



Julius Ray Bragg, Sr.

July 3, 1933 - June 24, 2016

Bluefield, WV – Julius Ray Bragg, 82, of 711 Longview Ave., Bluefield, WV, died peacefully on Friday, June 24, 2016 at Glenwood Park Retirement Village. Born July 3, 1933, in Mingo County, West Virginia, he was the son of Homer Amick Bragg and Lula Toler Bragg.

Ray lived in Mercer County for over 50 years, and during that time was very active in the community, and civic activities. Along with others, he was instrumental in forming the Bluefield Rescue Squad, an effort in which he took great pride. Additionally, he devoted his time to the Bluefield Sanitary Board; Bluefield City Board; Bluefield Elks Lodge 269; and, a 50 year member of the Bluefield-Mercer Lodge # 85 A.F. & A. M.. Ray worked for a number of years at Bluefield Regional Medical Center as an internal auditor; Peoples Loan Company (collections); and Bailey Lumber Company. He was the past owner of the Century 21 Bragg's Real Estate Company, and was a former Mercer County Commissioner. Another business venture included A-1 Bonding Company.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Melda Carpenter Bragg; three brothers, Homer “Buster” Amick Bragg, Jr.; John Lee Bragg; and, Kenneth Dwight Bragg.

Surviving Ray are his children Ray Bragg, Jr. (Carolyn), Martinsville, VA;

Tammy Vestal (Jerry), Barboursville, VA; and, CMSgt Danny Meade, (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) (Nancy), Bluefield, WV. Mr. Bragg had four grandchildren: Danny J. Meade, II;

MSgt Ryan L. Meade (USMC, Ret.); Jeremy H. Vestal; LCpl Justin F. Vestal, USMC; three great-grandchildren: Fernando Atello; Andrew Meade; and, Lauren Meade.

Graveside services will be held on Monday June 27, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Princeton, WV with Pastor Dan Edwards officiating. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Monday, June 27, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Those wishing to attend the graveside services are asked to meet at the funeral home by 11:00 a.m.

Ray was a longtime member of the Princeton Church of God, and attended regularly while his health permitted him to do so.

Flowers are appreciated, or a memorial donation may be made, if desired to a mission organization that Ray supported and endorsed, CRI Out, Intl., Inc., 5108 Burnley Station Road, Barboursville, VA 22923.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Ray Bragg,.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

JUN 27. 11:30 AM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery
Princeton, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *Julius Ray Bragg, Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *It seems like it was just a few weeks ago that Mr. Bragg was in our driveway with Ray Jr. playing with our little dog, Sadie May, inside the car. He seemed to really enjoy her. Then he started asking me about retiring from the bank. He didn't miss much or forget things like that. We really liked Mr. Bragg and we know he is happy and rejoicing in Heaven. Danny, Nancy, Ray, Carolyn, Tammy and Jerry, and the rest of the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.*

Brenda and Robert Bailey - June 26, 2016 at 05:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julius Ray Bragg, Sr..*



June 26, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *I always respected Ray as he was an ardent supporter of Merce county Sheriff department while I was Sheriff (81 to 88). RIP old friend.*

Don Hare - June 26, 2016 at 04:28 PM

GT

“ Very sorry to hear the passing of Ray, I worked with him at Bailey Lumber Co for over 20 years and grew up knowing him in the family. He will be missed by many, Prayers and Thoughts sent to Ray Jr, Tammy , Danny and the family members. Guy Trent

Guy Trent - June 26, 2016 at 04:13 PM

JH

“ Jeff, Susan, James Hennessey purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Julius Ray Bragg, Sr..



Jeff, Susan, James Hennessey - June 26, 2016 at 01:03 PM

RB

“ I became real close with Ray thru the six years I was taking care of him. He is like family to me. We shared a lot of wonderful memories. Lots of laughs. I'm going to miss you. But your flying high with the angels and reunited with your wife. I love you Ray!!! (Yes Sir)... 123

Rhonda Bircham - June 26, 2016 at 10:57 AM

TJ

“ Rest in peace Ray.

Todd Johnson - June 26, 2016 at 10:35 AM

DC

“ My sympathy to the family.my cousin and classmate.Dell Cole

Dell c.Brenner - June 26, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *Rest easy Uncle Ray.*

Linda Marple - June 26, 2016 at 05:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Julius Ray Bragg, Sr..*



June 25, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *Another of my "First Cousins" going home to make our family circle a little bigger! Prayers and love to "little Ray" and Tammy.*

Joyce Bragg Perry - June 25, 2016 at 10:07 PM