



Raymond Edward Rice Jr.

February 22, 1961 - December 12, 2015

Raymond Edward Rice, Jr., 54, of Hurt died Saturday, December 12, 2015 at his home. He was the husband of Janice Marie Goe Rice.

He was born February 22, 1961 in Lynchburg, a son of Raymond Edward Rice, Sr. and Linda Lanier Rice of Hurt. He received a degree in chemistry from Longwood College and was a Business Development Manager for Shamrock Environmental Corporation.

Ray was an avid outdoorsman who loved farming with his restored 274 International tractor and riding his four-wheeler on the family farm. He loved hunting, fishing and rafting on the river. He was a huge fan of the West Virginia Mountaineers and Gretna Hawks football teams.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived a brother, Greylin Rice and his wife Connie of Mebane, NC; two sisters, Lana Rice Dews of Hurt and Jane Rice Crenshaw of Midlothian; four nephews, SPC Jacob Crenshaw with the U.S. Army 10th Mtn. Division based out of Ft. Drum, New York, Joshua Crenshaw, Collin Rice and Lanier Rice; and one niece, Peyton Rice

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday December 16, 2015 at New Bethel United Methodist Church by the Rev. Dr. R.A. Dick Daily with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends anytime at the residence of his parent's, Raymond and Linda Rice, 3160 Wards Road, Hurt, VA 24563.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The American Red Cross, Metropolitan Lynchburg Chapter, P.O. Box 2263, Lynchburg, VA 24501.

Cemetery Details

New Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery

7061 Dews Road
Hurt, VA 24563

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel United Methodist Church
7061 Dews Road
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 14, 2015 at 06:23 PM

CW

What a loving tribute to his life! Blessing to you all! Love Cindy

Cindy Wright - December 14, 2015 at 06:50 PM



So sorry for this time of morning, but so glad of a better tomorrow. God bless - Laura Anderson Crotts

Laura Crotts - December 15, 2015 at 12:17 PM

OH

“ *Ray and Linda,
I just saw this. We are so sorry for your loss
Thinking of you
Omar and Carole Hussamy*

omar Hussamy - December 12, 2020 at 04:06 PM

DL

“ *David Lydiard lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



David Lydiard - January 20, 2017 at 06:36 PM

DL

I just found out today that Ray is gone and was shocked. My deepest sympathy to his family. Ray and I were in the same suite in Frazier my first year at Longwood and after graduation we were roommates while he was in Richmond for a short while. The best way to describe Ray was that he was such a solid guy and straight-up good person. He loved his family dearly and spoke of them often at school. Ray, and his friends are part of my best memories from that year. His parents, siblings, and nieces and nephews have reason to be proud of him.

David Lydiard - January 20, 2017 at 07:16 PM

TH

“ *Todd Hailey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Todd Hailey - December 21, 2015 at 06:39 PM

LD

“ *So sorry to hear about Ray. I have a lot of great memories with him from quite a long time ago. I'm truly sorry for your loss. He was a gem.*

Lori Protz Dowell

Lorraine Dowell - December 20, 2015 at 07:45 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Ray's passing. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family.

Mike Southern

Mike Southern - December 18, 2015 at 06:59 AM

SB

“ Ray is a wonderful man who will be missed by all. I am so sorry for the loss of a son, a husband, a brother, an uncle, a cousin, and so much more than that. I prayed fervently for Ray, even though he is not with us now, I know that those prayers were answered, because our God is the God of the living. I have such great memories of when we were kids on the Outer Banks and all of us cousins running around the farm. Thank you for sharing the pictures with us. God bless you all. Sarah Beveridge

Sarah Beveridge - December 18, 2015 at 05:49 AM

LR

Thank you with love for you Sarah

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ Sympathy to the Rice Family in this time of sorrow.



