



Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.

February 25, 1941 - October 1, 2021

A funeral service for Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray, Jr., 80, who entered into rest on Friday, October 1, 2021, will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at the Faith Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry Gardner will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00 until 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 3, 2021, in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Baptist Church. Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Born in Lee County, SC, he was the son of the late James W. Ray, Sr., and Cleo Bell Ray. Woody was a carpenter who built and renovated many homes in Lee County. He was better known as "Naildriver."

Woody was a true outdoorsman. He enjoyed being in the woods, and coon hunted throughout his early years. He founded Little Egypt Hunt Club, where he enjoyed running his dogs and deer hunting. This was his greatest pleasure as from September 01 until January 01, he would be hunting.

Surviving are his loving wife of 59 years, Helen Warnke Ray of Camden, SC; four daughters, Darlene (Steve) Hawkins of Bishopville, SC, Lynn (Lavern) Grantham of Camden, SC, Mary (Pat) Smith of Camden, SC, Helena (Jason) Watkins of Bishopville, SC; four grandchildren, Trey (Janene) Grantham of Camden, SC, Erica Hughes of Chapin, SC, Tori (Kyle) Honeycutt of Lamar,

SC, Daniel (Mandy) Glenn of Rock Hill, SC; six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Lonnie Ray of Lamar, SC; sisters, Catherine Gaul of Lamar, SC, Jean Transue of Easton, PA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ruby Knight.

Serving as pallbearers will be James Knight, Charles Knight, Ronnie Knight, Chip Knight, James Heyward Howell, and Pete Ray.

Cemetery Details

Faith Baptist Church Cemetery

35 Phillips Church Rd
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Faith Baptist Church
35 Phillips Church Rd
Bishopville, SC 29010

Service

OCT 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.



Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home - October 03, 2021 at 11:52 AM

DA

*My Daddy my life is going to be so empty without you, I'll miss you and me together at the barn messing around and being with our dog & chickens. I love my Daddy .
Dada*

darlenehawkins - October 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

KJ

My thoughts and prayers for your family.

Kathy Jackson - October 03, 2021 at 02:53 PM

DB

So sorry for your lost

David Branham - October 03, 2021 at 06:19 PM

AK

*So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and Prayers are with the Family. Uncle Woody was a great man and fun to be around. Ann knight/
Frankie*

Ann Knight - October 03, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JJ

Darlene I'm so sorry for your loss, I never got to meet your dad but I'm sure he was a wonderful man because he raised a wonderful daughter, hugs love and prayers for you and all your family

Judy Jones - October 03, 2021 at 08:37 PM

CJ

So sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers are with all the family
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christi johnson - October 03, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ *Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hatton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*



Cheryl Hatton - October 03, 2021 at 03:17 AM

JC

“ Junior Caulder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.



Junior Caulder - October 02, 2021 at 07:21 PM

AA

“ Archie/Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.



Archie/Kay Amerson - October 02, 2021 at 04:57 PM

LB

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.



Lori Farmer Brownfield - October 02, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr..



October 02, 2021 at 03:53 PM

BE

“ *Bobbie Elmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*



Bobbie Elmore - October 02, 2021 at 07:49 AM

MB

“ *Matt Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*



Matt Bramlett - October 02, 2021 at 06:48 AM

NH

“ *Norman And Iris Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*



Norman and Iris Hayes - October 01, 2021 at 11:35 PM

SC

“ *Stephanie Cramer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*



Stephanie Cramer - October 01, 2021 at 09:29 PM

DR

“ *David & Paulette Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James W. "Woody" Ray Jr.*



David & Paulette Riley - October 01, 2021 at 08:06 PM

DR

We are heartbroken to hear Mr. Woody passed away. We loved him with all of our hearts! Praying for the family!

David & Paulette Riley - October 01, 2021 at 08:09 PM

PP

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Woody's passing
Best carpenter I have ever seen
Have one or two Coon Hunting adventures I had with Woody and Lonnie also
back in the good ole days
My prayers go out to the family*

Pete and Marie Player - October 01, 2021 at 07:57 PM