



David Lynn Ray

September 18, 1952 - March 23, 2016

David Lynn Ray, 63, a life-long resident of Grand Prairie, died on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at his home.

Visitation: 12 to 2 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2016 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, followed immediately by a Graveside Service at Southland Memorial Park.

David was born on September 18, 1952, the son of the late Odie Ray and Billie Jean Moore Ray. He attended schools in Grand Prairie, including Grand Prairie High School. David loved music and was proud of his collections, including his vinyl records and tapes. He was a gifted musician and enjoyed playing his guitar.

He will be remembered for his faithful friendships, both to his family and life-long friends.

Survivors: daughter, Melanie Ray; mother, Billie Ray; siblings, Tina Stewart, Buster Ray, Denise Ray Blackwell and her spouse Todd and a granddaughter, Halie Jolly.

Cemetery Details

Southland Memorial Park

1100 SW 3rd St.
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050
(972) 263-5570

Graveside Service

MAR 28. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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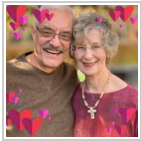
Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lynn Ray.*



March 27, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ <https://www.facebook.com/rickey.goforth.7/videos/344025469055956/?f=2361765376121278129>

This link is from Ricky Goforth.

Gilbert Montes - March 27, 2016 at 08:19 PM



“ *Debbie Ray Clark lit a candle in memory of David Lynn Ray*



Debbie ray clark - March 27, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Lynn Ray.*



March 27, 2016 at 01:32 PM

NR

“ I was so blessed to have David as a life-long friend. No matter how long it had been since I saw David he would always greet me with a big smile and a warm hug. He was the best. Lord, I miss you...

Nyla Rystad - March 27, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Lynn Ray.



March 27, 2016 at 09:42 AM

LT

“ Billie, Melanie, Tina, Buster and Denise I am so sorry your loss. I remember David as a quiet and kind man...what wonderful traits to have in a son, father, brother, cousin and friend. David is resting this Easter Sunday in the love of his savior and with family and friends gone before. I bet he and Kenneth had a lot of catching up to do. 💕



"Go rest high on that mountain...."

With all my love,
Lisa Sizemore Taylor

Lisa Sizemore Taylor - March 27, 2016 at 09:03 AM

DC

Bless you my aunt and cousins. David was such a kind person with a big heart. I have so many good memories. May God be with ya through this difficult time. Always on my mind and in my prayers. Love you all,
debbie ray clark

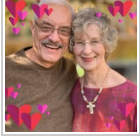
Debbie ray clark - March 27, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lynn Ray.*



March 27, 2016 at 03:02 AM



“ I wrote this years ago for Landon, David's son. Now I post it here for David Ray, he was my jonathan.

Too Soon the Gentle Rose Wilts

by Gilbert Montes

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As time and age have no say.
The pilot commended to the sky.
The sailor to the sea
And the cowboy to God's good earth.
None escapes the grasp.
It has been said and written
There is a time and season for all.
Who would notice?
Who would care?
Who would morn?
Only those experienced
In the beauty,
The color,
The joy
And the fragrance
Of such a flower,
Rare,
No other exists.
Only one
Making time shorter still
As too soon the gentle rose wilts.*

Gilbert Montes - March 26, 2016 at 12:47 PM

VS

Beautiful Gilbert

vickie stockton - March 26, 2016 at 02:30 PM

PW

“ I have known David since our high school days. My friend Terry Varner and I rented an old house on Small Street in GP. It was a place where friends and budding guitar players could meet and not have to worry about the noise! David was a frequent and welcome guest. He always had a smile and something to share. I am swiping this from the movie, "Stand By Me." "Although I hadn't seen him in years, I know I will miss him forever." My condolences to his family and to his many, many friends. Rest in peace, my friend. See you on the next plane.

Paul Wagener - March 26, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ My condolences to the David Ray family.He was a great cousin by marriage.You will be missed David Ray.My love for the family especially Billie, Buster and Tina.Love LaVerne Ray

LaVerne Ray - March 26, 2016 at 11:29 AM

NR

Not too many people are lucky enough to have life-long friendships. I was so lucky to have David as one of those friendships. Always there with a smile and hug no matter how long it had been since the last time we saw each other. You are so loved my friend. Lord, I miss you! Love, Nyla

Nyla Rystad - March 26, 2016 at 01:44 PM



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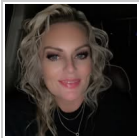
“ David, I will miss you but am joyful to know that I will see you once again at the loving feet of our Father! Prayers to the family with all my love.