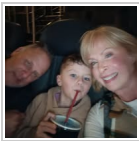
Jimmy Bolling - December 17, 2015 at 09:12 AM

JD

“ *The Rice Family:
Just found out about Rays death. We are so sorry about the loss of your son. We will keep you all in our prayers. Miss seeing you folks. It's been awhile since the old baseball days. The good old days. I read about Raymond and his golf game in the paper at times.
Not sure if Greg knows about Raymond passing but i will let him know. If any of you ever are in Danville please contact us. May GOD BLESS YOU WITH STRENGTH AT THIS TIME.
Joe and Martha Doss*



Joe Doss - December 16, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ *So sorry to here of Ray's passing. Ray was my chemistry lab partner at Longwood and we kept in touch throughout the years. A truly good guy. God bless and my prayers are with the family*

Sincerely,

Gregg Jones

Jan Jones - December 16, 2015 at 06:55 PM

LR

Thank you for you kind words.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:21 PM

RC

“ *I want to express my sympathy and let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Rob Cates - December 16, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



December 16, 2015 at 10:40 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

John & Lynn Mattox - December 16, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ *Kevin Bradley and Tonya Speir donated to the American Red Cross in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*

"Our thoughts and prayers are with you all."

Kevin Bradley - December 16, 2015 at 07:11 AM



“ *Jane,Lana and the entire Rice family,I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing.I hope that in the days to come you find peace.You will be in my prayers.*

Lisa St John - December 15, 2015 at 11:58 PM

PA

“ *Perry and Ann Shy Robby and Ashley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



Perry and Ann Shy Robby and Ashley - December 15, 2015 at 08:20 PM

ML

“ *Mario And Patti Lanier-Paul lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Mario and Patti Lanier-Paul - December 15, 2015 at 07:05 PM

ML

Dear Linda, Raymond & family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. What a beautiful memorial video of a life well lived, though far too short. We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. Love, Patti & Mario

Mario and Patti Lanier-Paul - December 15, 2015 at 07:13 PM

BL

“ *So sorry for your loss - Just met young Ray once and he was such a nice young man. To the family - we truly feel your hurt and share your loss. Love, Herb and Brenda Lawson*

Brenda Lawson - December 15, 2015 at 04:13 PM

DK

“ Dear Raymond, Linda and family:
We are so sorry for the loss of your son. Having lost our son at an early age was bad, but we cannot imagine how devastating it was for you to experience his battle with an incurable condition. I have been thinking of you, all through these past months and hope you find peace knowing that he is no longer suffering.
With Love:
Dan & Geraldine Kauffman

Dan Kauffman - December 15, 2015 at 11:52 AM

PS

“ So sorry to hear the loss of Ray our thoughts and prayers are with you. God will comfort you during this time.

Doris Dillard, Wynelle Rowles and Pansey Stitely



pansey Stitely - December 15, 2015 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ The Rice family have been wonderful neighborhood friends of Larry's family all their lives. We are praying for all of your many family members in this difficult time. Ray was smart, honest and kind and we know he will be dearly missed. May God bless you in this difficult time.
-- Larry & Martha Singleton

Larry & Martha Singleton - December 15, 2015 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ Jimmy Marr lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



jimmy marr - December 15, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..



December 15, 2015 at 08:53 AM

KJ

“ Kathleen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



kathleen johnson - December 15, 2015 at 05:56 AM

GB

“ George And Tinker Burkhardt lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



George and Tinker Burkhardt - December 15, 2015 at 04:23 AM

LR

Thank you.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:24 PM

DW

“ *David Walker lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



David Walker - December 15, 2015 at 04:13 AM

DW

Raymond and Linda...My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God ease your pain during this difficult time.

