



# Ronald Eugene Ray

March 6, 1966 - May 5, 2021

Ronald Eugene Ray, fondly known as “RON” departed this life to external rest on Wednesday May 5, 2021 at Holzer Medical Center, Jackson, Ohio.

He was born March 6, 1966 in Oak Hill, Ohio to Linda S. Ray and the late Arthur Phillip Ray.

He was a graduate from Jackson High School in 1984, where he fostered many lifelong friendships.

After graduation Ron served our great country in the United States Army and was stationed in Alaska as a truck driver, where he endure many a cold day and night. Returning from the militsry, be bacame a Corrections Officer at the Ross Correctional Institute, Chillicothe, Ohio and later in Florida. Leaving Corrections, he became a truck driver for several companies, traveling from coast to coast with long hauls. His most recent was a CDL truck driver for Carrington Logistics in Ashland, VA. He was an avid Cincinnati Bengals fan!

He is survived by his loving Mother Linda S. Ray, brother Damon (Valerie) Ray, niece Hilary Ray; special friend, Alison Opheim; stepsons, Lance (Crystal) Atkins and Jon Atkins; step-grandchildren, Maddie and Caison Atkins.

He is also survived by Aunts, Uncles & cousins & many friends.

Ron's contagious & fun-loving spirit will live on in so many stories and in so many hearts.

Funeral services were held under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home  
135 Broadway Street  
Jackson, OH 45640

## Funeral Service

MAY 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home  
135 Broadway Street  
Jackson, OH 45640

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Sending our Sincere Condolences to family and friends of Ronald Ray. 10 Trees of Tribute will be planted in His Honor through Echovita. "Ron, you will be dearly missed and never forgotten, as you have left imprints of the sounds of your laughter and great memories in our hearts! Rest in Peace our beloved brother ~ Marika, Rick, Riley, & Zachary

Marika Stadig - May 10, 2021 at 11:28 AM

RG

“ Ron you will be greatly missed! I will miss those late night text asking me what's for dinner? Or the ' I can't sleep, whatcha doing?' texts. Also all those funny lines you always said! Ron was the guy who walked into any room and everyone there was happy to see him! Thank you for being the big lovable guy we all loved! All my love and condolences to the family and all of his friends.



Rebecca Good - May 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DS

“ Ron, you were an amazing friend. You had such a crazy sense of humor and brought us so much laughter! You were one of the few genuine people in the world. We were lucky to call friend.

Thoughts and prayers go out to your family <3  
Rick and Marika



Diane Strahan - May 10, 2021 at 09:36 AM

DS

“ Ron, you once told me... "You don't have to be nice, you made it back". My reply was yes, but we chose to be kind and live as decent men. And you my friend were one of the kindest, caring and funniest man I have been blessed to know. I will miss you dearly and you will be in my thoughts often. When I think of you....it will bring a smile to my face. I am a better man for having the ability to call you friend. So, with a heavy heart and much respect....I bid you farewell...



*Until we meet again,  
Rocky*

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**Diane Strahan** - May 10, 2021 at 09:15 AM

RD

“ Rocky, Rick. Marika and Diane purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Ronald Eugene Ray.



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**Rocky, Rick. Marika and Diane** - May 10, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

*May your memories of Ronald Eugene Ray, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, Ronald Eugene Ray, is "A True American Hero" God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - May 09, 2021 at 12:25 AM

SS

“ So many laughs & memories that we have shared. You were the most kindest, funny, lovable, non-judgmental man to everyone you encountered in your travels!! One of a kind that will be greatly missed by so many!! We love you big guy 💔🙏  
💔🙏 Rest easy 🙏💔🙏💔🙏  
Sending our sincere condolences to all of Ron's family and friends.  
Sandi, David & Joey Sulinski

Sandi, Joey & David Sulinski - May 08, 2021 at 03:49 AM

SS

“ Sandi, Joey & David Sulinski lit a candle in memory of Ronald Eugene Ray



Sandi, Joey & David Sulinski - May 08, 2021 at 03:41 AM

BW

“ So so sad to hear of your passing. You have left a Mark on so many people on earth. Rest easy our friends. You will be missed.

Bill and Jody Wedebrook - May 07, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ So many fun memories of Big Ron from all over the area. The sand dunes to the local pubs. We had a lot of laughs and a lot of heart to hearts. He was truly one of my all-time favorite humans that I have met in my own journey. I said on Facebook that I'm gonna miss his road stories from driving his truck all over the country. I'm the kind of person who likes to make people smile and I never had to do that with Ron because he was always making me smile.

Kevin Baker - May 07, 2021 at 06:14 PM

KJ

“ Ron was one of a kind. We drank lots of beer together and sang karaoke, and danced. He was a great friend to anyone he met. He was kind, sweet, and caring. He will be missed, but never forgotten. Fly high with the angels my friend.

Kendra Meacham Johnson - May 07, 2021 at 04:22 PM

CP

*Ron will be missed by all. He was a good friend to my brother Bill they had a lot of good times together. He was so polite when he came to my parents house. Good hit all the way around. Prayers to family.*

**Crystal Prater** - May 07, 2021 at 05:09 PM

CJ

*I worked in Personnel at RCI, that's where I knew Ron from! He was always smiling an very nice, he will be missed by all his RCI family. Rest easy my friend an we will all meet again one day! Prayers for the family he left behind.*

**Candy Jacobs** - May 07, 2021 at 11:34 PM

KT

*Ronnie Ray you were and will always be one of my favorite people. Thanks for the laughs and great memories. Rest in Heaven my friend.*

**Kelly Thomas** - May 08, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RS

*Ron was truly a one of a kind. He was one of the old school corrections officers before the system became complicated. He was so upbeat that you couldn't have a bad day around him. We was also great to stop by and have breakfast with. He will be sadly missed for too many reasons to mention. It was a privilege to work beside and be friends. My favorite thing was when he did his Dark Brooks dance routine. He taught us all not to take things to seriously. He made our lives a better place. Thanks for breakfast. Bob Schweinsberg*

**Robert Schweinsberg** - May 08, 2021 at 06:08 PM