



Ray Williams

January 3, 1952 - May 11, 2022

Ray Williams, 70, of Huntington, passed away at 11:33 am Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Bright Star Senior Living in Fort Wayne, IN.

Ray was born on January 3, 1952, in Hazard, KY, the son of Edward "Ed" Williams and Faye (Arms) Williams. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1970 and proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Ray married his true love, Janna Rae Burkhart, on February 20, 1971, in Columbia City, IN. Ray was a member of the V.F.W. Post #2689, Loyal Order of Moose Chapter # 837 both of Huntington and the American Legion Post # 160 of Roanoke. He made a career out of law enforcement, starting with being the Andrews Town Marshal for 5 years and then becoming a Huntington Co Sheriff's Deputy from 1976-1979. Ray became the 35th Huntington County Sheriff in 1979 and retired in 1985. He then resumed the role of the Huntington Street Department Superintendent and later worked for Lutheran Hospital in security. He was always proud of serving his country and his county. He had a strong Baptist faith that led him to helping others. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, dancing, and watching westerns. He loved to go on cruises with his wife and attending all his grandchildren's events. He looked forward to going out for breakfast with friends and visiting with others. Ray's devotion to his family was beyond endless.

Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, Janna Rae Williams of

Huntington, IN; daughter, Jill R (Rudy) Hieber of Ft. Wayne, IN; son, Joseph "Joe" E.R. (Ashley) Williams of Huntington, IN; sister, Kathy (Van) Juillerat of Andrews, IN; brother, Jeff (Betty) Williams of Ft. Wayne, IN; seven grandchildren, Derek (Emily) Smiley, Dustin Smiley, Brayden Hieber, Rylee Williams, Preslee Williams, Makinzee Williams, Wyatt Williams; two step-sisters, Vicki (Matt) Snodderly of Huntington, IN, Brenda (Galen) Stoffel of Huntington, IN; step-brother, Rick (Linda) Wood of Columbia City, IN; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Edward "Ed" Williams, mother, Wilma Faye Williams, stepmother Phyllis and his beloved dog Max.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 pm Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, with Rev. Matt Snodderly officiating.

Preferred memorials to the Honor Flight, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Ray Williams.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Ray Williams.* ”



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - May 13, 2022 at 10:18 AM

MS

Thank you Ray and Janna for your dedication to each other, to your family and to our Country.

Marilyn Sonner - May 13, 2022 at 12:21 PM

BD

So sorry for your loss. Sending prayer! Bob and Denise Dost

Bob and Denise Dost - May 13, 2022 at 05:19 PM

BS

What a wonderful video of Ray and his beautiful family.

Beverly Skepnek - May 14, 2022 at 04:30 PM

AW

Thought and prayers for the family. I remember when I was little and he was the sheriff. Love ya

angie williams - May 14, 2022 at 09:13 PM

JJ

Ray was a good man prayers for the family

Joan Jiosa - May 17, 2022 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ *Janna,
I'm so sorry to learn of your sweet Ray's passing. He was such a wonderful neighbor. His friendliness and smile always made me smile. What a guy! Sending you and your family my love and strength for the coming days.*
Myra Sturm

Myra Sturm - May 21, 2022 at 12:18 PM

JW

“ *Thank you everyone for all the kind words about Ray. He truly was a kind, caring, loving man who didn't know a stranger. The kids and I will miss him so much! No one should have to go thru what he has with Alzheimers. Hug your family and friends and love one another.*
Janna

Janna Williams - May 17, 2022 at 07:54 AM

DH

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. Lynn & Debbie Harris*

Debbie Harris - May 15, 2022 at 12:52 PM

KF

“ *Janna and family,
May our heavenly father be with you through this time of sorrow.
You have our deepest sympathy.
The Richard Keplinger family*

Keplinger Family - May 15, 2022 at 09:47 AM

KE

“ *Keplinger lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams*



Keplinger - May 15, 2022 at 09:44 AM

DC

“ *Denny And Connie Chapin lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams*



Denny and Connie Chapin - May 15, 2022 at 06:43 AM

DC

“ *Denny And Connie Chapin lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams*



Denny and Connie Chapin - May 15, 2022 at 06:20 AM

RB

“ *Janna, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and the family. Roma and Andy Bovenmyer*

Roma Bovenmyer - May 14, 2022 at 07:11 PM

JB

“ Joe And Jannie Bickel lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams



Joe and Jannie Bickel - May 14, 2022 at 04:26 PM

RN

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Robert and Rosie Wilson. Tim & Renee and Andy Ness



