



## Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray

March 5, 1959 - December 25, 2015

Mr. Phil Ray passed away on Friday, December 25, 2015 at the age of 56. He was born March 5, 1959 in Saginaw, Michigan, the son of James and Rhodan Ray. He attended Saginaw Public Schools and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1977 until 1986. Phil was very proud to have been a Marine. He loved dogs, helping others and scrapping. Phil would give his last dollar to a stranger if that person was in need.

Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray leaves to cherish his memory: wife Yvonne Haynes-Ray; four daughters, LaTina (Antrovel) Smith, Mariah Ray-Moore, both of Saginaw, MI, Latrise Ray (Christopher Dyser) of Arlington, TX and Tia Lane of Lansing, MI; five sons, Phil (Shaun) Ray, Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI, Justin Walker of Salisbury, NC, James Ray, Devon Ray and Cameren Ray; two step-children, Lamar Zeigler and Nicole Richardson, all of Saginaw, MI; mother, Rhodan Ray; ten grandchildren; sisters, Roberta (Robert) Simmons of Austin, TX, Debra (Ralph Scott) Vaquera of San Antonio, TX, Clara (Joseph) Pinkston, Marlene Patterson and Jackie Ray; three brothers, Christopher Ray, all of Saginaw, MI, Charles Ray, Detroit, MI and George Ray of Montpelier, Vermont; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; two aunts; godson, Branden Betts-Jones; mother-in-law, Aline Zeigler; sister-in-law, Nett (Don) Johnson; brothers-in-law, Jessie and Marvin Zeigler, all of Saginaw, MI; the mothers of his children, Carolyn Johnson, Denise Walker, Lorie Dingler and Jessica Moore; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Browne-Betts Family (with whom he had a special relationship), the Williams brothers, the Dawkins Family and Christy Bishop.

Mr. Ray was preceded in death by his father, James Ray, Sr.; grandson, E'Zaveeon Ray; stepson, Gregory Haynes and brother, James Ray, Jr.

The family would like to express special thanks to Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene and the Browne-Betts Family.

Funeral service will take place 11 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene, 1815 Tittabawassee Road. Pastor Randall Owens, Host Pastor and Pastor James H. Nelson will officiate. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 1. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene  
1815 Tittabawassee Road  
Saginaw, MI 48603

# Tribute Wall

 J Allen Walker

“ *Dad, I miss you. I think about you every day. I didn't say it enough when you were here, but I love you and thank you.* ”



**J Allen Walker** - March 10, 2019 at 10:11 AM

CP

“ *I like to send my condolences to the Ray Family. May God keep you during this time of mourning and I hope that you dedicate one of your new year resolutions in Mr. Phil's memory.* ”

**Cassandra Phillips** - January 04, 2016 at 07:21 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray* ”



**Deborah Williams** - January 03, 2016 at 02:39 PM

MJ

“ *Torey & Michelle Jackson* ”



**michelle jaxkson** - January 03, 2016 at 01:25 PM

CP

“ *Clara And Joseph Pinkston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray* ”



**Clara and Joseph Pinkston** - January 03, 2016 at 12:52 AM

CS

*Gone but not forgotten.  
Rest on my friend.*

**Colleen SMITH** - January 16, 2019 at 11:39 PM

S1

“ *Shelaine Parrish C/o 1977 lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Shelaine Parrish c/o 1977** - January 02, 2016 at 05:37 PM

RW

“ *Rita Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Rita Williams** - January 02, 2016 at 08:43 AM

CP

“ *Cllara & Joseph Pinston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**cllara & joseph pinston** - January 02, 2016 at 06:32 AM



“ *We are very sadden to hear of the passing of Brother Phil J.Ray and are praying for his family and children esp our God Son Mr Justin A.Walker.our Love and Prayers our with you. psalms 23.*



**James Weston** - January 01, 2016 at 11:13 PM

CM

“ Cheryl Merrill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Cheryl Merrill - January 01, 2016 at 10:24 PM

MP

“ Kissy Moster - Nyla



MARLENE PATTERSON - January 01, 2016 at 01:33 PM

TH

“ Tisa Haley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



tisa haley - December 31, 2015 at 05:22 PM

CR

“ Chantel Raymond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Chantel Raymond - December 31, 2015 at 12:29 PM

NW

“ Nicole Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Nicole Williams - December 31, 2015 at 12:13 PM

NW

*My condolence to the Ray family.*

**Nicole Williams** - December 31, 2015 at 12:14 PM

Linda  
Crowley

“ *Phil was a great friend and he will be missed,he always did what he could for anyone,family I'm sorry for your loss, keeping you in prayers*

**Linda Crowley** - December 31, 2015 at 11:43 AM

LL

“ *Losten Arnold LII lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Losten Arnold III** - December 31, 2015 at 08:26 AM

JW

“ *Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook** - December 31, 2015 at 08:11 AM

JS

“ *Joice Swiney-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Joice Swiney-Miller** - December 31, 2015 at 07:28 AM

LV

“ *Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Linda Veasley** - December 31, 2015 at 04:55 AM

DM

“ Denise McCulloh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Denise McCulloh - December 31, 2015 at 04:14 AM

AN

“ May you rest peacefully



Antonia - December 31, 2015 at 03:45 AM

 Ronnette Calvert

“ Ronnette Calvert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray

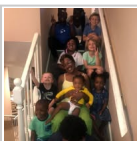


Ronnette Calvert - December 31, 2015 at 12:22 AM

 Ronnette Calvert

R.I.H. Phil you will truly be missed my condolences to the Ray family.. My love and prayers are with you all.

