



## Wendall "Ray" Shipp

September 24, 2011

Wendell Ray Shipp, 74, passed away September 24, 2011. Ray taught music for 11 years at the old Music Center. In 1964 the Hikes Point School of Music was opened and a few years later he opened East End Music. For 21 years he was the owner of the Music Warehouse, Inc. after 38 years in the music business. He was also a member of the American Guild of Music and a board member of the National Association of Musical Merchants. Ray also had a dance band called "The Tradewinds". He was the vice-president of the Louisville Dulcimer Society. He was well liked by many and a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Shipp and mother, Lizzie Shipp and great-grandchild, Kaiden Thomason. He was married 54 years to his wife Ann Marie Justice Shipp. Also, survived by his daughters, Vicky Lynn Thomason and Valerie Ann Smith (Steve), sister, Carolyn Shilling (Jerry), brothers, Jesse Shipp and James Madden (Louise), grandchildren, Matthew and Michelle Thomason, and Bradley and Ashley Smith. Funeral service will be held 2:00 pm, Tuesday at Owen Funeral Home – Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Rd. Visitation Monday 2:00 – 9:00 pm and Tuesday after 10:00 am. Followed by burial at Cave Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy to The American Cancer Society or Hosparus. Family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Jane Cornett for her special care she gave to Ray. Online condolence [www.OwenFuneralHome.com](http://www.OwenFuneralHome.com)



# Tribute Wall

GF

“ I had the good fortune of knowing Ray for a number of years both as a businessman and as a musician. We would play music together on occasion.

Ray was a fine person, honest and loved the music business and profession. My thoughts this day go out to his family and other friends.

Gary Falk [gfalk@aye.net](mailto:gfalk@aye.net)

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**Gary Falk** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

RW

“ goodbye, my friend; I bought my Fender bass from you in 1976; I kept the sheet music wall at Musicland. I like to think how much better you made life for so many. God Bless!

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**Robert Williams** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

TN

“ Very sorry about your loss. Ray was a great guy. I enjoyed doing business with him, and also playing golf with him the few times we played. He always treated me well. He was a class act, and will be greatly missed.

Again, I'm so sorry.

Todd.

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**Todd Nickens** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

AL

“ Dear Ann,

*We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ray.*

*He was a dear friends, a gentleman and will be deeply missed.*

*I called Jack Joffe.*

*Our deepest sympathy,*

*Esther and Arnold Levitz*

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**Arnold & Esther Levitz** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

CM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the SHIPP family. Ray was our son, Eddie's first guitar teacher in Hikes Point. Ray also did a duet with Eddie in his first recital. The "TRADEWINDS" played several Italian dinner dances at Ascension Church. He will be missed. His talents will go on thru each of his guitar students. You all are in our thoughts & prayers at this time of grief. The MARCELLINO Family*

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**Charles Marcellino** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

BB

“ *Our condolences to Vic, Val and Ann. Ray was a good friend and mentor to me for 35 yrs. and I will miss the corny jokes and Talking about old guitars. Bob Birkemeier*

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**Bob & Karen Birkemeier** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

JH

“ *Deepest sympathy from the Parts Team at Richmond Honda to all of you during this time of loss. You will be in our prayers.*  
*Jim Hinkley and staff*

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**Jim Hinkley** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

GC

“ *My condolences. Ray was a great friend. I will miss him deeply.*  
*Sound N Music, Gerry Conte*

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**Gerry Conte** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM

PZ

“ *I knew Ray such a short time, but we became instant friends. There is a special song that Ray helped me with and I will never play it without thinking of him. His musical talent was beyond anything I could hope to obtain yet he made me feel as if we were equals. While the world will be a little less bright without Ray in it, the angels must be celebrating to have all that beautiful music joining their chorus. Ann, I pray that your loving memories will help you through this difficult time.*

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**Pat Zimmerman** - June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM