



Robert Franklin Ray

October 1, 1948 - July 15, 2023

Robert "Frank" Ray

Plant City – Robert "Frank" Ray, 74, passed away July 15, 2023.

Frank was born in Plant City, Florida on October 1, 1948, to the late Robert and Geneva Ray. He served for 22 years in the U.S. Navy before his retirement. Frank was a member of Fuel Church, as well as the American Legion, DAV and the Elks. His hobbies included old cars, fishing, trains and airplanes.

Frank is survived by his wife of 31 years, Debbie Ray; Sheryl (Jeff) Janosky, Cindy Ray, Chris Galt and Tracy (Steven) Saiz; grandchildren, Jackson, Rhett, Brody, Lacey, Traciana and Stacey. He was preceded in death by his sister, Diana Lynn Ray.

Visitation for Frank will be Monday, July 24, 2023 from 10-11 am at Fuel Church, followed by services at 11 am at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Fuel Church

A Committal Service will be held Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 11AM, at Florida National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fuel Church
7355 US Highway 98 N
Lakeland, FL 33809

Funeral Service

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Committal Service w/ Military Honors

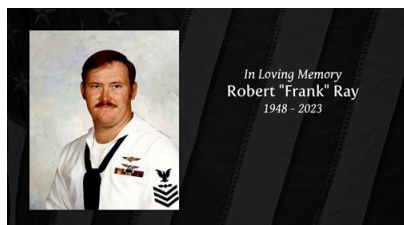
JUL **27.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Franklin Ray



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - July 21, 2023 at 01:57 PM

BD

Frank, we've had many conversations and some good times. I really appreciate the friendship you offered. I know our family relationship goes back before I was born, and it was always a good one. I thank you for spending a special day with me a little over a year ago. I had no idea how special that day would turn out to be. I know your love for God will allow us to meet again. Until then, I will never forget you. Thank you for all you have done for God, family, friends and country. Debbie, God could not have sent a better woman for Frank. I'm only a phone call away. I will do anything I can to help. Please don't hesitate.

Bert Dull - July 23, 2023 at 10:02 PM

FP

To the family of Frank, my sincere condolences to you. He was my first LPO in the Navy. He was a firm, yet good leader. I will remember him always. I served with him in VA-46 in the mid 80's. He was a good mentor and a great leader.

Frank C Primm - August 18, 2023 at 10:13 PM

JR

“ Happy birthday cuz miss you buddy

John Ray - September 30, 2023 at 08:03 PM

CG

“Daddy Frank I will miss you. You and Debbie have been there for me almost my whole life. I met Chris when he was 9 and I was 5 years old. You were in both of our lives for the good and the bad. You were our father and a mentor to us. Debbie was a loving wife to you and a great mother as well.. One memory that truly stays with me to this day was when we went on a fishing trip. It was the Wade Boggs fish camp on Lake Lochloosa located above Gainesville, Fl. On the way, we stopped at a Walmart and Chris wanted a knife. You guys bought it for him. He was so happy you had got it for him. We got somewhere around Gainesville and stopped at a gas station. If I remember correctly you were putting gas in the car and Mom was inside... Chris was playing with the knife showing me he could turn it upside down and catch it by the handle as it came out of its sheath. Well I'm sure you would guess what happened next... He missed catching it and the knife rotated and went straight into his leg. He jumped out of the car and ran to the bathroom and locked himself in. Finally got him to say what was wrong and all he could ask was would he still be able to go fishing.... They gave him a temporary patch and we went to the camp and unpacked. Mom took Chris to get stitches at the local hospital. You and I went out on the boat fishing. I caught a mud fish and it was the first time I was ever in a boat on a lake... I had an amazing time... I also remember coming back to dock... And you were instructing me to use the pole and rope to help pull us in... Well I slipped away and fell in the water... And Chris and mom were just pulling up. We had fried green tomatoes from a fellow camper... It was a amazing time...and there were many times after that as well... I love you daddy Frank. You are missed.... 21 Guns!



Charles Gillstrap - July 31, 2023 at 05:23 AM

NT

“ We will miss you. I know that Neal will miss his talks with you. Love,
Neal & Mavis Terrell

Neal Terrell - July 23, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DP

“ We are so sorry to hear about Frank. Praying for the family.

Debra Pazzalia - July 22, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of
Robert Franklin Ray.



July 22, 2023 at 05:10 PM

LP

“ Love, Jackie Phillips purchased the Pretty Please
for the family of Robert Franklin Ray.



Love, Jackie Phillips - July 21, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Robert Franklin Ray.



July 20, 2023 at 06:04 PM

CC

“ So sorry Debbie to hear of Frank's passing. You and your family will be in our prayers.

Carmen Cato - July 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ Anyone who knew Frank, knew about Mike and Franks Story with the (snake,the bathroom and fear,) to Franks family, Debbie, call me anytime, girls, you all will be in my prayers, and I will be there if you need me, love to all 🙏🙏🙏❤️



Sandra Mayfield - July 20, 2023 at 04:57 AM

JR

“ John Ray lit a candle in memory of Robert Franklin Ray



John ray - July 19, 2023 at 04:46 PM