



Ray Thomas Messer

March 31, 1969 - June 5, 2022

Ray Thomas Messer, age 53 of Dayton, passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at his home. He was born in Detroit, MI, on March 31, 1969, the son of the late Rammon Messer and Susie (Lettner) Brown. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Frances Ann Messer, and his nephew, Rammon Mark Macon.

Ray moved to Dayton from Michigan as a child and was a graduate of Rhea County High School Class of 1988. He was the owner of a lawn mowing and guttering business. He enjoyed hunting, playing cornhole and darts with his family, watching his daughter Gabi play softball, playing with his grandsons, and aggravating everyone he knew. He was a member of Christ Family Church of God in Soddy Daisy.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Gabrielle “Gabi” Messer of Dayton; his three sisters, Kathy (John) Duggan, Patricia Lawson, and Helen (David) Webb, all of Dayton; his two step-daughters, Sami Shipley and Lyla Payne, both of Dayton; his two grandsons, Braxton and Chad Butler; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Ray will be held in the funeral home chapel on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Jacob McNabb and Pastor Brian Conley officiating. He will be laid to rest at Buttram Cemetery next to his mother.

Please share your memories and photos of Ray on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN, where they will receive friends Thursday, June 9, 2022, after 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Ray Messer Funeral Expenses Account at Simply Bank, Venmo to Gabi Messer@RayMesserMemorial, or Cash App to Gabi Messer\$RayMesserMemorial.

Cemetery Details

Buttram Cemetery

Rhea County Hwy
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 9 (ET)

Buttram Cemetery
Rhea County Hwy
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall

TL

“ *Teresa Laher lit a candle in memory of Ray Thomas Messer*



Teresa Laher - November 08, 2024 at 12:58 PM

TL

God Bless you Ray 🙏❤️💔🌹 Such a kind, sweet and fun personality 🙏

Teresa Laher - November 08, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CL

“ ❤️🔑



Champaign Lee - September 05, 2022 at 11:01 AM

BD

“ *To rays family So sorry for your lost ,*



Betty sherrill Darr - June 11, 2022 at 12:14 AM

BM

“ *Bimbo McCawley lit a candle in memory of Ray Thomas Messer*



Bimbo McCawley - June 09, 2022 at 02:00 PM

AN

“ *Ray always had a smile on his face and I could not help but to laugh in his presence. I'm very sorry and I will always think of him and smile.*

angellabanks@gmail.com - June 09, 2022 at 12:24 PM

AP

“ *Ray you was a wonder man! Thank you for all the good memories! Know you was/are loved dearly! You are missed so much already!*



Amy Patterson - June 09, 2022 at 05:25 AM

JS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



jessica smith - June 08, 2022 at 08:48 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - June 08, 2022 at 05:17 PM

KJ

“ Kim Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ray Thomas Messer



Kim Johnson - June 08, 2022 at 02:42 PM



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



June 07, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Patricia Chavis lit a candle in memory of Ray Thomas Messer*



Patricia Chavis - June 07, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Teresa Laher lit a candle in memory of Ray Thomas Messer*



Teresa Laher - June 07, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *I thought a lot of Ray. Worked with him. God Bless him and his family and friends. Such a good friend. 🙏🙏🙏 Teresa Laher*

Teresa Laher - June 07, 2022 at 02:58 PM

KP

“ *Kathy Patton lit a candle in memory of Ray Thomas Messer*



Kathy Patton - June 07, 2022 at 02:28 PM

CB

“ *My long time friend..ga the best hunting buddy a man could ask for a true friend!! Ray when I heard first thing I did was call you!! Iv still tried to call you even knowing because I don't want to accepted it... Rest easy my friend I'll always hold you so close to my heart...*



Charles Blackstone - June 07, 2022 at 02:24 PM