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Ray Charles Rowland passed away July 25th, 2020 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was born November 30th, 1956 in Rowland, NC to Junius and Mary Rowland. On June 4th, 1977 he married his wife Delphine at Turner Memorial Baptist Church in Pennsylvania. After being Honorably Discharged from the Army upon completing 11 years of service in 1983, Ray moved the family to Memphis in 1984. He would spend 32 years as an Air Traffic Controller before enjoying 14 years of retirement. It was not uncommon to see him running, biking, or walking throughout the neighborhood, where he always found time to stop and visit with friends. He was very active in his church, and often traveled for yearly mission trips to Xpujil, Mexico to build water cisterns for households in the community. Ray also loved to visit his children and grandchildren, and was known to tell anyone within earshot how proud of them he was, and how much he loved them.

Ray is preceded in death by his wife Delphine (Dee Dee) Rowland, his parents Junius and Mary Rowland, and his brothers Horace and Wayne Rowland.

He is survived by his son Junius (Hayley) Rowland II, and daughters Shannon and Sheila Rowland. His brothers Lee (Stella) Rowland of Harrisburg PA, and Michael (Glenda) Rowland of Madison Alabama. His sisters, Bertha Greenwood, Letha Roberts; both of Washington DC, Mary Taylor and Veronica Rowland, both of Harrisburg PA. His grandchildren Marcus, Grace, Connor, and a host of other relatives.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 1:30 PM until the time of the Celebration of Life service at 2:30 PM at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis.

To view the webcasted Celebration of Life service follow the link below:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/36404>



Events

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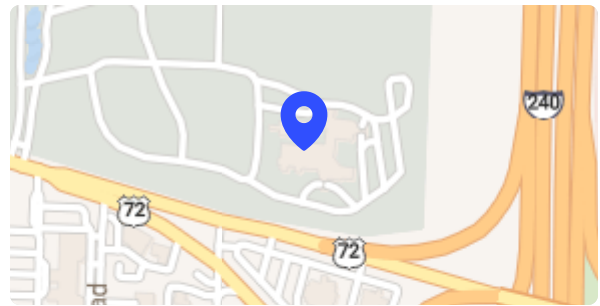
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Gathering

 **Saturday**, September 5, 2020


 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

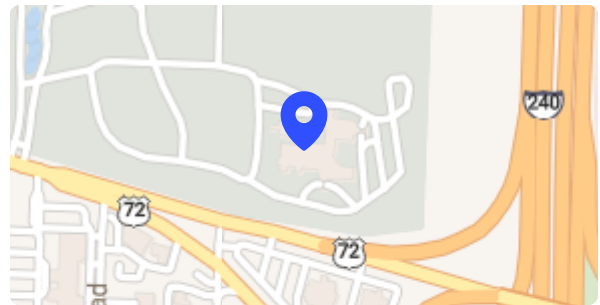


Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, September 5, 2020


 2:30 PM CT

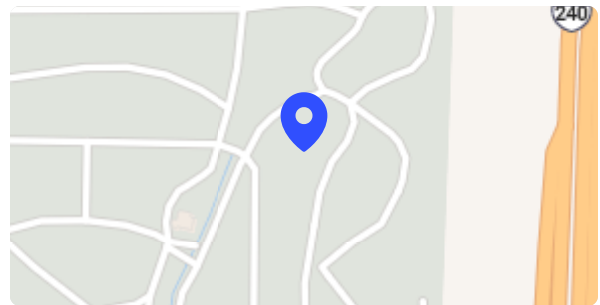
 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119



Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Cemetery**
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 **(901) 445-8475**





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September 4 at 12:01 PM



Pam Walker posted:

I walked for exercise every day and passed Ray's house each time. We became friends and had many long conversations standing in his front yard. I pass by his home now and cannot believe he is not sitting on his porch to holler at me. I will miss him a lot and my condolences go to his family. Pam Walker Memphis, TN

September 5 at 6:43 AM



Toni M. Robinson lit a candle in honor of Ray.

Love and Sympathy from Frances Robinson & Family in Harrisburg PA



September 4 at 8:50 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rowland family.



September 4 at 8:45 PM



Sheilaalexander posted:

I'm going to miss my friend I would see him every day at the store .my day at work now seems to take forever to be over with without seeing him now

September 4 at 2:28 PM



Love, Alford-Rowland Family In Nc sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Rowland family.



September 4 at 10:57 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rowland family.

September 4 at 10:37 AM



Mike, Katie & Abby Kern sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Rowland family.

September 4 at 6:00 AM



Chris Delong posted:

My deepest condolences to the Rowland family. I did not know Ray personally, but I do know he will be missed and that he has the most wonderful grandchildren.

September 3 at 8:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Rowland family.

September 2 at 10:33 AM



Kimberly Roberts posted:

While there is no way we can feel your pain...we do feel your loss. Peace and love to you and your family during this sorrowful time. Love always, Letha Roberts and family.

August 26 at 11:25 AM



Rodney & Ella Mcneill lit a candle in honor of Ray.

When we moved to Memphis in 1989, the Rowland's were the first family to welcome us to the city and into their home. Ray Rowland will truly be missed. Condolences to the Rowland Family.

August 22 at 4:10 PM





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Cathy And Art Hall lit a candle in honor of Ray.

August 6 at 5:04 PM



Nancy lit a candle in honor of Ray.

August 6 at 10:09 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ray by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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