Renee Ness - May 14, 2022 at 01:37 PM

SF

“ Janna, I remember so many things from our early days at school. We had so much fun together. You were so kind to befriend such a nerd. When you and Ray married, I remember the velvet bridesmaid dress I got to wear. Mostly I remember how happy you both looked. We were so young but you were always the wise one. You chose a great man to share your life, and a great life you shared. I am so sorry for this loss. To lose communication with each other only to reconnect at a time like this shows the fragility of life and the importance of keeping dear friends close. Keep that strength you own.
I am glad you have family and friends close to help. Love you always , Sally

Sally Foster - May 14, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray Williams.*



May 14, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Ray was such a great friend to work with. Janna and family you all are in my thoughts and prayers*

Lisa Leedy - May 14, 2022 at 06:56 AM



“ *Lisa Leedy lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams*



Lisa Leedy - May 14, 2022 at 06:54 AM

JS

“ Please accept our condolences on the loss of Uncle Ray. I know have many great memories of Uncle Ray. My favorite is being together at Grandpa Ed's and watching the Western movie "They Call Me Trinity." I will never forget how hard we all were laughing in Grandpa's living room watching that silly movie. I know Grandpa and Uncle Ray are not in pain anymore. They are together again looking down from above. That knowledge helps makes this sadness bearable. Please know our loving thoughts embrace you each and every day.

-Jason & Holly Smith



Jason A. Smith - May 14, 2022 at 01:28 AM

BG

“ Billie Steve Garwood lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams



Billie Steve Garwood - May 13, 2022 at 09:32 PM

DH

“ Don And Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams



Don and Cheryl Harris - May 13, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ray Williams.*



May 13, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. We send our deepest sympathy to Ray's family.*



Monte & Mary Jo Schenkel - May 13, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Ray was always happy go lucky and never met a stranger. He and Janna we always together. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Ray.*
Teresa Mase

Teresa Mase (Snyder) - May 13, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ *Janna, I loved Ray stopping by the house just to talk when he was out for a walk with Max. I know this is a sad time but for Ray, it is peace*
Marilyn Rittenhouse

marilyn rittenhouse - May 13, 2022 at 07:07 AM

RD

“ *Randy Denton lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams*



Randy Denton - May 13, 2022 at 05:52 AM

CC

“ *Cyndi (Scheiber) Crews lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams*



Cyndi (Scheiber) Crews - May 12, 2022 at 09:50 PM

CC

“ *Ray,
I just have so many fond memories of you. Always with that great smile and joking. As a little girl I looked up to you and then having the pleasure as an adult of working with you at two places was the best.
You loved your family so much. Such an honorable man and a dear friend. Thank you for your service to our country and our community. The world seems a little dimmer without your light now. All my love and respect for you.(prayers for Janna and the kids and grandkids as well as your siblings.)
Cyndi*

Cyndi (Scheiber) Crews - May 12, 2022 at 09:48 PM

SM

“ So very sorry to read about Ray’s passing. Our most sincere condolences to Jana and family.
Steve and Jen Mason

Steve Mason - May 12, 2022 at 09:24 PM

PL

“ He always had a good time when there was a band at VFW, he danced his heart away. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. RIP Sir and thank you for your service.

Pam Leyman - May 12, 2022 at 08:30 PM

JJ

“ He was a awesome person and was a great officer also rest in peace God bless him and his family

Jon jernigan - May 12, 2022 at 08:08 PM

MS

“ Our sincere sympathy to Janna and the Williams family.

Dennis and Marilyn Sonner

Marilyn Sonner - May 12, 2022 at 06:30 PM

BF

“ Ray was one of the nicest men you could ever wish to meet. Rest in peace you kind soul.

Brenda Fore - May 12, 2022 at 05:54 PM

SG

“ Shirley Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams



Shirley gardner - May 12, 2022 at 04:55 PM

NM

“ Nancy Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Ray Williams



Nancy Mccoart - May 12, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MH

“ Ray and my husband shared a love of hunting and fishing ! If there are woods and fishing pond in heaven I'm sure they'll be together again❤️ Ray was such a kind and caring man , always made you feel welcome . I will sure miss him ❤️❤️

Marcia Herzog - May 12, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray Williams.



May 12, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Ray was a great friend of mine since junior high. He was a wonderful person and he will truly be missed.* ”

Randy Hacker - May 12, 2022 at 03:38 PM