



Lloyd "Ray" Mills

September 13, 2013

Mr. Lloyd "Ray" Mills, age 71, "The Candy Man" of 4011 Westover Drive, left this earth on September 13, 2013 after a decline in health for several years.

Ray was born on May 18, 1942 in Danville, a son of the late Raymond L. Mills and the late Margaret Hayden Mills Cline. Ray graduated from Whitmell Farm Life School in June 1960 just prior to entering the United States Air Force where he served twenty seven years, retiring in 1987 at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked as an insurance agent and then later owned and operated Inman's Pipe and Tobacco Shop. Ray was a member of Grace Design United Methodist Church where he actively served on various committees. Ray was a member of American Legion Memorial Post 325 and Air Force Association, Chapter 240. On April 9, 2012, he married Barbara Platt Mills, who survives.

In addition to his wife of the residence, Ray is survived by two step children, Kaitlyn Hemphill and Brian Hemphill both of Jupiter, Fla., three sisters, Faye M. Mitchell, Joyce Mills both of Danville and Shirley M. Cornelison of Little Rock, Ark. Also a number of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 pm Friday, September 20, 2013 from Grace Design United Methodist Church with the Reverend Kameron Wilds and Reverend Tom Shepherd officiating. Military Rites will be performed

by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends at the church after the service.

The family suggest in lieu of flowers that memorials be sent to Grace Design United Methodist Church, 1064 Franklin Turnpike, Danville, Va. 24540.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Mills family

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Design UMC
1064 Franklin Turnpike
Danville, VA 24540

Tribute Wall

SG

“ I knew Mr.Ray as a child he used to be a great leader I honored him by making a promise to go to service and I did just that.Thx Mr.Ray and God bless you

Sunny Gill - August 28, 2015 at 01:43 AM

BF

“ I knew Ray at Hofn, 667th AC&W in Iceland, Never knew his first mname of Lloyd. He was in the same old man's bks. I was the oldest guy on the site. I am now 76 and still working. Ray was a guide for all of us old goats. I just found out today that he had passed. God Bless him and his family ! Bob, MSgt, retired in 1985 from the AF

Bob Fletcher - January 03, 2014 at 02:32 PM

VS

“ I remember Ray so fondly because he was such a help to my father, Maynard Inman. His kindness and willingness to go the extra mile meant a whole lot to my whole family. Having lost my father 5 years ago, I know how hard it is to lose a loved one. God be with all of his family and loved ones. Valerie Inman Snell

Valerie Snell - September 22, 2013 at 03:24 PM

BM

Valerie, I have some things from the shop that you may like or that may have been your dad's. If you're interested, please call me at 434-203-9050. Barbara Mills, Ray's wife. ??

Barbara Mills - August 08, 2014 at 01:39 PM

AR

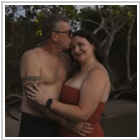
“Hi, I did not know Lloyd personally but I know how very hard it is to lose a loved one in death and I wanted to express my deep sympathy. At times like this, Ive found Jesus Christ's words at John 5:28,29 to be very comforting where he promised that "the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out to a resurrection of life." I look forward to that day. Feel free to contact me at the email address listed and again, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Ashley Roncaglione - September 20, 2013 at 09:52 AM

JB

“Barbara..Bryan and myself will always remember Ray. We enjoyed our time at Elkhorn lake. He was a man at heart. He will be missed.

Joyce Brumfield - September 18, 2013 at 06:44 PM



“Ray was an amazing man and I know he and my mother were soul mates. His time came too soon but God had a plan and he isn't suffering anymore. Ray had so much care in his heart for everyone, he was surely a man of joy. He will be missed terribly. I wish for his happiness in heaven and my mothers heart to heal quickly from this pain. I love you both.

“He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave.” ~ Matthew Henry

Kaitlyn Hemphill - September 16, 2013 at 01:47 PM

DA

“ My deepest, sympathy to Ray's we went from Sharon right onto, Whitmell where Ray, Faye and I graduated in the Class of '60. While I wasn't as close to Joyce and Shirley I remember you both fondly. Ray was a good friend as well as a brother retired Chief. He never hesitated to take time whenever I was in town to make sure we spent some very enjoyable hours together. He will be sorely missed and you have my heartfelt condolences. I know The Lord on high will put him to, work in heaven doing great things.

Don. Andrews

Don Andrews - September 15, 2013 at 06:29 PM

DW

“ My sympathy to all of Ray's family. This world is not our home. Ray has gone to his.

Dorothy Adkins Wallace

Dorothy Wallace - September 15, 2013 at 04:27 PM

RB

“ RIP Chief Ray, your friends always. We enjoyed our years together in the Air Force and we were blessed to have you as a friend. We will meet again in that big air base in the sky where the Lord will be our command in chief, God bless you and your family. Chief Ron Bridegam and Sandy.

Ron Bridegam - September 15, 2013 at 09:11 AM

 Toni
Nuckols

“ Ray was a precious man whom I had the privilege of knowing for many years. My children have countless cigar boxes and baseballs which were given to them by him, our beloved "candy man" from church. He went around every Sunday at church and passed out candy from a recycled cigar box. My kids loved it when he allowed them to pass out the candy. He loved to watch baseball and he used to travel frequently to Chatham to watch our son Tyler play. We also used to catch up with him from time to time at Danville braves games. He also took the time each and every birthday to personally call every member of my family to wish them a happy birthday. He was so much more than a loving friend. He was a Godly man who never failed at sharing his love of Christ with others. I pray that most importantly he will be remembered by many for how bright his light shined for Jesus. He was such a messenger of The Word and I am confident he stored himself many treasures in heaven. He is no longer suffering and I am thankful for that although we will miss him terribly here on earth. There is comfort in knowing that through Christ we will be reunited with him again someday. Love you Ray Mills, our candy man! Angels are dancing upon your arrival in heaven. Love, Toni Nuckols and family.

Toni Nuckols - September 14, 2013 at 11:20 PM

BM

*Absolutely beautiful
Toni. You expressed
Ray exactly as he was. I couldn't have expressed it better. He lived as I
pictured Jesus living; only in the present. He was truly a man of God,
as well as
spreading the Word
and had a joy in his heart like no one I've ever met. There isn't anything
he wouldn't do if someone needed assistance and then some. I was
proud to know and love him even though it was a short time. I miss him
so much but know he's in a better place and watching over me. He was
truly my soul mate
and I know I'll never have that again. I will always hold his love
for me in my heart forever. Thank you for that beautiful eulogy. God
bless you and your family ?? Barbara Mills*

Barbara Mills - December 16, 2013 at 03:59 AM