



Shirley Ann (Johnson) Ray

October 7, 1938 - March 1, 2026

Shirley Ann (Johnson) Ray (87) of Rose Hill, VA entered heaven the same way she lived her life with faith in her heart and a joyful spirit surely dancing through the gates as she was welcomed home on Sunday March 1st, 2026. Her faith in God guided her every step and her love for others knew no limits. She embraced life fully by keeping the roads hot, treasured her family fiercely, and never missed a chance to laugh, gather and make memories.

She was born in Biggers, AR on October 7th, 1938 to the late Daniel Delmas Johnson and Maggie Ann (Davidson) Johnson. She was a waitress at Motz's Burgers and worked for Guardian Glass in Detroit, MI.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years Robert "Bob" Ray, a younger brother and sister, several brother and sister in laws, an infant son, an infant daughter Elizabeth Viola Ray and two grandsons, Tony and Cody Ray.

Shirley is survived by those who loved her most - a family who will miss her laughter, her strength and her presence every single day. One son, Wade (Denise) Ray, three daughters Tina (Matt) Bodnovits, Lisa Ray (Mike) Eldridge, Beth Ann (Jason) McConnell. Thirteen grandchildren: Tina, Amanda, Jessica Ray and Mindy (Caleb) Beal-Ray, Wayne Gehring, Nicholas Beal, Tabitha (Shamma) Lorredan, Heather (Justin) Roberts, Austin (Kerri)

Dagenais, Shelby (Chris) Rady, Brandon Lee Eldridge, Seth and Ross McConnell. Several great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at Robinette Funeral Home in Rose Hill. The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. with Kevin Jerrell officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, in the Old Campbell Cemetery, located on Giles Hollow Road in Rose Hill. Everyone is asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com. Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Ray family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Campbell Cemetery
Giles Hollow Road
Rose Hill, VA 24281

Tribute Wall

TW

“ We are sure going to miss your smile, your witty sense of humor. The goofy things you did to make people laugh. Your hugs or just a squeeze of the hand meaning everything will be okay! Granny you were one in a billion, and I know you’ll be missed by so many. We love you!



Tiffani W - March 08 at 12:09 PM

HM

“ Mrs Ray was always a beautiful lady, she was such a delight to talk to, always had a huge smile on her face...sooo pleasant and kind

HELEN MESSER - March 05 at 02:02 PM

EH

“ Eric and Kristina Hudson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shirley Ann (Johnson) Ray.



Eric and Kristina Hudson - March 04 at 05:34 PM

EH

“ Eric and Kristina Hudson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley Ann (Johnson) Ray.

Eric and Kristina Hudson - March 04 at 05:34 PM

LJ

“ Love, Candi, Debbie, Paula and Jill purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Shirley Ann (Johnson) Ray.



Love, Candi, Debbie, Paula and Jill - March 03 at 02:00 PM

MF

“ Mary, Krissy, Courtney & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shirley Ann (Johnson) Ray.



Mary, Krissy, Courtney & Family - March 02 at 08:12 PM