Penny Goforth - March 26, 2016 at 11:14 AM

BD

“ So many prayers to everyone in the family. I've known you since I was just a little one and became good friends, Loving music. God Bless... One of the coolest guys I ever met! r.i.p. my sweet friend... hard to say that... Miss you!!! See you again one day...

Brandy Downes - March 26, 2016 at 08:57 AM



“ Ms. Billy, Melanie, Tina, Denise and Buster... So so sorry for your loss of sweet David. I have so many wonderful memories of David singing...loved to sing, Landon playing the guitar... He had such a kind heart, would give you the shirt off of his own back, never judged anyone and loved people exactly for who they were. He will be missed and was loved by many. Love all of you very much. Let me know if there is anything I can do for any of you. Love always- Steph



Stephanie Loving - March 26, 2016 at 08:43 AM

LB

“ LOVE TO TINA AND FAMILY ABOUT DAVID

DEAREST PRECIOUS TINA AND FAMILY...JUST WANTED TO SEND YOU ALL OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOUR SORROWFUL LOSS OF DEAREST DAVID..WE ALL LOVED DAVID!!.. AND WE ALL LOVE YOU!!.. MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY!!...OUR TENDER LOVE AND PRAYERS GO WITH YOU AS YOU MAKE THIS PAINFUL JOURNEY..PLEASE KNOW YOU'RE NOT ALONE, BUT ALL OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU!!...WE ALSO PRAY THAT YOU WILL SENSE THE LOVING PRESENCE OF OUR DEAR LORD JESUS, AND HIS PRECIOUS HOLY SPIRIT (THE TRUEST COMFORTER OF ALL)...AND THAT YOU WILL KNOW THE EVERLASTING LOVE OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER'S ARMS..HOLDING YOU EVER NEAR.....TILL WE SEE YOU AND HOLD YOU AGAIN..ALWAYS IN HIS LOVE...AND.ALWAYS LOVING YOU!!.....LAURA,TREY & COLE, STEPHANIE, EMILY, MICAH.. AND ALL THE FAMILY

Laura Barnett - March 26, 2016 at 02:55 AM

 Lisa Butler

“ *Lisa Butler lit a candle in memory of David Lynn Ray*



Lisa Butler - March 26, 2016 at 02:38 AM

 Lisa Butler

David, you're going to be missed terribly. May you rest in peace. Forever in my heart.

Lisa Butler - March 26, 2016 at 02:40 AM

SS

“ Our heart felt condolences to Billie Tina Buster and family. Many memories came flooding my mind today. David will be remembered for his kindness, and love he had for my family. I already miss him. Love and prayers to his family. Randy, Sherrie , Sarah , Eric and Michael

sherrie matthews smith - March 26, 2016 at 12:57 AM



Michelle Powell

“ Michelle Powell lit a candle in memory of David Lynn Ray



Michelle Powell - March 26, 2016 at 12:41 AM



Michelle Powell

“ May you rest in peace David. You were truly a great man. You will be missed by many. I'm very proud to call you family. Love, Michelle Taylor Powell

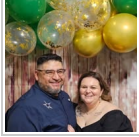
Michelle Powell - March 26, 2016 at 12:36 AM



Bettie Varner

“ I wish I could hear that " what's for breakfast Sister Bettie." just one more time. But I can't. as I once promised you I will continuous to take care of Buster.

Bettie Varner - March 25, 2016 at 11:07 PM



“ *So many great memories growing up with uncle David around. Always singing to us and making us laugh. Such a great man that will truly be missed.*



Jacklyn Estrada - March 25, 2016 at 10:10 PM

VS

“ *My sweet David. Go Rest High On That Mountain. Your pain you delt with over the loss of your loved ones has ended. I will forever miss you. I can hear him now, Vic this is ole Dave I'm ok.*

vickie stockton - March 25, 2016 at 09:52 PM

M(

“ *David*

You were such a great man. I have so many memories of you coming to lake and visiting with us. You will be truly missed. RIP. Love you. Mindy

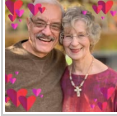


Mindy (cousin) - March 25, 2016 at 09:38 PM

DR

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Danny Richardson - March 26, 2016 at 10:20 AM



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Danny Richardson - March 26, 2016 at 01:51 PM