



Wendell Ray Shipp

January 1, 1900

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 Hospirus. 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

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Ray Shipp had a dramatic impact on my life. Ray was actually my oldest brother's (Nat) guitar instructor.*

When my oldest brother Nat taught me how to play, I have no doubt he taught me the same way Ray taught him.

I got to know Ray fairly well over the years, and we connected. I'm thinking that like me, Ray was a lefty who played guitar left-handed.

At one point when Ray was overseeing his Okolona store, I was between jobs and living nearby. It was actually a very low point in my life. I remember going in to visit Ray at least once weekly. He was always quick to ask about my parents and my 2 older brothers who attended the Hikes Point School of Music.

I view Ray as my musical Grandfather, and at the risk (and fear) of sounding arrogant, I've been able to serve numerous music ministries (using instruments that I bought from Ray as far back as 1978.)

Ray is the man, and I will always miss him and I will always feel great gratitude when I consider his life and what he has done for me and my family.

Highest Regards from Ray Peters, Frankfort, KY

Ray Peters - June 28, 2018 at 04:45 PM

JA

“ *Dearest Shipp family, We are so very sorry to learn of the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. We send you love, hugs, and prayers now and throughout the days yet to come. Please know if you need anything at all, let us know. May God bring you peace and healing.*

*With Love and Sympathy,
The Abbey Family*

Jan Abbey - June 28, 2018 at 04:45 PM

MA

“ *It has been a honor to meet the shipp family, although it was only a few short days, each of you have made such an impact in my life. Ann, you are an incredible person and I will never forget you. You all will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for letting me into your lives.*

*Much love,
Mary Adams
(Meadowview)*

mary - June 28, 2018 at 04:45 PM