



Kenneth Gene Ray

November 10, 1936 - November 5, 2017

Mr. Kenneth Gene Ray age 80 of Centre passed away Sunday November 5th at his home.

Visitation for Mr. Ray will be held from 4-6pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, with funeral service to follow, at Perry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Woodfin officiating. There will be a interment service on Wednesday at Sand Valley Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Kendra Pruitt, Joel Seagraves, Trevor Perry, Duncan Hellums, Wesley Pruitt, Bryan Young, and Randall Miller.

Mr. Ray is survived by his wife; Jaunita (Joe Bob) Ray, daughters; Pam Ray (Kerry) Sayre, Jennifer Ray Perry, and Kendra Ray (Bobby) Pruitt, all of Centre, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a very special friend and caregiver Edward Smith of Piedmont.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his brother Brance Allen Ray and great-grandson Finnegan Max Young.

Mr. Ray was a native of Cherokee County and the son of the late Sellus (Red Ray) and Jean Estelle Cunningham Ray. Kenneth (Trade Day Ray) was retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and Founder of Rays Saws in Centre. He and Joe Bob were foster parents of approx. 300 children for a period of thirty one years. Kenneth served as a deacon of First Baptist Church where he was a member of the counting committee.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the McKinney-Vinto program of Cherokee County Schools. This is a county wide program that assists children with needs to attend school. Please make checks payable to Cherokee County Board of Education for McKinney-Vinto in memory of Kenneth Ray. Donations may be mailed to CCHS, Attention Erin Young, 910 Warrior Drive, Centre, AL 35960.

Cemetery Details

Sand Valley Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.
1611 East Bypass
Centre, AL 35960
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Service

NOV 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Jo Bob & Family,
We are saddened to read (Thursday 11/09/'17) of
Kenneth's passing. He was a good man & a friend to all. He
never met a stranger, & was always helping anyone in
need. These are the qualities that make our little town of
Centre a great place to live & raise Families.*

You & Kenneth set good examples in your love of Children & helping others.

Kenneth will be missed by us, & all who knew him.

*May God Bless you & the Family & give you comfort now & in the days & weeks
to come, as you grieve his loss.*

Much Love and prayers coming your way from our Family to yours.

In Christian Love,

Billy & Elaine(Callaway) Brooks & Our Children,

*Judy Brooks Franks, Joy Brooks(Jim)McCord, Theresa D. (Ken) Teal,
Phillip (Mai) DeMaggio, & Dominic Charles(Jennifer) DeMaggio.*



Billy & Elaine Brooks - November 09, 2017 at 01:10 PM

CW

“ *So many good memories of Mr. Kenneth. He will be missed so much. Love to all
the family.*

Christy King Waddell - November 07, 2017 at 04:10 PM

FF

“ *Kenneth was one of the nicest men I have known. He was always thinking of
other people. I remember once our family was visiting for a few days, and he
“gave” me his truck to use while I was in town as if it was my own. This is just one
example of how selfless he was. He was a great role model for me.*

Frank Freeman - November 07, 2017 at 09:26 AM

JS

*Kenneth was a gentleman. He was one of my favorites. So good to me and my Mom
and Dad. He will be missed, so glad I got to see him i, January last year. Prayers for
family's. Jan Sherrell*

Jan Sherrell - November 08, 2017 at 07:40 AM

CS

“ I remember Uncle Kenneth "Coconut" and the good times at the lake during the summer. I also remember him having a rolled up collection of knives in his trunk. He showed them to us several times. I remember him as laughing a lot. The Christmas get-to-gathers were great times for growing closer for our families. I know he is already missed; but, he no longer suffers. You continue to be in our prayers. When we shared the news with the kids, they said that Uncle Kenneth and Granddaddy were in heaven laughing together and making jokes. Hope they don't get thrown out for being too rowdy.
Charles & Brenda Sewell family.

Charles E. Sewell - November 07, 2017 at 01:11 AM