David Walker - December 15, 2015 at 04:53 AM

VM

“ *Raymond, Linda, and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Vickie and Blair Meneses



Vickie Meneses - December 14, 2015 at 11:10 PM



“ *Prayers and Love from the Hemps.*

John Hemp - December 14, 2015 at 10:52 PM

FL

“ Fred & Sheila Lanier lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Fred & Sheila Lanier - December 14, 2015 at 10:00 PM

JF

“ JOYCE FISHER lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



JOYCE FISHER - December 14, 2015 at 09:35 PM

LR

Thank you Joyce.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM

EL

“ Elizabeth Lanier lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Elizabeth Lanier - December 14, 2015 at 09:31 PM

EL

Gone way too soon, a loving, kind and gentle person with a 1000 watt smile. Ray will be missed by everyone. Our hearts go out to Janice, Aunt Linda, Uncle Raymond, Lana, Jane and Greylin, Connie and the whole family. Hugs to you all and love,

Elizabeth and William Lanier - December 14, 2015 at 09:35 PM

LR

Thank you

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM

BA

“ *Bill&Betty Adkins lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Bill&Betty Adkins - December 14, 2015 at 08:20 PM

CD

“ *Sorry for your loss.*

Carlton & Linda Lewis Dalton



Carlton & Linda Lewis Dalton - December 14, 2015 at 05:39 PM

RH

“ *So sorry to hear about Ray, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Robert Hankins - December 14, 2015 at 05:21 PM

SD

“ Stacey Dalton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Stacey Dalton - December 14, 2015 at 04:29 PM

SC

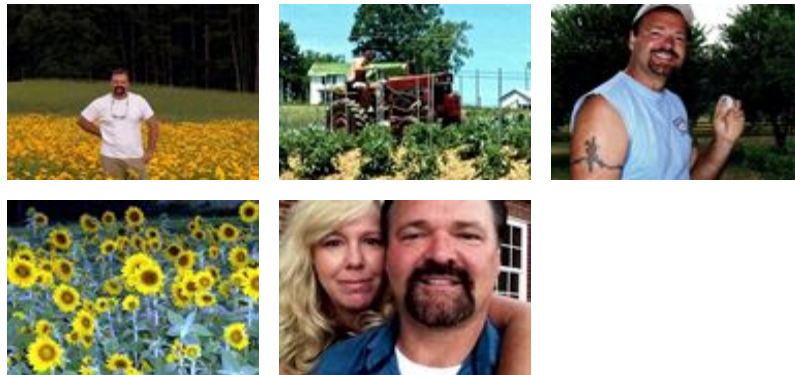
“ shamrock environmental corporation purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..



shamrock environmental corporation - December 14, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 14, 2015 at 03:43 PM

CD

“ Chris And Don lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.

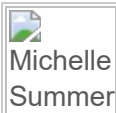


Chris and Don - December 14, 2015 at 02:58 PM

CD

Don and I are so sorry for your loss and our prayers are with both of you and your family. May the spirit of God comfort you during your time of grief.

Chris and Don - December 14, 2015 at 03:05 PM



Michelle Summer

Janice, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and my prayers, my friend.

Michelle Summers Witt - December 14, 2015 at 08:02 PM

CS

“ Linda, Raymond & family I was so shocked to see the news of Rays passing. I am so sorry. May God be with all during this difficult time. I will be praying for you all. May God Bless Carolyn Sain

Carolyn Sain - December 14, 2015 at 02:17 PM

EP

“ Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Eddie Puckette - December 14, 2015 at 02:10 PM

GJ

“ *Golnaz J. purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



Golnaz J. - December 14, 2015 at 01:53 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



December 14, 2015 at 01:43 PM

PC

“ *Piedmont Eye Center purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



Piedmont Eye Center - December 14, 2015 at 01:15 PM

PC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

The Physicians and Staff of Piedmont Eye Center

Piedmont Eye Center - December 14, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



December 14, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ *Gregand Angie Russell lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



gregand angie russell - December 14, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Rice Jr..*



December 14, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ *Butch & Glenna Carr lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Butch & Glenna Carr - December 14, 2015 at 10:34 AM

MD

“ Ray lead our Gretna Junior High School football team to an undefeated season. He was my teammate and a great guy.

