

## Charles Ray Tucker

June 12, 1942 - April 25, 2015

Charles Ray Tucker age 72 of Dayton died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon April 25, 2015. Ray was born in Graysville on June 12, 1942 the son of the late William and Martha (Crawley) Tucker.

Ray was a lifelong resident of Rhea County and a graduate of Rhea Central High School, Class of 1960. Ray served his country with the US Navy serving in Vietnam. He retired from TVA as a supervisor after 37 years of employment. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and bicyclist having once ridden his bike to Florida. He was a member of the Boilermakers Union Local 454 and a long time member of the Sale Creek Church of God where he had served as a Sunday school teacher.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Loretta (Knox) Tucker of Dayton, two daughters, Angie (Rob) Bybee of Horse Cave, KY and Gena (fiancee' Teddy Stephens) Tucker of Philadelphia, PA, his son, Billy Tucker of Dayton, his brother, Rodger (Martha Jo) Tucker of Graysville, four grandchildren, Parker Bybee, Kristian (Justin) Hughes, Haley Tucker and Ethan Stephens along with his great-granddaughter Alyssa Hughes.

Funeral services for Ray will be held Tuesday afternoon at 5:00pm at the Sale Creek Church of God with his pastors, Rev. Terry Bolton and Bishop Kenneth Bolton officiating. He will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens with military honors followed by a white dove release.

Please share your memories of Ray on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Monday after 5:00pm and also at his church Tuesday one hour before the funeral.

# Cemetery Details

## Rhea Memory Gardens

Highway 27 Bypass P.O. Box 148  
Dayton, TN 37321  
(423) 775-2662

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 5:00 PM (ET)


Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

APR 28. 5:00 PM (ET)

Sale Creek Church of God  
Sale Creek, TN

# Tribute Wall

  
Brandon  
Keylon

“ *He is loved , and will be missed dearly ... my thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends.....may we all live as he showed us how.....*



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**Brandon Keylon** - April 29, 2015 at 01:51 AM

PW

“ *We have known you for many years and you will be greatly missed.God bless the tucker family.Our thoughts and prayers will be you all.*

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**pat walker** - April 28, 2015 at 11:40 PM

ST

“ *So sorry we missed the funeral. Katie checked me into Erlanger at 3pm today. I am having tests done on my heart. I cannot get my breath. I think they have found the problem. I will be here for a few days. We will come see you when I get out, God willing. Fishing will not be the same without Ray. Some people just knew how to make even a bad day fun.*

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**Steve Trotter** - April 28, 2015 at 10:16 PM

DS

“ *Dorothy Sampley lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Dorothy Sampley** - April 28, 2015 at 09:04 PM

CL

“ Charles And Shelia Long lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Charles and Shelia Long - April 28, 2015 at 02:11 PM

Betty Howard

“ Betty Howard lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Betty Howard - April 28, 2015 at 09:49 AM

TH

“ Teresa Hinds lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Teresa Hinds - April 28, 2015 at 09:35 AM

TH

“ I am so sorry for your loss of a truly wonderful man. I will always remember and cherish the great times that I had at your house. It was like I practically grew up there. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Hinds

Teresa Hinds - April 28, 2015 at 09:34 AM

SM

“ *Starr (Rains) Morrow lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Starr (Rains) Morrow** - April 28, 2015 at 04:41 AM

GD

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I worked with Ray for many years. He was loved and respected by his brother and sister boilermakers. He was a good man and a good supervisor. He didn't care to tell anyone how much he loved his family and his Loretta. But he wanted everyone to know above all he loved God. He will be missed. Take comfort in knowing he is with his saviour and you will see him again one day.*

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**Gwendolyn Donovan** - April 28, 2015 at 03:23 AM

JH

“ *It's true God only takes the best first. Ray is going to be missed dearly. Who are we going to call when we run out of gas on the river or when we're having boat troubles, even when storms was coming & he knew we was out on the boat he'd call to tell us to start heading back. Ray was one of the best men I've even known, he was such a wonderful uncle. I love you Ray & I'm gonna miss you like crazy!*

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**Jamie Hall** - April 27, 2015 at 09:01 PM

TB

“ *Temisha B. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.*



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**Temisha B.** - April 27, 2015 at 08:53 PM

PB

“ *Paul & JoAnna Byrd lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Paul & JoAnna Byrd** - April 27, 2015 at 08:30 PM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Loretta and all the family.*

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**JoAnna Byrd** - April 27, 2015 at 08:28 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bohannon lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Judy Bohannon** - April 27, 2015 at 05:36 PM

NS

“ *Praying for God's comfort and peace for the entire family during this difficult time.*

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**Neal & Jane Stultz** - April 27, 2015 at 05:28 PM

JG

“ Ray was such a wonderful, Christian man! Praying for peace in your time of grief.

Janie Scott Graham - April 27, 2015 at 03:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.



April 27, 2015 at 03:23 PM

KH

“ Kathie H. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.



Kathie H. - April 27, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.



