



James Robert "Bobby" Ray

December 6, 2015

James Robert "Bobby" Ray, 73, died Sunday, December 6, 2015, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Desoto in Southaven, MS.

Born in Helena, AR, Mr. Ray had lived in the Oxford area for 43 years. He worked for many years as a butcher with Kroger before becoming self-employed as the owner of Sunflower Grocery Store. For 10 years he had worked as a butcher at Walmart. Mr. Ray was a member and a deacon at North Oxford Baptist Church, a Gideon and a Mason. Things that Mr. Ray enjoyed were his love of Jesus, spending time with Miss Ella, working in the yard, reading and studying the Bible, and his church.

Visitation will be held Monday, December 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home 601 Commerce Parkway, Hwy. 7 South, Oxford, MS. (In order to use Google Maps for this address, enter Southpointe Commons Loop because they don't recognize Commerce Parkway)Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at Coleman Funeral Home with Dr. Gary Richardson officiating. Interment will be in the North Oxford Baptist Church Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Ray of Oxford, MS; a son, Rob Ray of Oxford, MS; a daughter, Amy Ray Wilkins of Oxford, MS; a sister, Deane Cavette of

Marion, AR; five grandchildren, Kimberly Wilkins, Emily Wilkins, Alex Wilkins, Jacob Wilkins, and Samuel Thomas all of Oxford, MS.

His parents, Hubert and Loma Ray, and a brother, Hubert Ray, preceded Mr. Ray in death.

Memorials may be made to the North Oxford Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 1700, Oxford, MS 38655.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

North Oxford Baptist Church Cemetery

304 County Road 101
Oxford, MS 38655

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of James Robert "Bobby" Ray



Coleman Funeral Home - December 07, 2015 at 11:34 AM

BN

Bobby Ray was a cousin . We spent a lot of time together growing up in Ar. Prayers for Ella and family. Bonnie Shackelford Newton England , Ar

Bonnie Shackelford Newton - December 07, 2015 at 07:17 PM

TG

I'm saddened to learn of Bobby's passing. We graduated Marvell High together. ... always kind. It's wonderful knowing "absent from the body, present with the Lord."

Tommy Guthrie - December 10, 2015 at 09:38 PM

MJ

“ My father Riki Matsufuji enjoyed working along side Mr Ray. I am so sorrow to hear of his passing. I was not aware of it until this very minute. Please accept my deepest sympathy
Mary Matsufuji Johnson -Calderwood

Mary Matsufuji Johnson-Calderwood - December 21, 2015 at 08:19 PM

BW

“ Am so sorry about Bobby..he was somebody you could always ask a question of..and he always had the answer. May God be with you all at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,
Bobbye Wiley

Bobbye Wiley - December 14, 2015 at 03:35 PM

EB

“ Bobby was a sweet, sweet person & always had a smile, he was one of our favorite friends. He always had a twinkle in his eyes like he was going to play a joke on you. As time went by I realized that was just Bobby. I know that he is missed by his family, also by his friends. It is comforting to know that he is in heaven, still smiling & no pain.

Erma Byars

Erma Byars - December 11, 2015 at 04:50 PM

BL

“ I remember Bobby and Ella when they lived in Marvell, Ar and went to County Line Baptist Church. I was about 12. He led the music. I think he sang tenor. They didn't have children then. I remember how pretty Ella was. Those were good times.

We will be praying for the family.
Ronnie and Brenda (Reed) Loomis

Brenda Loomis - December 10, 2015 at 03:43 PM

JT

“ One of my first memories of Bobby is when we first moved to Oxford and he worked in the meat department at Kroger. I was into soap making then and he very kindly saved me a special sort of fat for my soap. Over the years Butch and I have enjoyed visiting with him and Ella at family gatherings - always a perfect gentleman with a smile on his face. I know that Ella, Amy and her family and Sam are going to miss him greatly. My heart goes out to all of you and please know that you are in our thoughts an prayers. God gives us a Mantle of Grace to get through these first days, just trust Him and know that Bobby is in His care.

Jane Thomas - December 08, 2015 at 11:07 AM

CF

“ Christy Harden & family purchased the In Memory Remembrance Box for the family of James Robert "Bobby" Ray.



Christy Harden & family - December 07, 2015 at 04:18 PM

GS

“ Mr. Ray was a nice man, always had a smile on his face, and he always took the time to shake your hand and ask how you were doing. I always enjoyed talking to him.

Gary Sneed - December 07, 2015 at 03:07 PM

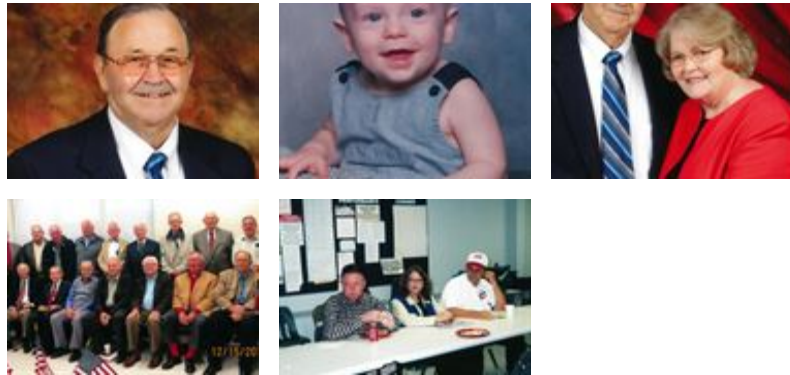
CH

“ I have such fond memories working with Mr. & Mrs. Ray, Rob, and Amy at Sunflower many years ago. What a special family. I love you all and you're in my prayers. ~Christy Harden, Jonesboro, Ar.

Christy Harden - December 07, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - December 07, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray* was purchased for the family of James Robert "Bobby" Ray.



December 06, 2015 at 07:11 PM



“ *Love and Prayers to all of you.*
Tom, Gladys, Olivia, Malachi and Gene Slade,
Vancleave, MS

Tom Slade - December 06, 2015 at 05:44 PM

PB

“ Our sincere sympathy to Ella, Rob, Amy and the entire family of Bobby. Bobby was a dedicated Christian family man. he is now at peace with his Lord. May God comfort each of you during this time of bereavement. In Christian love, Paul and Erma Byars..



Paul and Erma Byars - December 06, 2015 at 04:57 PM

KL

“ It seems Mr Bobby always had a smile on his face. He loved Miss Ella, Rob, Amy and their families so much! He will be greatly missed. We're praying peace and comfort for you all. Walter, Kim Locke and sons.

Kim Locke - December 06, 2015 at 04:42 PM