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PERRY-

Daniel Stephen "Danny" Ray, Sr., 69, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015, after a brief illness. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Perry. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Griffin, Georgia, immediately following the service. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Watson-Hunt Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes, Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, P.O. Box 1000, Stockbridge, GA 30281.

Danny was born in Griffin to the late William Walter Ray and Mary Burdell Anderson Ray. After high school graduation, he proudly served our country in the United States Army as an MP. While moving around the country with the military, he married the love of his life, Marti Watkins. They eventually were stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Houston County, where they decided to settle. In 1976, he obtained Veteran status with the Air Force and became a Trooper with the Georgia State Patrol. During his employment with GSP, he received numerous awards for his meritorious service. In order to further his education and enforce his career, Danny received an Associates Degree from Tift College and a Bachelor Degree from Mercer University, both in Criminal Justice. He retired from GSP in 2000. Upon his retirement, Danny began working as a private investigator. A man with a great sense of humor, he will be fondly remembered as telling "stories around the table". He was preceded in death by his son, Danny Ray, Jr.; 3 brothers; and 2 sisters.

Left to cherish the memories of Danny are his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Marti Ray of Perry; his children, Bill Ray (Kathy) of Elko, Jimmy Ray (Jannett) of Perry, and Mikie Ray (Kathryn) of Perry; 10 grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as "Papa"; 1 great-grandchild; a sister, Willie Eubanks of Griffin; a brother, Glenn Ray (Diane) of Milledgeville; and a host of nieces and nephews.



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Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Tribute Wall

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CC

Chris Clark posted:

Danny Ray was an exceptional person. He was a thoughtful, loyal and considerate friend. He never met a stranger and had a true gift to make friends and to get along with anyone. He was a law enforcement officer who understood that professional law enforcement required judgment, exercise of discretion and thoughtful consideration for the many different situations law enforcement officers face each day. Danny Ray made this world a better place and the world will miss him.

August 9 at 8:00 PM

DE

Denise posted:

Ray family I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Danny was a great husband, dad, and friend. My thoughts and prayers with each of you.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

RM

Rocky Moore posted:

Rest in Peace my Brother, I miss you so much. I will never forget our great time together.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

PJ

Pastor Bennetha Jenkins posted:

To the Ray family It sadden me to hear of the death of true man, Mr. Ray was there for me as I worked at the convience stores. Always a kind word no matter when he would meet me. Mr. Ray will truly be missed around Perry and the surrounding town. Our prayers are with the entire Ray family.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

WR

Waymond Ray posted:

You will be missed. You always had a tall tale. Dad always laughed but more importantly he was proud of his little brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

July 16 at 8:00 PM



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JL

Jo Ann Lyde posted:

I worked with Danny on the Private Detective Board. He always made me laugh. He was truly a gentle giant. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him. Rest in peace my friend.

July 16 at 8:00 PM

GS

Gene Scarbrough posted:

Rest In Peace my friend. Your kindness touched a multitude of people. You will be sorely missed.

July 15 at 8:00 PM

DH

Dona & Butch Heller posted:

I was saddened today to hear Danny had passed away. He was a great friend. I worked at the D.A.'s office for many years while he worked with the state. He always had a smile for you and a story to share! We are so thankful we had the opportunity to know him. Our prayers and with you.

July 15 at 8:00 PM

RW

Ricky And Carolyn Webb posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

July 15 at 8:00 PM

DM

Debra & David Montford posted:

Loved his laughter, great sense of humor, respect and loyalty. Both David and I thought a lot of Danny and know that his family must have many great memories of this good man. will keep you in our prayers.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

SM

Sid Miles posted:

I am so sorry for your great loss and I am sorry that I could not be there with you and Danny's many friends. Danny was a loyal and trusted friend when I served as Commissioner of DPS. He and I shared many good times and also a few bad times. I will surely miss him.

July 14 at 8:00 PM



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RS

Robby Stripling posted:

To the Ray Family: Danny as you know was a great guy, and a professional at anything he did. Susan and I enjoyed many hours with Danny when he came to Cordele to visit or work. He loved and cherished each of you. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

CC

Chris Clark posted:

Dear Family:I am so sorry for your loss of Danny. He was truly one of the finest, most honorable people I have ever had the privilege to know. He was always ready to help anyone if they needed any assistance of any kind. He was a great public servant and great role model for all of us. I, like many others, are so thankful we had the opportunity to know him and work with him. He is in a better, more restful and peaceful place. Please know your family is in our prayers.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

DM

Diane Mullinax posted:

Marti,I am so sorry to hear of your loss, David has been gone 4 years & I still miss him. I remember all the fun times we had with you & Danny.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

HW

Harry Wood posted:

I new Danny from his time at Waterford golf course. He was a great man. We all enjoyed his sense of humor and story's . He enjoyed his time on the golf course and we all were glad we got the chance to meet him and enjoy him. He and his Family are in our prays.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

SL

Shelia & Johnny Laws posted:

Dear Family,We were saddened to learn of your great loss. Danny was a great guy, dear friend, with a funny sense of humor, always smiling and he loved Marty and his family.Praying that God will hold you in His loving arms and comfort you as only He can.

July 13 at 8:00 PM



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Kyle & Paula Stouder posted:

Bill, Kathy, Tyler and Danny & family Our hearts go out to you in your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace.

July 13 at 8:00 PM



A. J. Mathern posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

July 13 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Daniel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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