



David Ray Essary

June 6, 1950 - December 30, 2021

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

David Ray Essary, 71, of Southaven, MS, passed away on Thursday, December 30, 2021. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 7, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home (6815 Parkview Blvd, Olive Branch) with a service to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

David was born on June 6, 1950 in Memphis, TN. He served his country honorably in the US Air Force and in the Tennessee Air National Guard in Vietnam, Korea, Panama, and Desert Storm. David's life revolved around his music and he also loved to read. He was a Mason and a member of the VFW. He retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority. David enjoyed spending time with his family and he will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

David is survived by his wife, Bethel Essary of Southaven, MS; daughter, Starla Medders (Chris) of Braselton, GA; sons, Billy Peppers (Shari) of Salisbury, NC and Shane Essary of Los Angeles, CA; brother, Johnny Essary of Tipton County, TN; sister-in-law, Sandra Essary of Millington, TN; sister, Lisa Watson of Nashville, TN; granddaughter, Ashley Shrodes (Kevin) of Kennesaw, GA; grandsons, Garrett and Cameron Peppers of Fuquay-Varina, NC and a host of nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, May Gladys Essary and Robert A. Essary; brothers, Bobby and Jody Essary.

In honor of David Ray Essary's service to our country, the flag of the United States Air Force will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home on the day of the services.

Online condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd
Memphis, TN 38125

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 2:00 AM (CT)

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Visitation

JAN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. He was. Year ahead of me in school at Frayser. Sending comforting prayers to his family and friends.

Marilyn McPherson McLinn

Marilyn McPherson McLinn - January 05, 2022 at 08:28 PM



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



January 05, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of David Ray Essary.



January 05, 2022 at 12:56 PM

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“ Fly High our musician Friend thanks for the memories. The Inn Men Band.

Gene Duke , Herchell Hunton , Tommy Harper



Tommy Harper - January 03, 2022 at 10:01 PM

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Thanks to all of you . I did even see this until today. David was crazy about you guys. He always said good things about all of you

Bethel Essary - October 30, 2023 at 05:03 PM