



Ray Lamar Nance

May 13, 1938 - June 17, 2024

Ray Lamar Nance, 86, went to be with Jesus on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Winston Medical Center in Louisville, Mississippi. A celebration of life service will be held at Massey Funeral Home on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 4:00 pm with Bro. Rob Faulk and Bro. Trent Jaudon officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service at 3:00 pm, and a private burial will be held at Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Ray was born on May 13, 1938, to Richard Henry and Lona Mayo Nance of Winston County. He married the love of his life, Carol Anne Hill, on July 3, 1959, and they were blessed with two children, Alicia Carol Nance and William Patrick Nance. Ray served his community and country as a law enforcement officer and active-duty member of the Mississippi National Guard for 43 years, and he was a member of South Louisville Baptist Church. After retirement, he enjoyed working at Deanco Auction Company, and the simple things in life such as spending time with his family, watching Mississippi State sports, and drinking coffee with his best friends.

Ray is preceded in death by his son, William Patrick Nance; his parents, Richard Henry and Lona Mayo Nance; his siblings, Richard Bryce "R. B." Nance, Bettye Ruth Schoolar, Clarence Estes Nance, Carrie Maxine Reynolds, and Edith Ann Triplett; and his mother-in-law, Agnes Butler Ruff. Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Carol Anne Nance; his daughter,

Alicia (Terry) Deas; his siblings, Joe Denton Nance and Dianne Nance Mayo; and his nieces and nephews. One of Ray's greatest joys was being "Pop" to his grandchildren, Dr. Aimee Brown and Brian (Falan) Chandler, and his great-grandchildren, Baleigh Grace Brown and Rekker Reese Richardson.

The Nance family would like to thank Dr. Dustin Gentry and the staff of Winston Medical Center and Winston County Nursing Home for the care and compassion they provided Ray the past year. Memorials in honor of Ray be sent to South Louisville Baptist Church, c/o Carla Fleming, 933 South Church Avenue, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville
Louisville, MS 39339

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the family*

Johnny F. and Vickie Smith - June 22, 2024 at 03:06 PM

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“ *Taking piano lessons after school and then having to walk to Richardson wholesale was quite a long walk. I would walk to Uncle Lamar's and Aunt Ann's house on South Church street. Running track after school, same walk.. If weather was bad Uncle Lamar would come pick me up in police car, so I wouldn't have to walk in the rain. Some special times spent with them. Also, can't forget the skating rink. Many happy times spent there. Will never forget a vacation trip to Nashville with them and my parents and children. Family enjoying one of God's special gifts.*

Sandra Scholar Cockrell - June 21, 2024 at 12:20 PM

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Lots of good memories from cousin Lamar. Truly a public servant and citizen. He helped me in more ways than anybody knows. Rest in peace my friend. Condolences to Ann and the entire family. Johnny Mitchell

Johnny mitchell - June 21, 2024 at 01:30 PM

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Ray Nance was my Father-in-law and I was glad I got to tell him before he passed away that he was one of the finest men I had ever known. Sometimes It seemed as if he knew everyone in the county. He took care of and put his family first. He was also a staunch supporter of Louisville High School Band and Sports, working with Band Boosters, driving Band and Football buses to games and competitions around the state and more. Ray Lamar Nance will be missed. My condolences to his wife Carol Ann, daughter Alicia, Grandchildren, Aimee and Brian and Great-granddaughter Baleigh. Rest in peace.

Terry Deas Alicia's husband - June 24, 2024 at 04:23 PM