



## Mr. Charles Richard Ray

August 11, 1939 - December 24, 2024

Charles Richard Ray age 85, of LaFayette, Georgia, passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2024. He was born in LaFayette, Georgia, to the late Thomas Howard and Jane Johnson Ray. He lived his entire life in the area in and around LaFayette. He worked as an electrician for E.T. Barwick Mills after graduating from LaFayette High School and then for several years as a successful Insurance Salesman for Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company before being forced to retire due to illness. Charles was active for many years with the Woodmen Lodge 310. He also enjoyed woodworking and loved working with many different fruit and vegetable plants he grew around his home. He loved helping others in any way that he could, especially fixing things for them. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Second Baptist Church in LaFayette, Georgia. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother: Howard Ray, and sisters: Sally Hensley and Mary Warrenfells. He is survived by his wife of sixty-two years: Bernice Louise Brown Ray of LaFayette, GA, their sons: Charles Samuel "Sammy" (Dineen) Ray of Chickamauga, GA, Terrell Lee "Terry" (Sherry) Ray of Ringgold, GA, grandchildren: Samuel Corey Ray, Benjamin Mathew Ray, Micah Lee Ray, Sarah Emily Ray, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Sunday from 12 noon until 2:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm – Sunday – December 29, 2024 graveside at LaFayette Cemetery with David Baxley officiating. Todd Wright, Keith Bates, Andy Pence, Tom Thomisec, O.J. Miller and Ryan Topolski will serve as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers will

be: John and Carol Lee, Tommy Ray and Francis Hensley. Arrangements by  
Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel. Online register book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## LaFayette City Cemetery

E. Villanow St.  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 639-1500

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel  
1779 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 1592  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 638-1122  
david@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

LaFayette City Cemetery  
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LaFayette, GA 30728  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May you feel the presence of the Lord with all of you & His loving arms carrying you through this very difficult & sad time.

Debra Guffey Diffenderfer - December 28, 2024 at 02:33 AM

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“ Your Woodmen Life Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Charles Richard Ray.



Your Woodmen Life Family - December 27, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Richard Ray.



December 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Charles Richard Ray.

December 27, 2024 at 03:21 PM

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“ *Bernice and family we are saddened to learn of Charles passing but are thankful for the memories we have of times shared with y'all. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend his service but we will be praying for all of you as we ask God to give you comfort and peace as only He can!*

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**Curtis & Nora Waters** - December 26, 2024 at 03:25 PM