Mark Dalton - December 14, 2015 at 10:27 AM

JT

“ Jimmy Thurman lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Jimmy Thurman - December 14, 2015 at 09:43 AM

GB

“ Gail Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Gail Buchanan - December 14, 2015 at 09:33 AM

MP

“ Mike & Mary Pickrel lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Mike & Mary Pickrel - December 14, 2015 at 09:33 AM

RM

“ *Ronnie Meneses lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Ronnie Meneses - December 14, 2015 at 09:14 AM

SD

“ *Janice, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ray was a great guy, he will be missed.*



Steve and Ann Davis

Steve Davis - December 14, 2015 at 09:08 AM

BM

“ *Beth McElveen lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Beth McElveen - December 14, 2015 at 09:05 AM

TG

“ *Terri Goode lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Terri Goode - December 14, 2015 at 09:02 AM

BG

“ *Bruce & Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Bruce & Angie Gledhill - December 14, 2015 at 08:31 AM

KR

“ *Janice, Linda, Raymond, Jane, Lana, & Greylin,*

My heart goes out to you all, Ray was a sweetheart. We didn't see each other much, but he always had a smile and hug for me. Please know that we are thinking of you all and have you all in our prayers.

Kelly Sue & Shelby

Kelly Reynolds - December 14, 2015 at 08:30 AM

HC

“ *May the good Lord bring Peace to your family. May His presence bless you all during the coming days and weeks.*

Hannah Clinger - December 14, 2015 at 08:29 AM

DI

“ *Dianne Irby lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Dianne Irby - December 14, 2015 at 08:27 AM

PG

“ *Peggy R. Goodman lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Peggy R. Goodman - December 14, 2015 at 08:09 AM

KM

“ *Keith & Sheila Moon lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Keith & Sheila Moon - December 14, 2015 at 06:30 AM

CB

“ *May God keep the entire Rice family in his loving care as He carries Ray home to Glory. I taught Ray as a bright young aspiring student at Longwood College and thought so very highly of him.....so much so, that I brought his younger brother, Greylin, to play ball for me several years later. I loved the baseball player, Greylin, but never quite as much as I did big brother, Ray. Mrs. Bolding and I are saddened to learn of Ray's passing, but we joy in the life that Ray lived. Few people of any time or place ever lived a richer and more caring life than Ray. The entire Longwood Baseball family is with the Rice family at this hour. Coach and Andrea Bolding*

Coach and Andrea Bolding - December 13, 2015 at 10:29 PM

LR

Thank you for your caring and love of Ray and our family.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:31 PM

PP

“ *Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Paulette Payne - December 13, 2015 at 09:43 PM

TB

“ *Terry M. Brooks*



Terry Brooks - December 13, 2015 at 09:37 PM



“ *Wayne Yeatts lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Wayne Yeatts - December 13, 2015 at 09:24 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Farris lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Sandra Farris - December 13, 2015 at 09:06 PM

MW

“ Mike And Ruth Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Mike and Ruth Wolfe - December 13, 2015 at 08:20 PM

JJ

“ Jill And Justin lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Jill and Justin - December 13, 2015 at 07:39 PM

JE

“ I will always remember that sweet smile and the hug that I got every time I would see you <3 our family has certainly lost an amazing guy.

Jill, Justin, and Easton - December 13, 2015 at 07:38 PM

LR

Thank you for your love of Ray and prayers for us all.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:33 PM

DS

“ Danny&Mary Singleton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Danny&Mary Singleton - December 13, 2015 at 07:22 PM

AP

“ *Angie Pereira lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Angie Pereira - December 13, 2015 at 06:29 PM

LR

Your kind words and love means so very much to us all. Hugs and Blessings.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:34 PM

TH

“ *Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Tommy&Shirley Hutcherson - December 13, 2015 at 05:53 PM

RC

“ *Randolph & Joyce Coffey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Randolph & Joyce Coffey - December 13, 2015 at 05:41 PM

