



Ray Rainey

November 20, 1938 - May 18, 2025

Ray Rainey, age 86, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Born November 20, 1938, in Appleton, Arkansas, to parents Woodrow Lyle and Myrtle Irene Rainey, Ray's life was marked by love, dedication, and passion.

Ray attended public schools and graduated from Muskogee Central High School. On November 20, 1959, he married the love of his life, Debbie Faye Long. The couple shared a beautiful journey of 66 years together, filled with love and commitment.

For over 30 years, Ray worked for Love Bottling, where he retired as the route manager. His career was marked by hard work and loyalty, earning him the respect of his colleagues and friends. He also had a trucking company, R - R Trucking for a number of years after retirement

Ray had a passion for dirt track racing, spending many years driving his race car at Thunderbird Speedway, Tri-State, Crawford County, Tulsa Speedway, and Enid Speedway. He served as the promotor of Thunderbird in the 1980's. His dedication to the sport was recognized in 2009 when he was inducted into the Oklahoma Racing Hall of Fame. Ray began his racing journey in 1959, and it remained a significant part of his life.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, Woodrow Lyle Rainey; his mother, Myrtle Andrews; and his stepfather, Glen Andrews.

He is survived by his loving wife Debbie of the home; his daughter, Ranae Bumgarner and husband Chuck; his son, Greg Rainey and wife Laura; his granddaughter, Jill Rainey Jordan and her husband Erik; his grandson, Charles Bumgarner II of Tahlequah; his great-granddaughter, Penny Rainey Jordan; his great-grandson, Charles Bumgarner III; his brother, Gary Dean Andrews and wife Suzy of Muskogee; his step-granddaughter, Kendra Deaton and husband Tyler of Bartlesville; his step-grandson, Buck Kennedy of Wagoner; along with other family members and friends.

Ray's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all whose lives he touched.

A memorial service celebrating Ray's life will be held at 2PM on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Southeast Baptist Church with Pastor Ron Dean officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Paws, 4321 E Hayes St, Muskogee, OK, 74403.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Southeast Baptist Church
2511 E. Hancock Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Jaeger lit a candle in memory of Ray Rainey* ”



Linda Jaeger - May 23, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video* ”



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 22, 2025 at 03:12 PM



Wonderful video. So many great memories....

Vickie FOLSOM - May 23, 2025 at 01:12 AM



“ *Regina Redeagle lit a candle in memory of Ray Rainey* ”



Regina Redeagle - May 22, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Ray Rainey*



Monica Mabry - May 21, 2025 at 11:57 PM



“ *Ray was one of those unforgettable people. I graduated high school with him with the Class of '58 but didn't get to know him till years later. Ray planned one Central High reunion and two other events. His calm, sweet disposition made him easy to work with. His classmates in the Class of '58 will miss him greatly and that includes me. Rita Cavin Lewis Thompson.*

Rita Lewis - May 21, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ *83 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - May 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

AP

“ Ray was such an extraordinary man that taught me many things about life. I truly am honored to have known him and learned so much from him. Alice Perry

Alice A Perry - May 21, 2025 at 10:46 AM

NR

“ Ray was a very good friend . I really loved working with him. He was one of the sweetest people you could ever meet. He always called me Nanny. I will sure miss him. Prayers for all the families.

Nancy Merrill Russell - May 20, 2025 at 01:33 PM

BT

“ BancFirst Insurance Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ray Rainey.



BancFirst Insurance Team - May 20, 2025 at 10:40 AM

JH

“ Joe & Amy Harrison purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ray Rainey.



Joe & Amy Harrison - May 20, 2025 at 09:46 AM

VF

“ A family friend of Ray Rainey and the Andrews family for a long time.
Very nice family and my prayers are with each and everyone one of them. I am especially praying for his brother Gary who has always been like a brother to me. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Thank you Jesus for the assurance of knowing that we will be together again in Heaven one day. 🙏🙏

Vickie Folsom - May 20, 2025 at 12:19 AM

GB

“ Ray was a wonderful man 🏳️ and my dad loved him !



Glenn \ Glenette Briley - May 19, 2025 at 08:45 PM

JS

“ Jim and Carole Sloan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ray Rainey.



Jim and Carole Sloan - May 19, 2025 at 07:39 PM

LH

“ Lois Hance sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Rainey



Lois Hance - May 19, 2025 at 06:57 PM



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



May 19, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Lois Hance lit a candle in memory of Ray Rainey*



Lois Hance - May 19, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ *Ray will be missed by family and many, many friends. He was such a good man & the best uncle a girl could ever have. I love you Ray!*

Lois Hance - May 19, 2025 at 04:52 PM