April 27, 2015 at 02:47 PM

DH

“ We have lost one of God's finest examples of a loving, caring, serving Christian. I loved him so much, as did countless others. When Ray Tucker steps up to receive his heavenly rewards, it will keep God busy for quite a while. My amazing uncle was dependable, faithful & generous. If there was a need, he never failed to pitch in. He loved everyone & they loved him. His testimony could bring tears, telling of God pulling him from the depths of sin & molding him into a man who not only loved God, but worshiped, worked for, talked about, taught about & served Him with every ounce of his being. What an inspiration Ray Tucker was to everyone who knew & loved him, his rewards will be many and so well deserved.

*My heart aches for Aunt Loretta, Angie, Gena, Billy, Kristian, Haley & Parker & for his brother Rodger & all our families. We must strive to live a Christian life the way Uncle Ray lived his, and we will look forward to seeing him again! He will be easy to find....in the back yard of one of the largest mansions, cooking up a mess of his delicious fish and hush puppies, welcoming & serving a crowd!*

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**Donna Reel Hodge** - April 27, 2015 at 02:18 PM

ED

“ Eric and Lori Duke purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.



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**Eric and Lori Duke** - April 27, 2015 at 01:19 PM

ED

“ So sorry for your lost , Mr Ray was a good friend to many of us , that worked with him thru the years. We wil miss him and always keep his memories in our hearts,

*Eric and Lori Duke*

Eric Duke - April 27, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.



April 27, 2015 at 12:03 PM

JE

“ Julie Blevins Ehmig lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Julie Blevins Ehmig - April 27, 2015 at 11:28 AM

SS

“ Steve & Rosemary Strickler lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Steve & Rosemary Strickler - April 27, 2015 at 11:05 AM

PD

“ ...Ray & Loretta were some of my first friends when I moved to Graysville in 1969 & they are some of the dearest people I have ever known...love, sympathy & prayers to all the family!....Patsy Seals Dillehay (and Missy Barger)

Patsy Dillehay - April 27, 2015 at 10:43 AM

LS

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Levon & Patty Smith - April 27, 2015 at 09:42 AM

LE

Ray Tucker fishing with Levon Smith.

Levon - April 27, 2015 at 09:44 AM

LS

“ Levon & Patty Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Levon & Patty Smith - April 27, 2015 at 09:38 AM

BR

“ I worked with Ray at TVA SQN.....his wonderful smile and attitude at work was special.....he made work a better place.....



Brenda Rhea - April 27, 2015 at 08:09 AM

MA

“ Ray exhibited a love for all through his faith and love of Jesus, a wonderfu, humble man of God. He and Loretta shared their home and love with his Sunday school class who raised money to provide for needy children at Christmas. He was an example of Christ's teaching to love one another. My love and prayers for his family.



Mary Alexander - April 27, 2015 at 07:30 AM

MA

“ Mary Alexander lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker



Mary Alexander - April 27, 2015 at 07:22 AM

LO

“ Prayers for all the family. Eddie & Linda Owensby



Linda Owensby - April 27, 2015 at 06:13 AM

BR

“ *BILLY&CAROL RAY lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



**BILLY&CAROL RAY** - April 26, 2015 at 11:27 PM

BR

*LORETTA SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS. LOVE AND PRAYERS BILLY AND CAROL RAY' MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH COMFORT....*

**BILLY&CAROL RAY** - April 26, 2015 at 11:36 PM

HK

“ *Heather Kincannon lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



**Heather kincannon** - April 26, 2015 at 10:22 PM

MC

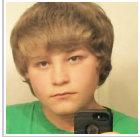
“ *I will never forget what Ray did for the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen in Fort Payne, AL*

**Martha Cole** - April 26, 2015 at 09:12 PM

CH

“ *One thing that you knew was that Ray loved you because he told you every time he saw you. I love you Ray and we will see you again one day soon. Thank you for being so good to my parents. Cheryl*

**Cheryl** - April 26, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ *Masen S Cheeks lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Masen S Cheeks** - April 26, 2015 at 08:43 PM

ER

“ *Earl & Wanda Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Earl & Wanda Rodgers** - April 26, 2015 at 08:34 PM

KJ

“ *Kellie Jones-Aslinger lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**Kellie Jones-Aslinger** - April 26, 2015 at 08:19 PM

BJ

“ *BARBARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**BARBARA JONES** - April 26, 2015 at 08:12 PM

BJ

*Ray and Loretta have been friends for many years and I loved them dearly!!! Loretta you are in my thoughts & prayers!!!*

**BARBARA JONES** - April 26, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ *Callie Belk lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



**Callie Belk** - April 26, 2015 at 07:56 PM

WC

“ *Wanda Cagle lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



**wanda cagle** - April 26, 2015 at 07:47 PM

WC

“ *Wanda Cagle lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



**wanda cagle** - April 26, 2015 at 07:47 PM

MD

“ *MICHELLE & GLENN DIDIER lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**MICHELLE & GLENN DIDIER** - April 26, 2015 at 06:10 PM

AD

“ *Allen/jane Denton lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**allen/jane denton** - April 26, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.*



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April 26, 2015 at 04:47 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Patton lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Tucker*



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**kathy patton** - April 26, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Ray Tucker.* ”



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April 26, 2015 at 03:16 PM