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Only a moment you stayed, but what an imprint your footsteps have left on our hearts.

On September 22, 1958, David Allen Ray, affectionately known as Dae-Dae, to his close friends and family, came into the world as the third son of Milton and Frances Ray. He grew up with two older brothers, Billy and Junior, who were known to use David as a football from time to time. David transitioned to His Father's house joining his father and Billy on October 2, 2022.

David and his brothers were all excellent athletes. David in particular excelled in baseball and basketball. David was most proud of the fact that in 1975, the West Point Green Wave Baseball Team won the state championship and then placed runner up in the World Series. Through sports, David remained close to his teammates over the years, but none so important as the relationship he shared with "the best coach I ever had," Coach Jimmy Wood. He worked for 30 years at Babcock and Wilcox.

David was an extraordinary person with a kind and tender heart, which he

liked to say he got from his mama. He wasn't wrong. He was a Mama's Boy through and through and he was insanely proud of it. David went out of his way to always help people. He would lend a hand if you needed it; if you needed to borrow money, he gave it; if you needed to be somewhere, he took you; if you had a secret, he kept it; if you needed to laugh, oh, then he was your man. His generosity knew no bounds and his ability to forgive came just as easily.

Perhaps the only flaw he possessed was his hard-headedness. A common Ray trait, and it was said that he got that from his daddy. That wasn't wrong either. But even with his hard-headedness, you could not stay away from him. He was a true friend.

He was predeceased by his brother, Billy, and his father, Milton. He leaves behind his beloved mother, Frances Dixon Ray; his wife, Vicki; his brother, Junior (Gail); his sister-in-law, Betty (Ray) Carpenter (Paul); his stepdaughter, Kathryn Hoffpauir (Clay), from his marriage to Danell Dexter; Vicki's children, Brandon Walker (Amanda) and Caitlyn Walker; his favorite nieces, Kimberly Allen (William), Kelly Ramsay (Will), Stephanie Craven (Chris), and Erica Davidson (Marcus), as well as his grandchildren, Kamryn Zarate, Emma Walker, Thomas Walker, Cyrus Walker, and John Douglas Walker. He also leaves a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom he was extremely proud.

David had so many friends that it would be impossible to list each one. Special friends he would want to recognize are: Coach Jimmy Wood (Kathy), Bobby Permenter, Jeff (Bobo) Florriech (Kathy), Russell Hawkins, Frank Hawkins, Lloyd Hurt (Deborah), Mark Brown, Steve Brown (Rosemary), Doug Johnson, Robert Miller, Tommy Henley, Donnie Walker (Millie), Gary Golson (Lisa), Troy and Debbie Moore, Stanley Rieves, Roger Woolbright, Calvin Adams, Danny McNamee (Debbie), Bud Bowen, and all of his Class of 1976 Classmates, and his baseball, basketball, and softball teammates over the

years.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, from 12:00-2:00 P.M. at Calvert Funeral Home Chapel in West Point with a Memorial Service to follow at 2:00 P.M. with Bro. Chris Craven officiating. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

SR

“ I am overwhelmed by the loss of David please accept my family deepest sympathy for your loss. We will continue to pray for your family. David and I were High School friends and we stayed in touch. Love that guy.

Stanley Reives - October 04, 2022 at 03:00 PM

MB

I am deeply saddened by the loss of David we have always been friends but lately we got a lot closer he had bought him a Bass guitar and he was coming to the house a couple nights a week and we were learning him to play never dreamed that would be the last time I would see him.

Mark Brown - October 04, 2022 at 04:25 PM

BJ

“ So sorry for your loss. I grew up from little league on through high school and beyond playing ball with David. He was a great neighbor to have and he will be missed. Praying for all of the family in this trying time.

Bob Jolly - October 04, 2022 at 12:12 AM

DR

“ So sorry for your loss 🙏
David was a great friend, my late husband Mickey Reed and I both worked with him at B&W. Rest In Peace 🙏

Donna Reed - October 03, 2022 at 10:13 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your families loss, I worked with David and his brothers for many years at B&W, I Pray for Vicki and the family. so sorry i won't be able to attend memorial. J. R. Dog Sims

J. R. Sims - October 03, 2022 at 09:36 PM

LP

I'm sorry to loose another cousin.
I miss his brother Billy also.
We played a lot of baseball together. Praying For Your Family 🙏❤️😔

Lonnie Peeples - October 03, 2022 at 09:51 PM

TB

“ Terry And Jerri Brock lit a candle in memory of David Allen Ray



Terry and Jerri Brock - October 03, 2022 at 06:55 PM

KD

“ SO very sorry for your loss! Special thoughts and prayers to this family!!

Kay Dedeaux

Kay Dedeaux - October 03, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Allen Ray.*



October 03, 2022 at 02:27 PM