



Claude Berlin Ray

July 23, 1941 - March 27, 2019

Claude Berlin Ray, of Rose Hill, Virginia, passed away March 27, 2019, at Tristate Health and Rehab, with his family at his bedside.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Ray and Nancy Jane Ray, brothers, Euil Kenneth Ray, and Roy Lee Ray and wife Lou Ella. He is survived by his daughters, Jacqueline Ray Good and Kimberly Ray, brother Bill Ray and wife Lou, grandchildren SSG Joshua Allan-Ray Lewis, Taylor Hatchell (Tyler), Caraline McDowell (Josh), Kennady Ray (Mike), and great grandchildren Zach Lewis, Colton Reid, Emma Good, Alex Good, and Rylee Good. Nieces - Cindy Kelly (Jerry), Katy Gephart (Jody), Linda Wann (Marc), Brenda Laughtner (Mitch), and Wanda Ellis (Bobby) and one special nephew Ronald Ray, with many special family and friends that he loved dearly.

Claude was an achiever in all aspects of his life.

He graduated from Thomas Walker High School in 1961. He was always excited to tell you about playing basketball and going to the state finals his senior year. After high school he went to Indiana to work, then returned to Virginia to start his family. In 1965 to 1971, he worked as a Lee County Deputy Sheriff, for Crede Chadwell. For many years after 1971, he worked as an electrician and many aspects of coal mining. In the 1980's, he was voted in as chairman of Democrat Party. Lee County became his passion. Claude served 3 terms on the Board of Supervisors, for a total of 12 years 1996-1999, 2004-2007, and 2008-2011. While in that position, he was appointed to the

following boards, Public Service Authority 2005-2011, Industrial Development Authority 1996-99, Emergency Service Director for 8 years 2004-2011, Social Service Board 4 + years, Southwest Community Correction 2007-09, and Workforce Development Chief Local Elected Officials Board for 6 years. In July 2001 to Sept 2009 he served as Litter Control Coordinator Officer and Recycling Coordinator and as the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors for 2 years. Claude, was the Pastor of Inman Baptist Chapel, Appalachia, Virginia for 35 years.

Claude loved everyone. He always wanted to care for his family as well as his extended family. Our family will miss their Daddy, Brother, Grandpa, Uncle and Friend. Please continue with the love the he always taught each of us and know that one day we will be with him in heaven

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Robinette Funeral Home in Rose Hill, VA. Funeral services will follow at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Ronnie Owens and Rev. Robert Charles Long officiating. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Old Campbell Cemetery in Rose Hill, VA. Everyone who would like to travel in procession is asked to meet at the funeral by 10:15 a.m.

Online condolences may be viewed or sent by visiting our website, www.RobinetteFuneralHome.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Ray family.

Cemetery Details

Old Campbell Cemetery

Giles Hollow Road
Rose Hill, VA 24281

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Rose Hill)
207 DeRoyal Industries Drive
P.O. Box 388
Rose Hill, VA 24281
(276) 445-5101

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Claude Berlin Ray

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ Dr. Clyde W Hester, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Claude Berlin Ray



Dr. Clyde W Hester, Sr. - April 06, 2019 at 09:52 AM



Ray was a good friend and cuz. Will be missed.

Dr. Clyde W Hester, Sr. - April 06, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Good friend and Godly man! You will be missed by all! Enjoyed his preaching at Inman Baptist Chapel.

Debbie Ramey - April 05, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ Dear friend we often found at ball games!



Herbert and Karen Maggard - April 02, 2019 at 08:10 PM

BH

“ *Thinking of you.*

Bob and Sammie Horton - April 01, 2019 at 11:30 AM

TM

“ *He sure was good to me I knew him all my life and he was a great person. He was my preacher and pastor ever since I was little. He will be missed dearly and he was special yo me not only because he was a my pastor and preacher but him and I have the same Birthday's on July 23. I am going to miss those days. I'll see you again someday Claude. Until we meet again. Your friend Tabatha Mawk*

TABATHA Mawk - March 31, 2019 at 08:54 AM

ER

“ *Elaine Richmond lit a candle in memory of Claude Berlin Ray*



Elaine Richmond - March 30, 2019 at 11:06 PM

DM

“ *Sympathy and prayer to the family of Brother Claude Ray. We counted Claude as a dear friend, and brother in the Lord. 30 years ago this coming June, he preformed our wedding ceremony. We have many treasured memories, and know that we will see him in Heaven. Rev. David and Anne Mullins Andrews, South Carolina*

David and Anne Mullins - March 30, 2019 at 10:17 PM

JC

“ JBruce Catron lit a candle in memory of Claude Berlin Ray



JBruce Catron - March 30, 2019 at 01:27 PM

TW

“ Tom Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Claude Berlin Ray



Tom Wheeler - March 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM

FM

“ Fred Marion lit a candle in memory of Claude Berlin Ray



Fred Marion - March 30, 2019 at 01:33 AM

CP

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers



Carrie Payne - March 29, 2019 at 11:22 PM

RP

“ I would sing to my Mom outside and Pap would be singing with us. I often sang to Mom and Pap would come and we would sing and talk about the Lord. I am sure going to miss him!

Ronnie Sue Powers Powers - March 29, 2019 at 10:26 PM

KB

“ I'm at a loss for words you would tell me that's a first Love U my Dear friend , It was so easy to call you my friend U made everyone a friend you were loved by so many. My Granddaughter Zoey came to pick me up and she wanted to know where the papaw was that called her little red, SO I told her that God had your wings ready and they fit you perfect and U went to get them and your now living with Jesus in Heaven . Our Loss is Heaven's Gain . Sure going to miss U my Friend Love U Claude



Karen Bradley - March 29, 2019 at 08:50 PM

MA

So sorry to hear of Claude passing. He was a sweet man. Prayer for the family and all who loved and knew him.

Marsha Abbott - March 29, 2019 at 09:15 PM

PQ

Loved Claude. He was a friend you could always depend on. He will be missed. But we have a promise to see him again. Prayers for the family

Patsy Quillen - March 30, 2019 at 06:17 PM

CT

“ Mr Ray was a joy to be around! Love him dearly

Casey Thomas - March 29, 2019 at 05:43 PM

LG

Claude I will miss you and my lilife is better for having been a part of yours. Love and heartfelt prayers for your family

Larry Good - March 29, 2019 at 08:14 PM