LR

Words can not express what is in our hearts for what you'll mean and meant to Ray and to all of us throughout Ray's illness, suffering and passing. Just have to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:37 PM

DM

“ *Dot [Rorer] Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



dot [rorer] mitchell - December 13, 2015 at 04:29 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Ward lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Patricia Ward - December 13, 2015 at 04:28 PM

TP

“ *Raymond and Linda; So sorry for your loss Tony*

tony parsons - December 13, 2015 at 04:26 PM

PB

“ *Patricia Barksdale lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Patricia Barksdale - December 13, 2015 at 04:25 PM

DV

“ Dale Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Dale Vaughan - December 13, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DV

I am so sorry to hear this, Ray was an incredibly nice caring person. My heart goes out to you and my prayers are with you all.

Dale Vaughan - December 13, 2015 at 04:03 PM

LR

Thank you very much Dale.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:38 PM

EC

“ Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Ellyn Cox - December 13, 2015 at 03:37 PM

MB

“ Linda, Raymond and all of the family, Praying for comfort for you during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Melba and Bobby Blanks

Melba Blanks - December 13, 2015 at 03:35 PM

BM

“ *Bud And Dean Moon lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Bud and Dean Moon - December 13, 2015 at 02:37 PM

BT

“ *Raymond and Linda, our hearts go out to you. Praying for God's peace for you and your family.*



Bill and Pat Tompkins - December 13, 2015 at 01:30 PM

LR

Thank you for wonderful meaningful words.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:40 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hammond lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Kim Hammond - December 13, 2015 at 12:32 PM

EB

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love & Prayers,

Edwin & Sue Blackstock



Edwin & Sue Blackstock - December 13, 2015 at 12:26 PM

VL

“ Virginia Lanier lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Virginia Lanier - December 13, 2015 at 11:20 AM

LR

“ Linda & Ralph lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Linda & Ralph - December 13, 2015 at 10:38 AM

CW

“ Carroll And Gwenda Willard lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Carroll and Gwenda Willard - December 13, 2015 at 08:58 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Nancy Roark - December 13, 2015 at 07:28 AM

GG

“ *Gwen Goggin lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Gwen Goggin - December 13, 2015 at 07:22 AM

JS

“ *Janice Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.*



Janice Smith - December 13, 2015 at 06:53 AM

AW

“ *Raymond and Linda my prays are with you and your family. So very sorry for your lost.
God bless...Annie Wilson*

Annie Wilson - December 13, 2015 at 06:33 AM

LR

Thank you Annie. So sorry for your loss too. Too many too close. Hugs.

Linda Rice - January 01, 2016 at 12:42 PM

GD

“ Glenn & Phyllis Dalton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Glenn & Phyllis Dalton - December 12, 2015 at 08:50 PM

EE

“ Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Eugene & Mary Edmonds - December 12, 2015 at 08:38 PM

EM

“ Emily Mayhew lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Rice Jr.



Emily Mayhew - December 12, 2015 at 08:13 PM

EM

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you in the loss of this dear loved one. May God surround you with His love and comfort as you go through this difficult time.

Emily Mayhew - December 12, 2015 at 08:15 PM

CB

May God hold the entire Rice family in His loving care as he carries Ray home to His glory. I taught Ray as a bright young student at Longwood College, and due largely to our wonderful relationship, I brought his younger brother, Greylin, to play baseball for me. Although I loved Greylin the ball player, I always loved big brother, Ray, just a little more. Coach and Mrs. Bolding, and the Longwood Baseball family share in this great loss, but because Ray lived such a great life, we joy in the life that Ray so beautifully lived.

Coach and Mrs. Buddy Bolding - December 13, 2015 at 10:08 PM

WK

Raymond and Linda

Sorry to hear of the loss of your son. My prayers for you and family in this difficult time. God Bless Wendell Kelly

Wendell Kelly - December 15, 2015 at 12:22 PM

TH

So sorry to hear of your loss. Ray was a great person.

Todd Hailey - December 21, 2015 at 06:41 PM