



Arvil "Ray" Williams

December 29, 1948 - September 10, 2020

Ray Williams passed away from pancreatic cancer on September 10, 2020 at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka with Rusty, his wife of 36 years, beside him and the presence of his sister, Sharon, nephew Randy, and grandson Tyraye. Ray was evacuated by his family from his home that he built in Happy Camp due to the Slater Fire.

Born in Flint Creek, Oklahoma in 1948, Ray was a combat veteran and served his country in Vietnam with the first field forces. In addition to construction, Ray was an accomplished welder, mechanic, logger, pilot, and gardener. He was proud of his corn and his sunflowers. He rode Harley's and shared a love of the open road with his wife, Rusty, on her Triumph. He loved sailing on a five-masted clipper ship in the Caribbean, playing his guitar, and going to Grateful Dead concerts. He loved the woods and fought past forest fires as ground support with his water tender, and he loved his pair of Great Danes.

Ray is survived by his wife, Rusty; mother, Juanita, and his five brothers and sisters and their families; his daughter, Sara and grandsons Cody, Kaleb, and Zach, and great grandson, Ryker. Ray stood as a father to his wife's son Jon and his family – daughter, Raven and grandsons August, Tyraye, and Xander.

Known for his willingness to work hard, to help others, and for his strong tied to family, friends, and Happy Camp, Ray was a good man and will be missed

by all.

Vaya con Dios, Ray.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held for Ray on Saturday, September 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Happy Camp Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Happy Camp Cemetery

Happy Camp, CA 96039

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill And Dorothy LaHue lit a candle in memory of Arvil "Ray" Williams*



Bill and Dorothy LaHue - September 26, 2020 at 01:15 PM

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So sorry for your loss at this time Rusty. Ray was a great guy to work with and to know.

Bill & Dorothy LaHue - September 26, 2020 at 01:17 PM

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“ *My condolences to Mr. Williams' family and friends. Although I never met "Ray" - I have read of his passing and as a fellow Deadhead, I mourn his loss. "May the four winds blow you safely home."*

Sheila Swann - September 22, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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“ *Bob Hokanson lit a candle in memory of Arvil "Ray" Williams*



bob hokanson - September 18, 2020 at 09:11 PM