



Charles D. "Sonny" Ray

August 26, 1940 - April 20, 2013

Funeral services for Charles D. "Sonny" Ray, 72, of Piedmont will be Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with the Rev. Jay Daugherty and Mr. Eddie Lindsey officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Highland Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Ray passed away Saturday, April 20, 2013 at RMC in Anniston.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Pat Borden Ray; one son, Charles D. "Chuck" Ray, Jr. (Lori) of Piedmont; two daughters, Kelly Rampy of Piedmont and Allison Ragsdale (Adam) of Guntersville; three grandsons, Jonathan Ray, Dustin Ray and Chase Rampy; two granddaughters, Kelsie Ragsdale and Maggie Beth Ragsdale; three sisters, Margie Adderhold (Harry) of Piedmont, Sue Mobbs of Cedar Bluff and Yvonne Cavin of Gaylesville; one brother, C. W. Ray (Teresa) of Cedar Bluff; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jonathan Ray, Dustin Ray, Chase Rampy, David Rampy, Barry Davis and Elbert McCollugh. Honorary pallbearers will be the Jack's Table of Knowledge. Mr. Ray was a resident of Piedmont for over 50 years. He served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam war. Corporal Ray received citation for heroic achievement in aerial flight as a Helicopter Crew Chief in Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO during rescue operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Corporal Ray was awarded the Air Medal with Gold Star in recognition for meritorious achievement. He retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company with 35 years of service, was a successful drag racer, a wonderful husband, father,

and paw paw and lived his life to the fullest. He attended the Piedmont Congregational Methodist Church. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to the Piedmont Rescue Squad, P.O.Box 333, Piedmont, AL 36272.

Tribute Wall

GL

“ Pat, Chuck, Kelly & Allison- You meet people in life that makes a difference in your life. Sonny was that person for me. Tammy, Leah & Myself Have everyone in our prayers. Grant Lewis

Grant Lewis - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

GC

“ Spending the night with my cousins Kelly and Chuck and Uncle Sonny aggravating me with his jokes and always laughing and cutting up! He was so loving and my sisters and I always had "crushes on him" and thought he "was so handsome"! I loved him so much even though we didn't get to see each other very much! He was a wonderful husband and father who loved Aunt Trisha and all of his children, Chuck, Kelly, Allison and all his grandchildren so very much! He was just an amazing man with a great sense of humor and we will miss him terribly! God Bless You Uncle Sonny and please tell Daddy, Mama, and Ronny "hello" for me!! I love you! Aunt Trisha, Chuck, Kelly, Allison and all of your families, I love you all and am so very sorry and heartbroken for your loss! You are all in my thoughts and prayers! Gina

Gina Hudgins Carr - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

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“ Kelly, Pat and family. Our hearts are broken for you. You have been in our prayers continually and we sincerely mourn your loss. Please know that we will be there in spirit for all of you and send love from Indy and ask for your comfort. Sonny was a good man, a man with "presence" and a smile as bright and big as the sun. His light will continue to shine.
God bless and keep you,
Love, Frosty and Steve.

Frosty and Steve Dillman - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

JK

“ We are thinking of all of you, so sorry, we just found out. Our prayers are with you.

Love

Jim and Betty

Jimbo, Bradley and Blake

Jim & Betty Kinnett - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

NG

“ I'm very sorry for your loss but we all know Mr. Sonny is in a much better place now. I met Mr. Sonny several years ago at a Div. 2 race in Reynolds, GA and we quickly became friends. At the time I was the county Sheriff there and Mr. Sonny was eager to learn how we provided law enforcement in a small rural county and I wanted to know everything about race cars. We talked each other crazy that weekend. From that time on I considered Mr. Sonny a pal and I'm sure he did of me. I will keep all of you in my prayers and please don't hesitate to call if I can ever be of assistance.

Nick Giles

Nick Giles - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

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“ I did not know Mr. Ray but from reading about his life, he seemed like a wonderful man. We are members of Adam's and Allison's church and love the family.

Gene and Sandy Cox - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

ES

“ We are thinking of your family and keeping you in our prayers. Mr. Sonny was a good friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Ed Swearingen - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM

DM

“ *My sincere condolences to Pat and her family. I graduated from PHS with Pat in 1960 and I worked with Sonny at Goodyear in the early 70's. He was a gentleman in every aspect of the word. He was a pleasure to be around.*

David Martin - June 20, 2018 at 04:43 PM