

Mr. E-Ray Crawford

September 10, 1946 - March 1, 2024

Estil Ray (E-Ray) Crawford passed away at his home on March 1, 2024.

Born in Barbourville, Kentucky on September 10, 1946, E-Ray grew up outside of Detroit Michigan. There he began his career as an assemblyman working for Darling Freight but retired as a car hauler for Ryder Transport. He and his wife Lisa moved to Grant, AL in 1985. When he retired from Ryder Transport in 2001, he began some new adventures working with Window World and later retiring (officially) from GRA located on Redstone Arsenal.

E-Ray was quiet and soft-spoken but very quick-witted. When he DID speak, people usually listened – and then talked over him because he was a notoriously long pauser. His silence intimidated many a teenage boy coming around to date his daughters. He was the epitome of a tough guy, but that never stopped him from crying over almost any movie.

In his spare time, E-Ray loved attending church, woodworking, fishing, singing, and playing guitar. When he sang, people said he sounded a lot like Vern Gosden. He was lovingly known as a “jack of all trades;” there was not much he could not create or fix. His parenting fell under that category as well. He and Lisa opened their hearts and homes to many people, having been parents, foster parents, godparents, adoptive parents, and grandparents. He was a wonderful husband, father, and Pap.

E-Ray is survived by his wife of 42 years, Lisa; siblings, Don Crawford and Corrine Smith; children, James, David (Nicole), Lisa (Greg), Lonnie (Josh), Gloria, Thomas (Sarah), Austin, Jesus (Sydney), and Sadie (Nathaniel); God-children, Allison Paris (Jonny), Brandy Watson (Adam), Megan Davis (Bryant), Harley Hodges, Thomas Blackburn, and Jimmy Blackburn; grandchildren, Katie, Jason, Jessie, Abby, Emma, Elliana, Colter, Ansley, Daniel, Shelby, Ella, Raelyn, and Emoree; great-grandchildren, Issac, Audrey, Brooke, Remington, Logan, and Laurelei

E-Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Carie and Clarence Crawford, siblings: Ramona, Roberta, Walt, Tommy, and Maurice and grandson, Nick.

Visitation will be held at Grant Memorial Chapel on Monday, March 4, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Phillip Cody officiating. Burial will be in Free Home Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Thomas Crawford, Austin Crawford, Jesus Crawford, Larry Walker, Kevin Roberson, and Adam Watson. Tommy Blackburn and Jimmy Blackburn will be honorary pallbearers.

Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel

Cemetery Details

Free Home Cemetery

Free Home Rd.
Grant, AL 35747

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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<https://www.grantmemorialchapel.com>

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Lisa,

I just found out about Ray. I'm so, so very sorry about your loss. He was such a sweet, and thoughtful friend. I've been thinking a lot about you lately, and what a great blessing was to be part of your family for the short time that we were together. So much time has passed, and so much has happened since we last saw each other, but you and your family will always be part of the wonderful and sweet memories I have in my heart. Thank you for that and may God Bless and keep you and your loved ones in His gracious and loving hands forever.

Love you always,

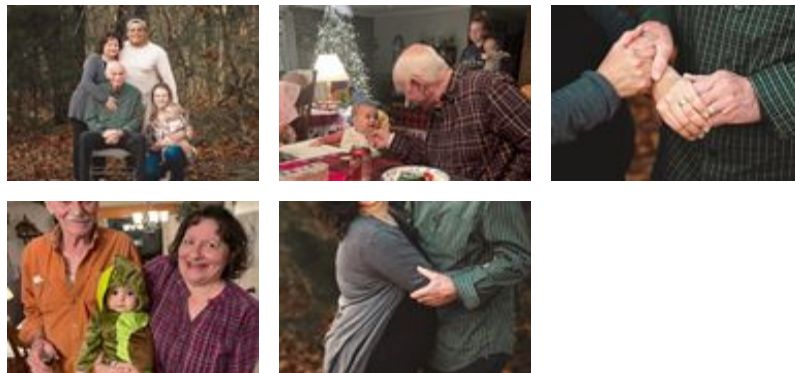
*Marcia McQuillan
Birmingham, Alabama*



Marcia McQuillan - November 10, 2024 at 03:49 PM



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Grant Memorial Chapel - March 04, 2024 at 11:03 AM



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Grant Memorial Chapel - March 04, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ One of my most vivid memories of E-Ray is the time we went on a horseback ride in an open field near his house. I was on Reb and E-Ray was riding his other horse. I can't remember the name. I decided to take the horse on a full gallop and was soon thrown off when we came upon a bolder that was flush with the ground and the horse came to an immediate stop. That was the very last time I was on a horse. E-Ray did not see me get thrown. But when he finally caught up with me and saw me lying on the ground he had a very puzzled look on his face. I'll remember it forever. I'll miss you forever E-Ray.

Alan Ostermayer - March 03, 2024 at 09:27 PM

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“ Tom and Tammy Crawford purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. E-Ray Crawford.



Tom and Tammy Crawford - March 02, 2024 at 07:12 PM

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“ Tom and Tammy Crawford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. E-Ray Crawford.

Tom and Tammy Crawford - March 02, 2024 at 07:12 PM

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“ Family of Maurice Crawford, Bridgeport CA purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. E-Ray Crawford.



Family of Maurice Crawford, Bridgeport CA - March 02, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. E-Ray Crawford.



March 02, 2024 at 05:18 PM

LC

“ Lee and Charlesa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. E-Ray Crawford.

Lee and Charlesa - March 02, 2024 at 05:18 PM

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“ Troy, Lisa, Brent and Dora purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. E-Ray Crawford.



Troy, Lisa, Brent and Dora - March 02, 2024 at 04:32 PM



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Grant Memorial Chapel - March 02, 2024 at 12:37 PM