



## James Earl "Redman" Ray

August 23, 1958 - November 26, 2024

James Earl "Redman" Ray, age 66, of Gardendale passed away peacefully at his residence with his loving wife, Vickie by his side on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. He was born on August 23, 1958. Jimmy was a devout Christian who loved his Lord and Savior very much. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed woodworking and making sawdust, but most of all spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Vickie W. Ray; children, James Brandon (Brandie) Ray and Jason Brent (Carrie) Ray; and grandchildren, Bailey Kate and Carlie Lynne. James was preceded in death by his mother, Willie Lou Moore.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 29, 2024 at 12:00 pm at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home, with Pastor Dave officiating. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in loving memory of Jimmy "Redman" to either Amedisys Hospice at 2204 Lake Shore Drive Suite 160 Homewood, AL. 35209 or UAB Palliative Care at 1713 6th Ave. South

Birmingham, AL. 35233.

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
(205) 631-8810  
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ Jimmy Ray always had a smile on his face. He always made me laugh. Great memories of him at BP. Prayers for the family.

Andy Watkins - November 26, 2024 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ Jimmy Ray was one of my brother's best friends during their school years also at church at Berney Points Baptist. He was also a good friend of the family and we had such good, fun memories with him. He always had a smile on his face. He and my mom used to exchange bday cards long into her aging years.

Mary Beth (Graves) Musick - November 26, 2024 at 08:23 PM

JH

“ Redman was like my brother at ACIPCO. We worked in several units there. We first met in old unit 23. It was there he worked with us when Vickie and him got married. We also worked at a cabinet shop together. As he retired early, we grew apart! I will always remember him as a brother! My prayers are with his family!!!

James “Chief” Harden - November 26, 2024 at 06:06 PM

JH

Avery one knows me as Chief

James “Chief” Harden - November 26, 2024 at 06:07 PM

MM

“ We knew Jimmy as an older youth and later, as an actively involved single young adult in our church. He loved singing in the choir! He was a kind-hearted, curious and fun-loving person. We reconnected with him a couple of years ago and were sorry to learn about his declining health. In all ways, Jimmy gave his all. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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**Michael & Lynne Meeks** - November 26, 2024 at 04:55 PM

MN

“ Growing up he was always "Uncle Jimmy" to me. He would enter a room and you knew he was there as he was always so joyful and his smile was contagious. I always enjoyed when we got to spend time with him because he pulled no punches and told things like they were. Jimmy, will be missed but Heaven sure gained a heck of a man. WDE Jimmy!

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**Matthew Nixon** - November 26, 2024 at 04:26 PM