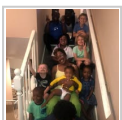
Ronnette Calvert - December 31, 2015 at 12:23 AM



“ Mary Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Mary Roberson - December 30, 2015 at 11:44 PM



May God Bless You & Your Family

Mary Roberson - December 30, 2015 at 11:52 PM

JA

“ I worked with Phil at South Middle School several years ago, such a nice man with a good sense of humor and the kids loved him. My deepest condolences to the family. RIH

Jenni Acker - December 30, 2015 at 10:37 PM

GL

“ Gary Lopez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



gary lopez - December 30, 2015 at 10:29 PM

JH

“ It's been my privilege and blessing to have known brother Phil Ray. Brother Phil was dedicated and committed to helping me as the pastor of Grace Chapel Church with projects that only a handy man could do; rain or shine all I had to do was call on Phil, even when his health was failing he was still willing to do what he could for the church and for the pastor. A good man gone to soon, God bless and keep the Ray family. Pastor James H. Nelson, Grace Chapel Church.

James H. Nelson - December 30, 2015 at 07:57 PM

M(

“ Dad was my bestfriend I did everything with him. I miss and love you dad until we meet again 🥰🥺🙏



Montaesha Wilson (Tae) - December 30, 2015 at 07:53 PM

L.

“ L.Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



L.Ray - December 30, 2015 at 06:29 PM

VC

“ I grew up with Phil on 26th street. He was always nice and loving to me. It's a hard pill for me to swallow. Playing in the back yard, eating at the Rays house. Very good memories. My prayers are with the Rays family. I love you all.



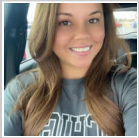
**Vivian Cage** - December 30, 2015 at 06:24 PM

AB

“ Alonzo Betts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



**Alonzo Betts** - December 30, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ Kristin Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



**Kristin Davis** - December 30, 2015 at 05:58 PM

PW

“ Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



**Patricia Williams** - December 30, 2015 at 05:04 PM

TK

“ Taquita KNOX lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



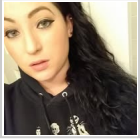
**Taquita KNOX** - December 30, 2015 at 04:44 PM



“ Remembered last 1999 I met you and you save my life. I'm so grateful you all of my life regardless.. I thank you for everything. Truly missed you is my hero yes you are. Love you dearly.. Marieo, shanquetta, juaquan loved you so much..



Teresa Wooten - December 30, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Blu Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



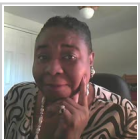
Blu Webb - December 30, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ SANDI WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



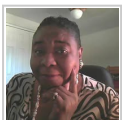
SANDI WILLIAMS - December 30, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ Beverly Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Beverly Smith - December 30, 2015 at 04:10 PM



To the Loved ones of Phi, he was a great guy at customer service, a perfect gentleman I will most remember him for greeting of "Howdy" and his kindness in doing business.

Beverly Smith - December 30, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ I remember back in the early 90's on 11th Street there was a hardware store that sold penny candy and Phil gave me 5 dollars and I was like 500 pieces of candy, was super excited lol... I'm going to miss you big cuz, you was like a uncle to me..

Brian Gascoyne - December 30, 2015 at 02:58 PM

JM

“ James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



James and Ola McMillan - December 30, 2015 at 02:45 PM

Colleen Smith

“ I met Phil Ray at Central junior high. He had a great sense of humor. Rest on my friend.



Colleen Smith - December 30, 2015 at 01:52 PM

DT

“ Deborah Toney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



deborah toney - December 30, 2015 at 01:43 PM

JB

“ Rest Easy Uncle Phil Its Always The Ones You Least Expect I Give You My Utmost Respect You Were So Down To Earth And Did Whatever You Could To Help Others And To The Ray Family Keep Y'all Heads Up

Javontea Banks - December 30, 2015 at 01:29 PM

CB

“ Love u and always remember u Mr. PHIL JONATHON RAY SR. ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.. LOVE, NEVAEH AND CHRISTOPHER RAY.. JEREMIAH MALIK AND RO'ZAY see u when I get there.. tearsss



Christy Bishop - December 30, 2015 at 12:55 PM

JP

“ RIP uncle Phil, remembering the good times, we stayed at your house as kids and this is still unbelievable. The family in Texas sends our condolences.

Josephine Pinkston - December 30, 2015 at 12:29 PM

SJ

“ R.I.P. My Brotha !!!

Sherman Bell Jr. - December 30, 2015 at 11:29 AM

AB

R.I h.my brother,always remember when we always talk basketball I love u my bro the best friend a person could ever have in there life.

