



Bertha Francis "Nancy" Ray

February 1, 1933 - February 1, 2013

Bertha Francis "Nancy" Ray of Harriman ended this life and went to be with the Lord February 1, 2013 on her 80th birthday. Family was the most important thing to Mrs. Ray. She was a mother to all and will be dearly missed. Preceded in death by her husband of 61 years Rev. Henry Ray Jr., daughter Shirley and son John Henry.

Survivors

Brother J.D. (Lorine) Goins

Daughters Felecia (Horace) Moore

Tina (Rev Roy) Boyd

Loretta Hopper

Bertha Pendergrass

Marlene (Edward) Phillips

Sons Curtis Ray

Harold (Brigitte) Ray

V. LeRoy Ray

Great aunts Minnie Love

Jeanette Gallaher

17 grandchildren 36 great grandchildren

Funeral 2PM Wednesday at Bazeltown Baptist Church where the body will lie in state for 1 hour prior to service. Pastor Joseph L. Weaver and Associate

Minister Rev. Judy Simmons officiating. Interment in New Bazeltown Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM Tuesday at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bazeltown Baptist Church Building Fund.

Tribute Wall

QS

“ Happy birthday great granny. Today marks 11 years that you've been gone and not a day goes by that I don't think of you. It just seems to get harder and harder every time. Nai Nai misses you so much granny

QuaNazia Sewell - February 01, 2024 at 09:56 AM

CT

“ Dearest Ray Family:

Grace be unto You and Peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help, My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Trust in the Lord; Lean on the Lord. O Give thanks unto the Lord; for HE is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Now unto HIM that is ABLE to keep You from falling and to present You faultless before the presence of HIS glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

We Love You.

Cobina Timmons & the Knaff Family - Oak Ridge, TN - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *May God be your comfort during this most difficult time. Bertha was indeed a special lady. She had a gift of loving and helping those with special needs and our son (Steven) was blessed to have been one of them. A donation in her memory to Michael Dunn has been made so the love she had for these individuals can continue. Our prayers are with you.*

Ron & Vicki Blanchard (Parents of Steven Wright)

Vicki Blanchard - Lenoir City, TN - Friend - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *To the Ray family my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time of sorrow. Much Love To All Of You!*

Cynthia (Cindy) Latham - Augusta, GA - cousin - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Although your hearts are heavy with the sorry that you all bear, may all of you be comforted to know how deeply others care. Our deepest and heartfelt condolences in the loss of your beautiful mother.*

Mrs. Barbara Johnson (Oak Ridge, TN), Chenetta Jefferson (Huntsville, AL), Corliss Thompson (Knoxville, TN), Karen McNair (Cookeville, TN), Dan Anderson (Birmingham, AL) & Daryl Anderson (Oak Ridge, TN)

Corliss Anderson-Thompson - Knoxville, TN - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *I am so sorry that you have lost a very special lady. Remember that Miss Nancy is having a great time rejoicing with the LORD.*

You all are in my prayers.

Earnestine

Earnestine W Johnson - Harriman, TN - Friend - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Your mother and my mother Evelena Rucker were the best of friends. I remember her sitting on the front porch with mother talking for hours. I'm sure they have found each other in heaven.*

God Bless

Clydean Liggett

Clydean Liggett - Decatur, TN - Friend - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“Whenever I would come home to Harriman and see Aunt Nancy around town I’d get the biggest hug ever. There is a poem that I carry that reminds me of Aunt Nancy. An Indian Chief wrote it.

“So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none.

When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.

When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.”

Aunt Nancy you’re home now. I’ll see you when I get there.

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Rev. Oran & Mrs. Sharon Bazel - Westminster, CO - Nephew - February 05, 2013
at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *May God be with you and your Family , during your time of sorrow.*

Love , Peace and Joy

All our Love

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gallaher Jr. and daughter - North Haven, CT - Brothar and Sister in Law - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I can't imagine how loud Aunt Nancy, and Aunt Annie are right now in Heaven. I almost want to think they are spreading the white table cloth's getting the table ready for the feast. I can see them shaking hands with all our loved one's and how they are so glad to see Aunt Nancy. I can hear Uncle June telling her it's about time you got here "Sap Sucker" and the smile on his face to see her. I see her smiling at Shirley singing in the Heavenly choir, she was always so proud of the Choir. I can remember her telling me Stand up for what you believ in as long as you know what your doing is right Stand for what you believ in. But most of all I see her knealing down at Jesus and praising him for her place in Heaven. I will always remember her, and can't wait to see her again one day.*

Melinda S. Bertram - Harriman, TN - Neice - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *U HAVE OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
CLARENCE WELLS AND THE STUBBS FAMILY*

JIMMIE STUBBS - kingston, TN - Friend - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ A lovely lady with a heart of gold who always had just the right words to say. No doubt about it, heaven's gain is our loss but take heart we that are washed in the blood of Jesus will meet her again in heaven. Love you all Bazeltown Church family.

Mickey Sheldon - Coalfield, TN - Friend - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I cannot recall one second where Aunt Nancy was not there for me to either pick me up when I was down or to give me direction whenever she saw that I was lost or unsure of where I was to go. The many laughs and her so many stories will forever be missed. I cannot tell you, my family back home, just how sad I am that she is no longer with us and I am so very sorry that I am unable to be there for each of you as I know you would be here for me in the time of need. My prayers and many, many thoughts are there with you and I pray that her legacy will forever be remembered. With all of my heart and soul,
James

James Ray - Virginia Beach, VA - Nephew and son in her own way. - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you all. Aunt Nancy was very special to me and she will always hold a special place in my heart.
Love,
Ann

Ann (Moore) Caldwell - Chattanooga, TN - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. Bertha was such a sweet lady and was loved by many. We witnessed this first hand at the hospital as all of her family came to see her. We know this passing is temporary and we will see her again someday. May God give you comfort and peace during this sad time.

Steve & Tami Ladd

Tami Ladd - TN - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ What a wonderful God we have; He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does He do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. 2 Corin. 1:3-4

To the Family of Mother Ray,

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to you today. We feel your sorrow and pain because Mother was very special to us. She was a beacon of love, hope, and light. We will never forget the lessons she taught us and the love she showed us. We celebrate her life!!! Sleep on Mother and take your rest.

Rev. Leon & Connie Baker - Oak Ridge, TN - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sorry for the loss of your mother. Just remember that she is in a better place. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Marlene you know where I'm at if you need anything.

Cheryl Miller - Oak Ridge, TN - friend through Marlene - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ So sorry to hear the passing of your mother. May the Lord bless and keep you during this time.

Melva Boyd - TN - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Tina, Felicia, Lorretta, Bertha, Marlene, Curtis Ray and Leroy. I am so very sorry for the loss of your sweet mother. I feel like Bertha was my second mom. She helped raise me, Andy and Kristy and even my daughter, Sumer. I have so many precious memories of this sweet lady. Boy could I tell you some wonderful stories, but then most of you already know them, because on those Saturdays, you all were right there with me. She will always hold a very special place in my heart as all of you do. I know that she is giving orders and dancing on the "Streets of Gold...Just know that I loved her so much as I do all of you. Just know also that if any of you need anything I am here for you..RIP sweet lady till I see you again. I love you and your family.

Susie Standridge - Harriman, TN - Friend - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM