



Horace Ray Cavender

November 28, 1942 - September 25, 2022

Horace Ray Cavender, 79 years of age, was a resident of Loudon, Tennessee. He passed away peacefully on Sunday September 25, 2022, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee.

He is survived by daughters Kimberly Ray Cavender of Knoxville Tennessee, Christine Elizabeth Anguiano (Ray) of Nashville Tennessee, Grandson – Cassius Ray Anquiano, and ex-wife Sylvia Ann Cavender of San Ramon, California.

Other loving family members include:

Sisters:

Patricia W. Steimer (Gary) of Farragut, TN

Brenda W. Thompson of Nashville, TN

Charlene W. Buhler (Alex) of Lebanon, TN

Katherine (Kitty) W. Copeland of Kingston, TN

Bina Marie Kirby (Leonard) of Harriman, TN

As well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was born in Columbia, Tennessee on November 28, 1942 – son of Staff Sgt. Ernest Cavender and Mary Christine Rieves Cavender. Ernest died on active duty with the Army Air Corps in 1943. Preceded in death by his parents James Thomas and Christine Rieves Woods of (Midtown) Harriman, TN, as well as his brother J. T. Woods Jr. of Kingston Tennessee.

Ray carried many titles through life: Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Nephew, Grandfather, FRIEND.

He answered to names like Ray, Bubba, Horace, and Dude through his Roane County High School years (Kingston) and as a graduate of Tennessee Technological Institute (Cookeville). Oh yes, also “Fat Thunder” to his Indian Princesses “Little Sunbeam” and “Little Snowflake” (later- as a devoted Dad). Jobs went from a business degree in Tennessee to his first job in a factory for prefabricated houses then at Lad & Dad Slacks company in Georgia. It was in Ashburn Ga. that he was offered a position with Levi Strauss and returned to Knoxville to run the factory in the Cherry Hill area. Little Rock, Arkansas followed, with a return to Knoxville before being asked to join the corporate level of Levi Strauss in San Francisco, California. He held the position of Director of Manufacturing in the Docker’s Division at the time of his retirement in 1997.

As a man of many interests and talents, he enjoyed cooking, travel, art, photography, old cars and trucks, football, golf, tennis and gardening. He proudly contributed to community groups like Jaycees and SCORE, as well as serve as a board member for Michael Dunn Center.

He met, shared, and was gifted with many friends along the way, and he valued every opportunity to share as much time and as many stories as possible.

He took time, in the last few years, to prepare for this event and we choose to forward his message:

“To the people I leave behind, I hope I have done GOOD. I hope I have done RIGHT. When I have not done GOOD or RIGHT, I hope I accepted my Responsibility. I enjoyed the RIDE – and ALL of YOU.”

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Visitation with the Family will be at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston, TN on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 2:00 pm EST. A celebration of Life to follow.

October 9, 2022, a graveside service will be held at 3:00 pm CST in Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia, Tennessee under the support of Oakes & Nichols

Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Michael Dunn Center, Support for Individuals Living with Disabilities and Challenges in East Tennessee. www.michaeldunncenter.org

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Horace Ray Cavender*



Kyker Funeral Home - October 06, 2022 at 02:01 PM

RE

To Kimberly and her family and friends of Mr Ray, my deepest condolences and prayers of comfort and strength💕

Rachel Rebecca Eller - October 08, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.*



October 07, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.*



October 07, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.*



October 07, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.*



October 07, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *Laurie and Jim White purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.*



Laurie and Jim White - October 06, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - October 06, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ *Teresa Monday lit a candle in memory of Horace Ray Cavender*



Teresa Monday - October 06, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Pat Steimer lit a candle in memory of Horace Ray Cavender*



Pat Steimer - October 05, 2022 at 09:40 PM

LW

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all of Ray's family. We know how much you must be hurting, and you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that you can feel he is still with you in the memories that you have from all those years together as such a close family. When you love someone they live forever in your hearts. We know Ray lives forever.
Sending our love to a very special family.

Laurie and Jim White

Laurie White - October 05, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DR

Aunt Laurie and uncle Jim... love received! Thank you❤️

Deborah Riedel - October 06, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.*



October 05, 2022 at 10:06 AM

DR

“ *Uncle Ray is going to be missed by so many and his absence leaves a big hole in my heart💔. He may have left us in this world, but I know he remains with all of us in our hearts. When we remember a special moment or a funny story, rest assured that he is there laughing along side us. To all my family and to his extended (friends) family, may we find peace and love in our memories of uncle Ray.*

Love, Deborah and Michael Riedel

Deborah Riedel - October 03, 2022 at 03:03 PM

AJ

“ Alex, Charlene, Corey, Alison, Ty, Jenni purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Horace Ray Cavender.



Alex, Charlene, Corey, Alison, Ty, Jenni - October 02, 2022 at 10:57 AM