



## Marvin Carl Ray

September 13, 1939 - September 17, 2015

Marvin Carl Ray, 76 of Corsicana, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2015. He was born September 13, 1939 in Bertram, Texas to Rufus Milton Ray and Lois Irene (Crooks) Ray. Following the death of his parents at an early age and that of his paternal grandmother, he lived at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Roundrock, Texas. He graduated from Roundrock High in 1958, from Baylor University in 1962, and obtained his master's degree from Columbia University in New York City in 1964. He then came to Corsicana and began his teaching career at Navarro College, where he taught Economics; his first and only job! He was the organist at Northside Baptist Church for over 20 years, and served as a deacon and in other areas of the church. After retirement, he was head of Food for Fitness at Northside, which he loved and was his passion, until health problems prevented his continuation. Marvin truly cherished the special relationships that he formed through Northside Baptist Church. A heartfelt thank you, to Pastor Rick Lamb; whom Marvin genuinely admired and loved not only as a "Pastor" but thought of as a true Christian friend. A special Thank you to Jan Driver Merida, whom he loved dearly. Marvin is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Ileen and daughter Cara of Corsicana, brother Jim Ray and wife Jane of Corsicana, sister Katherine Wallin and husband Jimmy of Salado, brother in law Jim Blount and wife Linda of Magnolia, sister in law Noreen Thompson and husband John of Murray, Kentucky, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. The family is very grateful for the excellent care his daughter

Cara provided during his extended illness.  
Private services will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Carl Ray*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Dear Ileen and family*

*So sorry to hear of Marvin's passing. I enjoyed my brief friendship with you both, and know that Marvin will be widely and sorely missed. Still have the recipes he shared with me.*

*May God bless and keep you all at this sad time.*

*Bonnie Adkins (Cummins) from Cranbrook, Canada*

**bonnie Adkins** - October 06, 2015 at 01:35 PM



“ *Randyhughes lit a candle in memory of Marvin Carl Ray*



**randyhughes** - September 27, 2015 at 05:45 PM



*my prayers are for the Ray family MR Ray was a good friend too my family I will miss him*

**randyhughes** - September 27, 2015 at 05:50 PM

RA

“ my prayers are with the family of marvin ray  
he was a good friend I will miss him Randy  
HUGHES

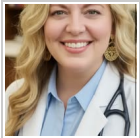


randyghughes - September 27, 2015 at 12:01 PM

AF

“ So very sorry to hear of Mr. Rays' passing. Have fond memories of  
NJC from the later 1960's. He was definitely a big part of what made  
the college special to so many!

afa - September 25, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ Cara, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. I remember him from  
northside a long time ago when i attended. May God be with you  
and your mom during this time of grief. Thinking of you and miss  
you.

Natalie Wallace - September 24, 2015 at 09:28 PM

VB

“ Mr. Ray was my teacher at Navarro College in 1967-68, and I so  
admired him. I enjoyed him playing the organ at Northside. I am  
sorry he is gone too soon.

*Velma Phillips Ballew*

Velma Phillips Ballew - September 22, 2015 at 10:14 PM

RW

“ *mr.ray left an impression on many a young student during his Navarro years. we will miss him, his humor, and his friendship.*

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**ronnie and mary jane wylie** - September 21, 2015 at 05:40 PM