family. I cant wait to get one of those warm hugs and kisses from you. I promise as soon as things are back to normal me and you will go have us a nice lunch or Sunday dinner.

Faye Corbin-Bell

Faye Corbin Bell - April 28, 2020 at 10:34 AM

AC

“ Alisa D Collins lit a candle in memory of Sam Davis Ray



Alisa D Collins - April 28, 2020 at 09:52 AM

FR

“ In loving memory of my brother in law Red. You will be missed.



Florine Roberts - April 27, 2020 at 11:37 PM

JW

I will mis you Red

Jill wright - April 28, 2020 at 04:09 PM