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James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray), age 74, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Ray was the son of the late James Raymond Hilbert, Sr. and Anna Ruth (Ball) Hilbert. He was a 1970 graduate of Bishop David High School and enjoyed a long career as a production worker at Philip Morris, from which he retired. Following his retirement, Ray continued to serve his community as the Maintenance Supervisor at Epiphany Catholic Church.

Ray had a deep appreciation for the natural world. He was passionate about geology and loved exploring mountainous landscapes—often traveling to hike and take in scenic views. A lifelong fan of college sports, he could often be found cheering on his favorite teams. Above all, Ray cherished time spent with his family and found great joy in being a father, grandfather, brother, and uncle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Paul Hilbert.

He is survived by his children, Chris Hilbert (Allison) and Cassady DeWine

(Shane); grandchildren, Charlie and Callie; sisters, Marietta Hilbert (Dennis Bristow), Julie Embry (Barry), and Becky Sturgeon (Jim); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. He is also remembered by his first wife, Brenda Tucker, and former wife, Ramona Hilbert.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway. Visitation will take place earlier that day from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and following the service until 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

Flowers are welcome. For those who wish to make an alternate gesture of remembrance, donations may also be made to the National Parks or the Geological Society of America—two causes that reflected Ray's lifelong interests.

Cemetery Details

Cremation to Follow

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 24. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers for the Becky, Maretta, and Julie. Sorry our family can't be there. Love you guys



Debbie Mathis - July 24, 2025 at 07:01 AM

LM

“ Love you forever, Mom. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).



Love you forever, Mom. - July 23, 2025 at 08:16 PM

TM

“ Team Modern purchased the Treasured Lilies Spr ay for the family of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).



Team Modern - July 22, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).

July 22, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).*



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“ *Your Wayfair Return's team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).*

Your Wayfair Return's team - July 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Your Wayfair Return's team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).*



Your Wayfair Return's team - July 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *From Amy, Wyatt, & Dylan Stith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).*



From Amy, Wyatt, & Dylan Stith - July 19, 2025 at 05:39 AM

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“ From Amy, Wyatt, & Dylan Stith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Raymond Hilbert II (Ray).

From Amy, Wyatt, & Dylan Stith - July 19, 2025 at 05:39 AM

CM

“ Connie and I remember the time we went to Paoli Indiana on a ski trip at midnight and like to have frozen to death with Danny and Ray. Connie's eyelashes froze together and I knock my head on the ice and had a headache the rest of the night. Wow did we have fun.



Connie Doyle Mitchell - July 18, 2025 at 10:39 PM

BV

I remember Ray and Dirk came over one night and when they were leaving Dirk fell off our retaining wall about 12 feet down and Ray said he'll be okay he's just drunk! So we called 911 and they came and said the same thing he's drunk and he's okay Ray was a great friend to Danny and me We really enjoyed going out west with him, he was a great tour guide! ❤️

Brenda Vick - July 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM

JH

I remember Ray very well when he worked at Epiphany Catholic Church. He always had everything done properly and on time. He was a kind and caring man. God's love and peace to his family.
Jean Holliger

Jean Holliger - July 22, 2025 at 12:05 PM