



Rickey Hampton Ray

October 16, 2023

Rickey Hampton Ray, 72, of Euless, Texas passed away on October 16, 2023, in Waco, Texas. Rickey was born on March 20, 1951, in Durant, Oklahoma to Russell Hampton Ray Sr. and Mary Ethelene (Deel) Ray. Rickey attended grade school in Bokchito and later graduated from RL Turner High School in Carrollton, Texas, and A&P School through Southwest Aero Motive. He married Carrie Lynne Marr on October 21, 1988, in Euless, Texas and they began their journey together. They were truly blessed with 34 years of marriage until Carrie's passing on April 30, 2023. He retired after 48 years with GE Engine Service as a jet engine mechanic. He was a union representative for many years fighting for the employees and negotiations with Lockheed Martin-IAM 276. For many years Rickey supported local sports teams, especially football and drill team even after Stormy graduated high school. Rickey coached Richard's basketball team at Kemp, and both he and Richard coached Rachel's softball team while in junior high.

At an early age, he began mowing lawns to help provide support for his family. In his early 20's and 30's, he restored several hotrods and would race them then come back home and break them down to road legal to drive to work the next day. Rickey had a worm farm at Cedar Creek Lake and would supply worms to many marinas and would tell stories about catching big catfish with goldfish. He instilled in all his children and all his grandchildren, when you work hard for what you have, you appreciate it more. Don't expect a handout,

family is all you have. Don't be afraid to come to him for advice. You may not like it, but he could always give you the "Why his way was better".

Rickey loved sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, and NASCAR. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, hunting, camping, playing his guitar and singing, horseraces and going to the casino. He loved taking cruises to different places with Carrie, trips to Vegas and Branson and all things related to Shimmy Giggles.

Rickey is preceded in death by his wife Carrie Lynne Marr Ray; son Richard Hampton Ray and parents Russell Hampton Ray Sr. and Mary Ethelene Deel Ray Harris.

Rickey is survived by his daughters Rachel Pierce and husband Jackie, Stormy Finley, and Misty Arwood and husband Greg; grandchildren Korey and Jessica Ray, Justin Ray, Lauren Bradley, Sidney Bradley, Jalyne Gill, and Trinity, Abby, Emma, and Tyler Arwood; great grandchildren Autumn and Miles Ray; siblings Maryland Daniels, Russell Hampton Ray Jr. and wife LaFrieda, and Billy Leon Ray, David Marr and wife Debbie, and Randy Marr and wife Monda; pets BooBoo, Lou, and Elliemae; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews; special friends on East Ash Lane, Ron and Pam, Byron and Wayne, and friend Juan.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/NCM65QWJRXGCDJ7S>

Cemetery Details

Albany Cemetery

Previous Events

Family Visitation

OCT **20**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Durant, OK 74701
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Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Rickey Hampton Ray*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - October 19, 2023 at 04:18 PM



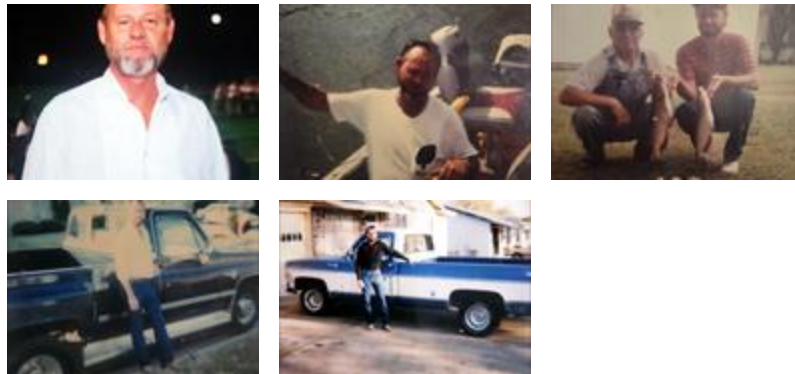
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rickey Hampton Ray.*



October 20, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *83 files added to the album Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - October 19, 2023 at 04:23 PM

KJ

“ I only knew Rickey Ray for a short time, but we bonded pretty quickly and it is a friendship I will cherish forever. I miss our sports talks and his stories of his family. I could tell that he loved his family very much. Every time we would say goodbye he would say “I’ve got your number. You be careful” I wish I could hear that one more time ❤️



Kirsten Jeter - October 19, 2023 at 12:10 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rickey Hampton Ray.



October 18, 2023 at 03:33 PM

BS

“ Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Rickey Hampton Ray



Brenda Smith - October 18, 2023 at 02:56 AM

JD

“ Julie Daniels lit a candle in memory of Rickey Hampton Ray



Julie Daniels - October 18, 2023 at 02:35 AM