



Lawrence Vernon Ray

October 9, 2008

Mr. Ray was born in Alexandria, La to Judge Vernon Ray and Ione Bell Ray Oakes. At the age of 16, he graduated from Menard Catholic High School in Alexandria. After graduation, he attended Milsaps College in Jackson, MS. He also attended LSU in Baton Rouge where he received a BS in medical technology. He later received his certification from Touro Infirmary in New Orleans. He had a long career working in the medical field starting at Huey P. Long Hospital in Pineville, Baptist Hospital in Alexandria, the Sabine Memorial Hospital in Zwolle, and finally the Jennings Medical & Dental Center. He worked in Jennings for 40 years until his retirement. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Along with their mother, Julia Ray, he raised five wonderful boys. His sons were the joy of his life. They are Richard "Ricky" Ray of Welsh, Warren Ray and wife Carol of Lafayette, Dr. Charles Ray of Jennings, Glenn Ray and wife Janet of Lafayette, and Lynn Ray and wife Dee also of Lafayette. He was also survived by his only sister, Faye Williams and spouse Gayle of Houston, TX; twelve grandchildren, Jeff, Rusty, Lauren, Erin, Alex, Morgan, Garrett, Adam, Jordan, Jenna, Jillian, and Grant; five great grandchildren, Jace, Alyssa, Karly, Russell, and Scott. He is preceded in death by his mother and father. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Vernon Ray*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *To my cousins Richard, Warren, Charles, Glenn and Lynn, I was so sadden to hear about your daddy. You know we always called your dad Uncle Tony, just one of those Louisiana things I guess, and what a great Uncle he was to me. He was one of the finest men that I will always remember as a gentle, loving and caring gentleman; a true, honest man for whom I had the utmost respect. I always enjoyed our times visiting you guys in Jennings and your mom and dad were always so kind and loving to us kids. No matter how much trouble we got in to. Nothing but great memories I have of them both and playing and fishing and hunting with you guys. Those were some good times that I think about often. I'm only sorry we didn't get to spend more time together as family. And I'm sure I don't have to tell you how truly blessed you were to have Lawrence Ray for a daddy. We're going to miss him. He will be added to our prayer list at St. John The Apostle Catholic Church here in Virginia Beach and a Mass will be dedicate in his honor. God Bless you Uncle Tony and thank you for always taking time for us kids.*

Brett and Rachel Bell

Brett & Rachel Bell - October 17, 2008 at 10:34 PM

ER

“ *To My Father,
Daddy I Love you so much and I am sorry for the loss of Paw Paw. I will forever be thankful to him for giving you life. Paw Paw gave me the most wonderful father that a daughter could have. My only hope in life is to make the both of you proud. Everytime I see Jeffrey's beautiful blue eye's, I see Paw Paw's. Love Erin*

Erin D. Ray - October 10, 2008 at 08:41 PM

BE

“ *I am deeply saddened at your loss and send my condolences to you and your family. I would also like to share with you a comforting scripture from the Bible at John 5:28,29 “Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice [the voice of Jesus] and come out.” God has all of our loved ones in His memory and at a future time will resurrect them back to life. Please visit www.watchtower.org for more comforting thoughts.
Again, your family has my deepest sympathy.*

Bethany - October 09, 2008 at 06:57 PM

WR

“ My Daddy.....

Just about everyone in Jeff Davis Parish that went to see one of the doctors at the Jennings Medical Center knew my daddy. From running the medical lab to taking x-ray's and EKG's, he did it all and most of the time all by himself.

He was always there to greet everyone with a smile and to help them in any way. Many people will remember him for his love and dedication to his boys. He always included us in on every hunting or fishing trip that he went on and would never have it any other way. He loved all of us seperately and equally in his own special way. He taught me compassion and a work ethic that I will never forget. He always looked for ways to show us how to get things done the right way...the first time. He knew that someday he would be leaving all of us for his journey home when his work here on earth was done. I will deeply miss my daddy but I know his spirit will live on in each of us.

He was my father, my best friend and my old buddy...but most of all he was My Daddy.

Warren Ray - October 09, 2008 at 06:41 PM

CP

“ *Please accept my condolences to the Ray family..My prayers are with you all..God Bless, Cindy*

Cindy Price - October 08, 2008 at 08:15 PM

JJ

“ To my cousins, Please know the Bells here in Virginia will also miss your father. As you know our fathers were very close. As we were children I can remember the times we shared together at many of family reunions. I wept as I read the email from Warren. In knowing the passing of your father I remember the feeling all to well of my dad passing. Your dad's impression will always be in my mind and my life. You Rays will always stand tall. Be proud of what he has taught you. Wear it with Pride. As family I pray for you and your families to heal as you each can as we all tend to heal a little different than some folks. Time will assist you in the healing process just don't forget to stay together as the Ray family. I am so very sorry that I am not able to attend the services. For I will take time out in my devotion time I will take a knee for you, know that my prayers are for you all and your families. We wish you all the very best and my God bless you all and Love from my family to each of yours.

Jack and Kathy Bell

Jack G.Bell Jr....(Jack Jr.) - October 08, 2008 at 07:29 PM

MB

“ Our condolences to all the Ray family. Lawrence will be greatly missed. He is leaving behind a legacy that is comparable to none. His five sons are some of the finest men I have ever met! He taught them many things in his lifetime. He instilled his desire for higher education and his love for the outdoors in all of them, which they have nurtured in their own families. Every time I spoke with Lawrence, he always conveyed to me how very proud he was of his family. He was kind, compassionate and generous. I know he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Because of the character that he bestowed upon his sons, the world will continue to be a better place because of Lawrence. As we mourn his passing, we will carry fond memories of him always May he rest in peace!

Marilyn & Doc Brunt - October 08, 2008 at 11:43 AM

CD

“ *Dr. Ray and family:*

*May God bless you as you mourn the loss of your Dad.
You have wonderful memories to sustain you during this time.*

Carolyn C. Delahoussaye - October 07, 2008 at 06:14 PM

CR

“ *My Dad*

What a wonderful man my father was. He always took time with us to teach us right from wrong. He gave us a wonderful childhood full of fishing and hunting. He taught us respect and showed us how to live our lives with integrity and kindness. My father instilled in his children absolute respect, loyalty and compassion for all. My dad was generous and believed he could change everyone around him for the better. I have held all of these values close to my heart and so have my brothers. I sincerely appreciate and admire the man I call Dad.

Knowing my dad was indeed a pleasure for anyone. He had a great sense of humor. He lived life to the fullest. He was one of the strongest men I knew.

I am proud to call him Dad. He will always be in my thoughts and prayers. If you knew my dad you loved him. So many of my patients have told me how much they respected him. His word was clear, his trust was impeccable, his love for his family was altruistic.

No man will ever fill his shoes, but his legacy will live on.

Charles E. Ray - October 07, 2008 at 05:53 PM