



Merle Edwin Ray

January 1, 1963 - September 22, 2019

Merle Edwin Ray, 56, of Canton, passed away at OSF-St. Francis Medical Center, in Peoria, at 2:08 a.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2019. He was born January 1, 1963, in Havana, IL to Arthur Eugene and Marilou Carolyn (Ortman) Ray. He married Theresye Raubun on April 2, 1995, in Canton, IL. She survives.

Mr. Ray is survived by his wife, Theresye, of Canton; mother, Marilou Gaw, of Havana; two brothers: Fred (Christy) Ray and Kris (Rebecca) Ray, both of Havana; sister: Heather (John) Spencer of Summum, IL; two step-sons: Joshua (Michelle) Raubun of Canton, IL and Kaleb (Reghan) Raubun of Kansas City, Missouri; and four grandchildren, Carly, Keegan, Ariana, and Gideon. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; father; three uncles: Arnie Ray, Cleo Ray and Kenny Ortman, as well as aunt Beulah.

Mr. Ray served in the US Air Force for 10 years, as part of the Red Horse Division. He worked for both Internet, in Havana and Excel Corporation in Beardstown.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service will be held at 1st Assembly of God Church in Havana at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2019 with visitation one hour prior to the services. Graveside services will be held at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October

12, 2019. VFW Post #6408 and American Legion Post #138 in Havana will provide a military detail.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital of Illinois at OSF-St. Francis in Peoria.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Havana 1st Assembly of God Church
629 W. Tinkham
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-6313

Memorial Service

OCT 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Merle Edwin Ray*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



Craig Schaeffer - October 22, 2019 at 03:42 AM



“ *Marilou*
So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers
Therasa (Terri) Duncan RN



Therasa (Terri) Duncan - October 12, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ *Prayers for your peace at this difficult time.*
Marilyn Blakeley

Marilyn Blakeley - September 27, 2019 at 07:55 AM

K.

“ Prayers for you all during this time.



K.T. - September 26, 2019 at 10:58 AM

Nancy
Fleming
Himmelric

“ To Merle's family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Aunt Marilou I love you, I know how hard it is to lose a child. Hugs♥

Nancy Fleming Himmelrick - September 26, 2019 at 08:44 AM

TR

To The Merle Ray Family
You Have Ed Ray
Jonie (Ray) Winson Family
Angie (Ray) Wubben Family
Terie Ray
With All Our Love ♥
Prayers And Support For You At This Difficult Time.
God Keep You Close To Him Always

Terie Ray - October 04, 2019 at 11:20 PM

DC

“ Donna Clouse lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray



Donna Clouse - September 25, 2019 at 04:44 PM

DC

“ Donna Clouse lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray



Donna Clouse - September 25, 2019 at 04:41 PM

KW

“ Kenny And Anita Watson lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray



Kenny and Anita Watson - September 24, 2019 at 10:17 PM

MY

“ Mindy An Claude Youngren lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray



Mindy an Claude Youngren - September 24, 2019 at 01:04 PM

BE

“ May you TIP

Beckie - September 24, 2019 at 11:52 AM

DW

“ *Dan And Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



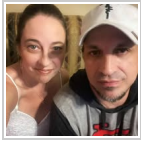
Dan and Chris Wilson - September 24, 2019 at 10:09 AM

CA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss of your son family member. Just remember all the good times and that will bring some comfort. Your family is in my prayers. Connie Atchison*



Connie Atchison - September 24, 2019 at 01:46 AM



“ *Larry Munsch lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



Larry Munsch - September 23, 2019 at 11:34 PM

KN

“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Kevin & Kelly Noble*



Kevin & Kelly Noble - September 23, 2019 at 09:14 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your family loss. Thinking of you.



Susan Showalter - September 23, 2019 at 07:21 PM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss 🙏🙏



brenda craig - September 23, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Prayers for Merle's family...we send love and prayers to his family at this time of great loss...hugs to you all...

Alan & Kathy (Wilson) Phillips



Kathy Phillips - September 23, 2019 at 05:12 PM

AK

“ So sorry for your loss.



Amanda Kline - September 23, 2019 at 04:40 PM

LB

“ *Liz Brauer lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



Liz Brauer - September 23, 2019 at 04:03 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



Nancy Wilson - September 23, 2019 at 03:44 PM

DW

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



Dan and Chris Wilson - September 23, 2019 at 03:13 PM

KR

“ *KIM RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



KIM RUSSELL - September 23, 2019 at 02:47 PM

TU

“ *Traci Unruh lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



Traci Unruh - September 23, 2019 at 02:42 PM

JT

“ *Jennifer Trimpe lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



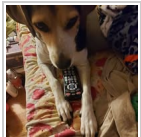
jennifer trimpe - September 23, 2019 at 02:31 PM

 Lisa Jill
Ulrich
Thompson

“ *Sorry for your family's loss! Roger and Lisa Thompson*



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - September 23, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Merle Edwin Ray*



Nancy Elliott - September 23, 2019 at 01:03 PM