



Ernest Joe Ray

July 27, 1948 - February 6, 2020

Ernest Joe Ray, 71, of Bath, passed away at OSF-St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020. He was born July 27, 1948, in Beardstown, Illinois, to Woodrow and Arizona (Whitehead) Ray. He married Wanda Fry on March 27, 1969, in Bath. She survives.

Mr. Ray is survived by his wife, Wanda, of Bath; three children: Jeff Ray of Bath, Jerod Ray of Pekin and Sarah Miller, of Jacksonville, as well as one granddaughter, Amelia. Also surviving are two siblings: Donna Mowder of Peoria and Morris Ray of Bath. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers and sisters: Allen Ray Marcella Ray, William Ray, Shirley Johnson and Sandy Hanley.

Mr. Ray worked for Caterpillar Inc. for thirty-four years, retiring from the Receiving Department. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, who enjoyed hunting and spending time outdoors.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana on Monday, February 10, 2020 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., also at the funeral home. Rev. Abraham Mogerman will officiate. Burial will follow the services at Bath Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research

Hospital. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bath Cemetery

Bath, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest Joe Ray



Hurley Funeral Home - February 10, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ Ernest Joe Ray

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Wanda and Family,

Cheryl and I were sorry to hear about your loss. I've always considered Joe a close friend. We were out of town during his funeral. Joe would always contact me during the youth duck season and invite my sons and nephew to hunt on Grand Island. He loved taking the youngsters on the hunt and gave them the opportunity to have a hunt of a lifetime with one of the best guides in the state. We will miss Joe!!

Bob and Cheryl Stinauer

Robert Stinauer - February 14, 2020 at 09:06 PM

CB

“ *Our sincerest condolences on Joe's passing.*

Carrie & Sandy Budyn - February 11, 2020 at 09:08 AM

PL

“ *So Sorry for your Loss. Keeping You all in My Thoughts and Prayers.*



Peggy Lane - February 11, 2020 at 06:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Joe Ray.*



February 10, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest Joe Ray.*



February 10, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ernest Joe Ray.*



February 10, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Wanda and Family,
My thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. Please know I
am thinking of you all.*
Julitta

Julitta Carpenter - February 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *To Wanda and your family—Our sincere sympathy to you all. Hazel
and Milton Edge*

Hazel Edge - February 10, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Judy Gerdes Schafer - February 09, 2020 at 08:11 PM



*Joe was a great guy and will be greatly missed. As a classmate,
reunions won't be the same without him. My thoughts and prayers have
been with Joe's entire family. RIP buddy!*

John W. Curry - February 10, 2020 at 06:40 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Judy Gerdes Schafer - February 09, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JS

“ Spent a lot of fun times talking with Joe & Wanda at Bath homecomings, class reunions, etc. -- always fun, always a pleasure. He will be dearly missed! Sympathy, love and prayers to his family. May God bless!

Judy Gerdes Schafer - February 09, 2020 at 07:39 PM

KK

“ Kraig Krause lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray



Kraig Krause - February 09, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest Joe Ray.



February 09, 2020 at 01:34 PM

KS

“ *Kat Squires lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray*



Kat Squires - February 09, 2020 at 01:20 PM

DF

“ *Denny And Martha Garren And Family lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray*



Denny and Martha Garren and Family - February 09, 2020 at 08:29 AM

TD

“ *Tim Sandy Jacob Jesse Daniel lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray*



Tim Sandy Jacob Jesse Daniel - February 09, 2020 at 12:26 AM

CS

“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray*



Craig Schaeffer - February 08, 2020 at 09:33 PM

LF

“ *Wanda & family,
Larry & I are so sorry to hear about Joe.
Please know we are keeping you in our
prayers. He will be greatly missed.*



Larry & Gitana Fletcher - February 08, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Ernest Joe Ray.*



February 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
Ernest Joe Ray.*



February 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM

ML

“ *Jeff & and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mike and Deb Long*

Mike Long - February 08, 2020 at 11:06 AM

KG

“ *Very sorry for your loss. My condolences.*

Kent Gray - February 08, 2020 at 10:37 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Dan and Chris Wilson - February 08, 2020 at 10:09 AM

DR

“ *Debbra Richardson lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray*



Debbra Richardson - February 08, 2020 at 09:40 AM

LW

“ *Lori And Dan Wright lit a candle in memory of Ernest Joe Ray*



Lori and Dan Wright - February 08, 2020 at 09:22 AM