



Don Ray

June 6, 2009

Memorial Services for Don Richard Ray, Age 70 of Gretna, LA. will be held at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Ray died Thursday, May 21, 2009 in Gretna, LA., he was a native of Smith County, TN., the son of the late Frances Ray and Joey Ray. He was preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Fowler and two children, Ivan and Teresa Ray. He was raised on a farm in Smith County where hard work was a way of life. He was a 1956 graduate of Gordonsville High School and lettered in sports. He made an honest living as a construction worker before he moved to south Louisiana, where he worked in the oil field. He retired in 2003. His interest included fishing, watching sports and reading. He was a master carpenter and craftsman, enjoying making custom furniture. He loved Tennessee Vols football and the Atlanta Braves. This down to earth, God-fearing man was honest, caring and polite to everyone he met. In his later years, Don spent time with his family, teaching them life lessons that are being passed down from generation to generation. He will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Mr. Ray is survived by 3 sons and 2 daughters: Glenn (Elizabeth) Ray of Franklin, KY; James Ray of Gretna, LA, with whom Don lived his last years with; Thomas (Finola) Ray of Oceansprings, MS; Donna Sue (John) Merritt of Castor, LA and Rose Marie Caballero of Houma, LA. Eight Grandchildren: Monica Frazier George, Roxie Ray, Paige Ray, Logan Caballero, Arlana Ray, Nicholas Ray, Carmen Ray and Matthew Ray. Three Brothers: Ronnie Ray of Hickman, TN.; Randy Ray of

Adger, Al and Dale Ray of Hickman, TN. The Ray family will receive friends at the Gordonsville Chapel on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 A.M. until service time at 1:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers the family request that a donation be made in Don's name to any organization that benefits children.