



## Donald Lee Ray

May 21, 1930 - February 22, 2016

We are very much at peace knowing that our dad, Donald Lee Ray, Grampa Ray, Papa Ray, Uncle Don or "Red River Ray", went to be with our Lord and Savior yesterday morning. Dad was a simple man with outstanding qualities and character that he passed down and I would hope can still be seen in us today. Dad couldn't afford to send us off to college but what he taught us has proven to be much more valuable. Hard work and honesty were essential to being successful in his life and has proven to be in our lives also. He always said "do the right thing" and if you tell someone you will do something, you do it. When you shake a persons hand, look them in the eye and then your word becomes you. When you are supposed to be somewhere at a certain time, "if you are early your on time and if your on time your late". Dad had a very successful drywall business in Uvalde for many years. He always had work and his area covered about a 100 mile radius. The general rule if we worked out of town was to bring a lunch with you. Whether it be a can of beans or stew put on top of the engine before we head out so it would still be warm come noon, or tacos that Carlos and Edward would bring, we would sit down at noon to eat then find a piece of sheet rock to lay down on for a siesta. It only took Dad about 20-30 seconds to fall asleep and the rumble of his snoring would soon begin. I ask him how in the world he could fall asleep so fast and he would laugh and say "I have peace of mind and a clear conscious". That he did.

We will not have a formal service but will have a celebration of his life with

family in the near future. Thank you all for the calls, texts, and hugs sent and given us so far. We appreciate and love you all dearly.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Lee Ray*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Mr. Ray was a kind person. He and J.W. Sheffield, my father, spent many hours together. My father thought that Donald was a really good roommate while at Heritage Oaks in Corsicana. Donald made my dad's last days on earth much more pleasant. I know that he will be missed by family and friends. God Bless Donald. James W. Sheffield*

**James W Sheffield** - February 25, 2016 at 08:19 PM



*Thank you so much Mr. Scheffield my dad really enjoyed your dad also. Jason Ray*

**jason ray** - February 26, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ *I do not know this man or his family but he must have been very special with such a beautiful obituary that was written for him. It was so full of respect and love.*

**Debbie Lmake** - February 25, 2016 at 10:09 AM



*Thank you!!! Jason Ray*

**jason ray** - February 26, 2016 at 09:37 AM

PK

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Ray. He was a roommate with my uncle, J W Sheffield until Uncle J W passed away. My uncle, Mr. Ray and my Mother (Oleta Grounds) played 42 for a while. My uncle was determined that I would learn to play and Mr. Ray was my uncle's partner. We had a lot of fun. Mr. Ray would always smile, just like the one in his picture. I know he will be missed.

Polly Knott - February 24, 2016 at 02:14 PM

JR

Thank you Ms. Polly for your kind words. Jason Ray

jason ray - February 26, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Ray.



February 23, 2016 at 08:17 PM



Rachael Clift

“ I was 11 years old when we moved to Knippa. He welcomed us city folk warmly, giving my dad a job and helping us get settled and learning the ways of country life (and ridding the house if snakes!). That 'ol mud dauber was a kind soul and I have many fond memories of his playing guitar on the porch, whistling many a tune, and tiptoeing by while he took his afternoon siesta on that same porch. Later in my teen years I remember him escorting Mom (Bettie) on evenings out...such a gentleman. A great man. May he be humming, strumming, and whistling away in heaven! God bless you guys. Love, Rachael.

Rachael Clift - February 23, 2016 at 04:47 PM



*Such kind words Rachael. Thank you!! Jason*

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**jason ray** - February 26, 2016 at 01:04 PM