



Michael L. Ray

February 6, 1952 - July 25, 2024

Michael L. Ray, age 72 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 5:24 pm, Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A graveside service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Monday, July 29, 2024, at Roselawn Cemetery in Charleston, IL. Reverend Ian Stamps will officiate. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Michael was born on February 6, 1952, in Sullivan, IL to the late Chester F. and Mary E. (Risley) Ray. He married Sharon L. Copenhaver on June 21, 1974, in Mattoon, IL; she survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by one son, Robert C. Metcalf of Daytona Beach, FL; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five brothers; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Throughout his career he was employed as a forklift driver at Rural King and RR Donnelly in Mattoon, IL and A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company in Decatur, IL.

Mr. Ray enjoyed woodworking and spending quality time with his family and friends. He especially loved making memories with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Charleston, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

Roselawn Cemetery
Charleston, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ Grandma Sharon and Michael’s Family, I am so very sorry to hear about Michael’s passing. He was a wonder man with a great skill at wood working among other things and a wonderful neighbor. My heat breaks for all of you. My deepest sympathies.

Theresa Nelson Swango - July 29, 2024 at 09:05 PM

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“ Mike and I were best friends in grade school and Jr. High. We went our separate ways in high school. but I never thought of him as anything but my best friend. So many in the Ray family have been good friends. The last time that I talked to Mike, he said we should get together and rehash old times.
I wish that we had done it. Now I will see him on the other side with family and friends. A great man that left nothing but good memories and love for all.
Raymond Loy

Raymond Loy - July 29, 2024 at 12:36 PM

MM

“ Sharon... so sorry to hear about Mike! We are in Florida now so we wont make it to the graveside memorial. Please know that we will be there in spirit! We sure had fun back in the 70’s. We think of you both and wondered how you both are doing. May God wrap his arms around you & bring you peace, comfort & understanding. Mike was a wonderful man! Love Mike & Mary Morton

Mary Morton - July 28, 2024 at 08:13 AM

PA

“ Mike and I spend many childhood days together. Countless days behind Roger Fleshners hay bailer loading rack wagons. Haven't seen him since high school but often thought of him. Rest in peace my friend.

Phil Armstrong - July 27, 2024 at 11:19 AM