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IN LOVING MEMORY CHARLES LINDSEY RAY November 4, 1941 – February 3, 2016 Charles Lindsey Ray was born November 4, 1941, in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Lindsey C.W. Ray and Katie Francis Ray. He passed away February 3, 2016, at his home in Germantown, Tennessee surrounded by his loved ones. Charles graduated from Treadwell high school in Memphis, Tennessee. Charles was employed at Carrier Corporation in Collierville, then at Kirby high school for six years and then at Evangelical Christian School giving twenty-five years of service from 1986 to 2011 where he was known by his colleagues as the consummate servant, leader, for his knack at solving problems, and for his tireless energy and persistence in getting things accomplished. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, and friend to all that knew him. His family and friends are forever grateful for his life and his presence in theirs. Charles enjoyed the simpler things in life. He loved working with his hands. He loved spending time outdoors. He loved hunting and fishing and working in the yard. He especially enjoyed woodworking by which he was known for his bird houses and toy trains. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved football and the Tennessee Vols. He loved ice cream. He loved any occasion that allowed him to wear a suit. He loved singing and listening to Bill Gaither sing old hymns. Charles was a man of few words, but he spoke loudly through the places his feet took and him and things to which he put his hands. His family will be forever grateful for his quiet example and how he lived his life. Charles is survived by his wife Mary Jane Ray, his daughters Natalie Snipes (Tommy), Lisa Bennard (William), and Julie Davis (Scott), and his sons Charles “Chuck” Lindsey Ray, Jr. (Shannon) and Bradford Coleman Ray (Jennifer). Charles also leaves behind his granddaughters Kimberly Smallwood (Derick), Brooke Byrd (Dallas), Katie Davis, and grandsons, John David Pinner (Jessica), James Thomas Snipes, Donald Firmin, Jr. (Casey), Phillip Ray (Kourtney),



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Peyton Ray, Bradford Ray II, Major Ray, Luke Davis and Garrett Davis. Charles also leaves behind nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Lucy Woods (Vaughn) and Betty Jean Ray Terrance (Frank). The family will receive friends Monday, February 8, 2016, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Services will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Visitation and services will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119. “Celebrating Life... Behind the Stone Wall”



Tribute Wall

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RS

Rick Shackelford posted:

Mr Ray was always helpful whether at school and especially football practice. Many great times on those football fields. Sincere prayers for the entire Ray family. Rick Shackelford

August 1 at 11:57 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles Ray.

February 8 at 9:20 AM

GT

Gregg, Evelyn, David And Toni posted:

Gregg, Evelyn, David and Toni purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles Ray.

February 8 at 8:47 AM

KR

Kelley Reese posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Our family feels very honored to have met Mr. Ray. Love being to all of you! XOXO The Reese Family

February 8 at 8:30 AM

JN

John H North Cpa posted:

I was Charles and Janie's CPA for many years. He always had a smile for me and a firm handshake. In Proverbs there is a verse that always calms me when things don't go as I plan., In his heart, man makes his plans, but God determines his footsteps." God knew his footsteps would lead him to Heaven last week and he is rejoicing right now. We will all miss him dearly and we will see him again when our footsteps lead us up to our Lord. We all miss you Charles.

February 8 at 8:04 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Ray.

February 8 at 5:48 AM



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BR

Brad Ray posted:

Dad, missing you so much now and wishing I could come downstairs, share a cup of coffee with you, and talk about our day. I'm so glad you're no longer hurting and in heaven with other loved ones. I just wish we had more time. I will see you later. Love, Brad.

February 6 at 2:37 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ray.

February 6 at 2:05 PM

JT

Jean Tarrance posted:

Amen; so happy he got to hold Brayden. He really wanted that generational picture...the Ray men... beautiful picture. So proud of them! Much Love! Aunt Jean!

February 6 at 7:02 AM

SR

Shannon Ray posted:

We will miss our precious Pappy but rejoice in knowing he is healed and we will see him again.

February 5 at 1:41 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Ray.

February 5 at 1:37 PM

RA

Rose Ann posted:

I meant to say raised a wonderful daughter.

February 5 at 1:06 PM



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RA

Rose Ann posted:

Thinking of you and your family during this time. Keeping you in prayer and know that your faith will carry you thru this. I never met your dad but I know that he raised a wonderful daughter and had lovely grandkids and great grandkids. Rose Ann

February 5 at 1:05 PM

KH

Kathy Hite posted:

Dear Jean and family, we are so sorry for your loss, but it is Heaven's gain. God bless and comfort you all. Love, Kenneth and Kathy Hite

February 5 at 11:17 AM

MW

Marilyn Wilson posted:

I didn't know Charles but his sweet sister Betty Jean is my dear friend. From reading the obituary it sounds as if Charles led a good life and was loved by many. Please accept my deepest sympathy and know that you all are in my prayers for comfort, peace and strength.

February 5 at 7:29 AM

JT

Jean Tarrance posted:

My dear brother...I will miss you so much and remember all the good memories we shared and all you taught me. Such an honorable man you were and mentor to many. I thank God that you are with Jesus and are having your homecoming with our dear Mama and other family members. I loved you well ! Your beloved sister, Jean

February 5 at 5:19 AM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Ray.

February 5 at 5:07 AM



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Jean Tarrance posted:

My brother; I will miss you sooo much! I thank God for all the fun times and memories I'll cherish! You fought the good fight and God was with you and blessed you all the way. I'm so happy you're with Jesus now...you looked so forward to seeing Him and the place He had for you in His Heaven. Now you're with our Mama at last as she was beckoning you to come be with her; and all the other loved ones you had there. What an honorable and Godly man you were and mentor to many! I loved you well and will see you there in God's timing. Your beloved sister, Jean

February 5 at 4:12 AM



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