



## Charles Kenneth Ray

May 30, 1939 - August 2, 2024

Charles Kenneth (Charlie Kenny) Ray passed from this life on August 2 after an illness. He was 85 years old. He is remembered for his friendly demeanor, his sense of humor, his apt observations, and his peppery expressions.

Charlie Kenny was a loving brother, cousin, uncle, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a great neighbor.

Charlie was born in 1939 to Jim and Mary (née Flaherty) Ray, the third of 11 children. He served in the Air Force as a radio mechanic from 1959 until 1964. His 35 years of dedicated service to the federal government also included carrying mail and nearly three decades at Naval Ordnance Station Louisville. After retiring in 1995 he played golf almost every day for the next 25 years. He made everyone laugh, enjoyed highballs, helped his neighbors, cut the grass, tinkered in the garage, and offered rational advice.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nancy (née Sallengs), his sons Michael Anthony (Tammy) and Kenneth Andrew, his daughter Ann Marie (Randy Winterod), his grandchildren Brian (Ashli), Megan, Heather (Michael Whitaker), Holly (Michael Walker), Madonna Dangerfield, Lila (Grant Rogers), and seven great grandchildren. His surviving siblings include Jo Nel Wilbert, Jeanie Levy, Barbara Zeigler, Shelly Mohr, Ruth Ray, and Danny Ray. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law Bambi Ray and siblings James Thomas Ray Jr., John Ray, Mary Ella Isaacs, and Janet Pike.

Visitation will be at Owens Funeral Home on Dixie Highway on Tuesday, August 6 from 1-8 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Paul's Church on

Wednesday August 7 at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Food Literacy Project or Robley Rex VA Medical Center.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway  
5317 Dixie Highway  
Louisville, KY 40216  
(502) 447-2600  
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

## Mass

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Paul Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ I never met Charlie, but I've know his wife, Nancy, since we were children. Nancy and her family lived on the same street as my family. I also went to school with her brother, Steven. I just found out yesterday that Charie had passed away. My heart was sad when Nancy told me. I pray for her and their children and ask God to watch over them and give them peace and comfort. RIP Charlie.

Sharon Locke - November 05, 2024 at 11:53 AM

CP

“ Kenny and Nancy, Danny and I are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Danny and Carol Paul.

Carol Paul - August 06, 2024 at 04:30 PM

LL

“ Love always, Madonna and Lila purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



Love always, Madonna and Lila - August 06, 2024 at 10:02 AM

MR

“ Mike & Tammy Ray purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



Mike & Tammy Ray - August 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



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August 05, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



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August 05, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ *Dennis Huff* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



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**Dennis Huff** - August 05, 2024 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kelly. Katelyn. Kirsten and families.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Kenneth Ray.

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**Kelly. Katelyn. Kirsten and families.** - August 05, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



August 05, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



August 05, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless you all and keep you in His Loving care now and always. Earl and Edna Frederick

Earl Frederick - August 04, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



August 04, 2024 at 06:02 PM

KS

“ Kagna and Sampson’s Family, Phat & Sambo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Kenneth Ray.

Kagna and Sampson’s Family, Phat & Sambo - August 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

KS

“ Kagna and Sampson’s Family, Phat & Sambo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.



Kagna and Sampson’s Family, Phat & Sambo - August 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AC

“ Nancy, Kenny, Annie and Mike, We are so very sorry for your loss. Charlie Ray was a special person in our lives for the last few decades. He had a great sense of humor, was generous and a great neighbor! Charlie will be greatly missed by us all.

Andy and Rhonda Craven - August 04, 2024 at 12:55 PM

JB

“ Thinking of you, Nancy during this difficult time.  
Frankie and Jim Buckman

Jim and Frankie Buckman - August 04, 2024 at 12:14 PM

GS

“ *Gerald &Olivia Skaggs,Gary Stephenson purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Charles Kenneth Ray.*



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**Gerald &Olivia Skaggs,Gary Stephenson** - August 04, 2024 at 08:17 AM