Anthony doc. Bell - December 30, 2015 at 01:25 PM

David Ray

“ to my Friend my Brother . he was the best person i ever knew RIH. our prayers go out to the Ray Family. Brother you will be missed Mr. & Mrs. David Ray Sr.

David Ray - December 30, 2015 at 11:23 AM

TB

“ I still can't believe this, You will be missed Phill Praying for your family..

toneen barnett - December 30, 2015 at 09:55 AM

OE

“ Odessa Eaton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Odessa Eaton - December 30, 2015 at 03:29 AM

MF

“ Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - December 30, 2015 at 12:45 AM

DH

“ *Doris Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



Doris Harris - December 30, 2015 at 12:23 AM

GR

“ *Glenda Rockett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



Glenda Rockett - December 29, 2015 at 06:47 PM

DH

“ *Dawn Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



Dawn Hughey - December 29, 2015 at 06:38 PM

NI

“ *phil ray wasapart of the fields and brown family for a very long time we all and everyone who knew u will miss u dearly rest on phil love you and the famil forever*

nina - December 29, 2015 at 06:29 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Murdock Barlow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



Joyce Murdock Barlow - December 29, 2015 at 05:58 PM

DV

“ Debra Ray Vaquera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Debra Ray Vaquera - December 29, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DV

“ Debra Ray Vaquera And Scott Vaquera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



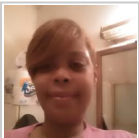
Debra Ray Vaquera and Scott Vaquera - December 29, 2015 at 04:02 PM

KP

“ Kentria Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Kentria Pittman - December 29, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ Kishna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Kishna Johnson - December 29, 2015 at 10:22 AM

KJ

“ Mr. Phil Ray you will be deeply missed my dear friend. Condolences to the entire Ray Family. Kisha Fields Jones



Kisha Jones - December 28, 2015 at 03:53 PM



“ *Lee Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



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**Lee Reeves** - December 28, 2015 at 03:17 PM

AT

“ *Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



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**Annette Turner** - December 28, 2015 at 02:15 PM

MP

“ *Marilyn Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



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**Marilyn Pearson** - December 28, 2015 at 11:50 AM

CF

“ *Clark Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



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**Clark Family** - December 28, 2015 at 10:37 AM

TF

“ *The Clark Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



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**The Clark Family** - December 28, 2015 at 09:21 AM

LK

“ *Latwana Keela lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Latwana Keela** - December 28, 2015 at 08:43 AM

CP

“ *Cynthia Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Cynthia Pierce** - December 28, 2015 at 08:42 AM

RO

“ *Roberta(Ray)Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Roberta(Ray)Simmons** - December 28, 2015 at 08:42 AM

TM

“ *Tia Clark- Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Tia Clark- Mitchell** - December 28, 2015 at 08:33 AM

BL

“ *BARBARA LAND-JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**BARBARA LAND-JONES** - December 28, 2015 at 06:44 AM

ZF

“ Zina Davis & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Zina Davis & family - December 27, 2015 at 05:22 PM

TE

“ Terrhonda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Terrhonda - December 27, 2015 at 03:47 PM

MP

“ MARLENE PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



MARLENE PATTERSON - December 27, 2015 at 11:58 AM

MP

“ MARLENE PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



MARLENE PATTERSON - December 27, 2015 at 11:55 AM

AM

“ ASHLEY M lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



ASHLEY M - December 27, 2015 at 11:52 AM

DD

“ Donna Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Donna Dawkins - December 27, 2015 at 08:32 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Brenda Jones - December 27, 2015 at 03:23 AM

DR

“ DeShone Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



DeShone Ray - December 26, 2015 at 10:10 PM

PS

“ To the Ray Family you are in my Prayers in your time of Sorrow Look to the Hills Which Cometh your Help Your Health Cometh from the Lord Amen Amen

Phyllis Scarbrough - December 26, 2015 at 07:17 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Scarbrough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Phyllis Scarbrough - December 26, 2015 at 07:13 PM

BK

“ Betty King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Betty King - December 26, 2015 at 04:31 PM

WA

“ WARRENWILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



WARRENWILLIAMS - December 26, 2015 at 11:28 AM

WA

“ Warren&Shraon Williams

WARRENWILLIAMS - December 26, 2015 at 11:24 AM

KR

“ Kenny Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



Kenny Ray - December 26, 2015 at 09:28 AM

TR

“ TaJuan Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray



TaJuan Ray - December 26, 2015 at 09:28 AM

KK

“ *Kedric King-Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Kedric King-Ray** - December 26, 2015 at 09:27 AM

KK

“ *Kenya King-Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Kenya King-Ray** - December 26, 2015 at 09:27 AM

KK

“ *Kiaunna King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Kiaunna King** - December 26, 2015 at 09:26 AM

JR

“ *Jackie Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Jackie Ray** - December 26, 2015 at 09:25 AM

LJ

“ *Leatrice Jamerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



**Leatrice Jamerson** - December 26, 2015 at 02:00 AM



“ *Arthur Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phil Jonathan Ray*



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**Arthur Williams** - December 25, 2015 at 09:14 PM