



William Elias Ray

February 6, 1939 - June 23, 2025

William was born on February 6, 1939 in Ray City, Georgia to Cursey and Pauline Ray. William grew up farming with his family in Ray City until after he graduated from high school and joined the US Navy, where he served as a boilerman on battleships. After the Navy, he served in law enforcement in Valdosta, Georgia and Gulf Breeze, Florida. He worked in several industries before entering the trade of air conditioning, which led to opening Ray's Electric and Air Conditioning with his brother Chuck. He finished his work career when he retired as a building inspector for Sumter County. William went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on June 23, 2025 in Port Richey, Florida. William is survived by his wife of 33 years, Irene Barker Ray, his son William E. "Billy" Ray, Jr. (Debbie), his daughter Deborah Ray White (Rick), grandchildren Jamie (Rod) Padgett, Chad Ray, Jennifer (Eric) James, Jessie Darnell, Catlin (Carissa) Darnell, and Destiny (Michael) Putrino, as well as 24 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. He is also survived by 2 brothers Charles Ray and Bobby (Linda) Ray and a sister, Jean Seiffert. William was preceded in death by his parents Cursey and Pauline Ray, his sister Wilma Needham, his grandson Donny Ray, and one great grandchild. William was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sumterville and is rejoicing in heaven with his healed body in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Purcell Chapel
114 W Noble Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513
(352) 793-4531

Service

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ *DAVID & JENNIFR TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of William Elias Ray*



DAVID & JENNIFR TAYLOR - June 27, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Elias Ray.*



June 26, 2025 at 09:21 PM

FF

“ *from Freddy and shannon and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Elias Ray.*



from Freddy and shannon and family - June 26, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Elias Ray.*



June 26, 2025 at 11:58 AM

BB

“ Bobby & Peggy Ray and the Boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Elias Ray.



Bobby & Peggy Ray and the Boys - June 26, 2025 at 11:20 AM

BR

“ Bobby And Linda Ray lit a candle in memory of William Elias Ray



bobby and linda ray - June 26, 2025 at 07:04 AM

JS

“ Bill was always very pleasant to talk to and just someone who I really liked. Had my last conversation with him just before moving to Georgia and it was about the "good ole days". My thoughts and condolences to the family during this difficult time.

J Guy Simmons - June 25, 2025 at 08:44 PM