



Floyd Benjamin Ray

April 15, 1922 - April 25, 2011

Floyd Benjamin Ray, 89, of Springfield, Missouri, passed away Monday, April 25, 2011 at Maranatha Village following a brief illness.

Floyd was born April 15, 1922 in Timber, Missouri, to Jacob Henry Robert Ray and Sarah Belle (Huskey) Ray. On February 2, 1941, a justice of the peace united Floyd and Lillian Lorene Grizzle in marriage in Eminence, Missouri.

Though Floyd had no formal engineering education, he built bridges, culverts, and headwalls after asking God to give him precise construction plans. He retired as a superintendent and belonged to the Carpenters District of Kansas City Local #978 in Springfield. Floyd loved remodeling old homes. He and his three sons Carl, Bob, and Jerry all worked to build the Benton Street Bridge in Springfield. His father-in-law, Frank Grizzle and his four sons worked on the original bridge.

Floyd was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God for 40 years, and at the time of his death attended Northside Assembly, where he had been a member more than 28 years. He taught himself to read by reading the Bible. He knew it well, and was never afraid to share the good news. Floyd and his wife taught their children the virtues of hard work, as well as leaving them a strong Christian heritage. Floyd's wish for his family and friends is that he will see them all in heaven one day. To be absent from the body is to be present

with the Lord.

If Floyd could have done anything different in his life, it would be to spend more time traveling with his wife before she passed away.

Floyds favorite hobby was remodeling old homes. He made the old barracks at Evangel University into two different homes. One of them served as a starter home for Floyds daughter, Shirley, her husband and children. The second is still owned by Floyds daughter, Sharon. Another hobby of Floyds was raking hay with his son, Carl. Even at age 85, he still enjoyed this hobby. Floyd also enjoyed riding on four-wheelers at his farm with his son, Jerry. Floyd would want to be remembered for being godly and trustworthy, and for loving his family and his Lord.

Preceding Floyd in death were his parents, Jake and Sarah Ray; his wife, Lillian Lorene Ray; and his sons, Leon (infant) and Bob Ray.

Floyd is survived by his children: Carl Ray and wife Dorothy of Ozark, Missouri; Sharon Rasnake and husband Burt of Springfield, Missouri; Jerry Ray and wife Jennifer of Springfield, Missouri; Shirley Franklin and husband Brett of Rogersville, Missouri. Also surviving him are 12 grandchildren: Kara and Jeff Freeman of Ozark, Missouri; Karla and Keith Schmuesser of Branson, Missouri; Kayla and Greg Lane of Nixa, Missouri; Karl and Lori Ray of Highlandville, Missouri; Doug and Lindsey Ray of Springfield, Missouri; John and Kim Washam of Indianapolis, Indiana; Jerry and Jenny Washam of Maryland Heights, Missouri; Tiffany and Chaniver Tolliver of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Tarrah and Caleb Moreno of Springfield, Missouri; Tyler Ray of Springfield, Missouri; Chris and Alesha Franklin of Springfield, Missouri; Heather and Michael Daugherty of Springfield, Missouri.

Floyd is also survived by 19 great grandchildren: Brandon and Alicia

Freeman, Brian Freeman, Keifer Schmuesser, Dalton Lane, Joshua Ray, Kennasyn Ray, Griffin Ray, Piersyn Ray, Gavin Washam, Savannah Washam, Kaylee Shelley, Ashtyn Shelley, Jaclyn Moreno, Amari Tolliver, Aja Tolliver, Isabella Franklin, Riley Franklin, Blake Daugherty, and Lilly Daugherty. One great, great granddaughter also survived: Chloe Freeman.

Visitation will be held Thursday evening, April 28, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Northside Assembly of God church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 29, 2011, at Northside Assembly of God church in Springfield, Missouri. Reverends Alvin Blackard and Darrell Mead will be officiating under the care and direction of Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. A congregational song Uncloudy Day will be led by Carl Ray, with Brett Franklin accompanying on piano. A video tribute will be shown with the song When I Traveled My Last Mile.

Burial will follow at Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield. Pallbearers will be Carl Ray, Jerry Ray, Karl Ray, Doug Ray, John Washam, Tyler Ray, Chris Franklin, and Brandon Freeman. Honorary pallbearers are Jerry Washam, Michael Daugherty, Keifer Schmuesser, Dalton Lane, Joshua Ray, Griffin Ray, Gavin Washam, Blake Daugherty, and Riley Franklin.

In lieu of flowers, please make tax deductible donations to Floyd's favorite missions project. Please make checks payable to Northside Assembly of God, where donations will go to Assemblies of God Bible College in Jamaica West Indies. Checks maybe mailed to the church at 2310 North Campbell Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, 65803.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Floyd Benjamin Ray*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Floyd Benjamin Ray*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am with you in Spirit today as you lay your loved one to rest. I know he is so happy in Heaven and in no more pain. My prayers and thoughts are with you today.*

Love, Judy

Judy M. Mears - April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley, Brett and all,
So sorry for your loss. I know what it is to lose parents. Thankful that we have the hope of seeing them again in heaven. God comfort & bless you all.*

*Sincerely,
Mary (Anna Belle's cousin)*

Mary Morgan - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Floyd Ray was a remarkable man. It was always so interesting to hear about his history and God's hand in his life, for that was the prominent theme of any story he told. We treasure the memory of the Goodtimers trip to his old stomping grounds. Just before we left Springfield, he took us out to eat, then we drove around while he pointed out places in the area important to him - another treasured memory. We most often think of him sitting in the back row of the Sunday School class with a ready comment regarding the lesson. He leaves behind a wonderful heritage in his family.*

Dawn and robin Storer - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Floyd Benjamin Ray*

Rhonda (Luttrull) Jeffery - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Sharon,*

I am sorry for your loss. I pray that the Lord comforts each of your family members.

Gloria Robinett

Gloria Robinett - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Our love and prayers are with the entire Ray family.

What a wonderful Christian heritage Mr. and Mrs. Ray have given to their family and friends.

May you continue to experience God's peace and presence in the days to come.

Karlene Gannon - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ words can not express the sorrow that we feel at the passing of our Loved Friend,neighbor,and brother in Christ Floyd Benjamin Ray his smile,and friendship will be Greatly Missed.our thoughts,and Prayers are with you the Ray Family in your time in sorrow,and loss,God Bless You One And All.feel free to call uppon us if you need us.

Brian & Carmileta Paschall - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I also wanted to say it was an honor to be by your side when you took your last breath. I only pray I can have as many people be by my side one day.

Tarrah - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Thank you Grandpa for raising your family to love the Lord and leaving a legacy. That is worth more than any amount of money or possessions. Until I see you again...we have a blessed hope!
Love Tarrah
(Thanks for the memory of "I think there's more to it than that."

Tarrah - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Thank you Dad Ray for always being there for your family! But most of all, THANK YOU for your last little smile before you left us...I know you loved what you were seeing! Until we meet again...

Jennifer Ray - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ In times like these only Jesus can get us thru. Your dad was ready spiritually to meet Jesus for many many years, but after talking to Brett, sounds like he was ready physically to leave this earth and join his loved ones in heaven. if you need anything at all, let us know.

steve woods - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM