



Ray A. Nash

July 7, 1927 - March 4, 2015

Bluefield, VA – Mr. Ray A. Nash age 87 of 209 Parkview Drive Bluefield, VA died Wednesday March 4, 2015 at a Bluefield hospital.

Ray was born July 7, 1927 in Bluefield, VA a son of the late George Rhea Nash and Isabella Brown Nash. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and a retired salesman with Betsy Ross Bakery / Flowers Bakery after 36 years of service. After his retirement he worked for Cole Chevrolet.

Ray was a lifetime member of Virginia Avenue United Methodist Church, where he volunteered in caring for the church grounds, served as an usher and assistant Boy Scout Troop leader. Ray loved sports, played football and basketball for Graham High School, and was an avid gardener. He was known as “Cool Ray” as he drove Terri and the other cheerleaders to their events. His grandsons were his life, and he never missed their sporting events. He enjoyed making toys for his grandchildren, and his time fishing at Falls Mills Fishing Club.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by a son Timothy Allen Nash and a brother Alvin C. Nash.

Ray is survived by his wife of 57 years Barbara Smith Nash of the home, a daughter Terri Nash Cole and husband Charlie of Bluefield, VA brothers Jack B. Nash of Inverness, FL and Paul S. Nash and wife June of Hernando, FL, grandchildren Charles McHugh “Chaz” Cole of Bluefield, WV, William Alexander “Will” Cole of Wytheville, VA, Cameron Nash Cole and Christian Smith Cole both of Bluefield, VA.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday March 7, 2015 at Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Kenneth Sprinkle and Rev. Larry Ramey officiating. Entombment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens Cemetery in Bluefield, VA. Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Will Cole, Chaz Cole, Cameron Cole, Christian Cole, and nephews Steve Nash and Brian Kidd. Honorary Pallbearers will be Joe Johnson, Don Darlington, John O'Neal and Gary Williams, Vernon Altizer, and Dara Harman.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home Friday March 6, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Carlock – Pruett Scholarship Foundation c/o Graham High School 210 Valley Dale Street Bluefield, VA 24605.

Those wishing to share memories or condolences may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving is serving the family of Ray A. Nash.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-6155
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray A. Nash*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Barbara, Terry and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Ray's passing. He will be greatly missed. He always had so many great and funny stories to tell..the Nash boys really enjoyed life. Kristy & I were sick with a virus and could not attend the service but our thoughts and prayers were and still are with you.
Love Gloria, Kristy & Family*

Gloria - March 10, 2015 at 03:04 PM



“ *Dear Barbara an Family,*

I just learned of Ray's passing today. As you know he was my 2d cousin. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May God give peace.

Randy Walker - San Antonio, TX

Randy Walker - March 09, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ *Dear Terri,
May God's peace be ever near you
and your family in the days ahead.
Love & Prayers,
Beth Church Hubbard*

Beth Hubbard - March 08, 2015 at 06:04 PM

DS

“ Barbara, Terri and family,
I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Ray was always so positive and upbeat and such a genuinely nice and caring man.

May god bless you in your time of loss.

Danny Speeks

Danny Speeks - March 07, 2015 at 03:26 PM

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“ Barbara, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Elaine Catron



Elaine Catron - March 06, 2015 at 12:35 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ray A. Nash.



March 06, 2015 at 09:35 AM

DM

“ Barbara,
I, along with Connie, wish to express our sympathy to you. Ray was such a gentleman and so friendly. Please know that we are thinking of you.

Doug

doug marrs - March 06, 2015 at 08:38 AM

LO

“ So sorry for your loss Lowell Davis

Lowell - March 06, 2015 at 08:20 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara, Terri and Family~*

We were sorry to hear of Ray's passing. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish your memories...

Alva and Bob Jones

Sumter, SC

Bob and Alva Jones - March 05, 2015 at 07:49 PM