



## Gary F. Ray

August 30, 1946 - October 3, 2024

Gary F. Ray, age 78, of Travelers Rest, passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Piedmont, Gary was the husband of the late Beala Bowen Ray, the love of his life for 56 years, and son of the late Garl Franklin Ray and the late Lillie Mae Garren Ray. He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all of his heart and walked with Him faithfully. Gary spent his life sacrificially loving and serving his family. Many went to him for advice because of his deep wisdom and ability to listen patiently. His witty sense of humor kept those around him laughing.

Gary attended Berea High School. He worked as a Commercial Driver for 35 years at S.E.F.L. where he made many friends and touched the lives of those around him. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church in Greenville where he attended faithfully as long as his health allowed him to go.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory one son Allen Ray, two daughters, Michelle (Dale) Thornburg, Jennifer (Allen) McClellan, Three grandchildren, Travis Starling, Jordan (Fred) Askew, Ashlin Ray, Two great-grandchildren, Rosie Andon, and Jo-Jo Askew, Three Sisters and Two Brothers.

In addition to his wife and parents, Gary was preceded in death by one

grandchild, Austin James Robinson, One sister, and Two Brothers.

The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024, and the funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of The Howze Mortuary. Pastor Jeremy Chism will officiate the service with special music provided by Jonathan & April Swanger. Serving as pallbearers are James Ray, David Ray, Scott Ray, Chris McKinney, Richard Harrelson, and Travis Starling. Interment will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Gary F. Ray to the Tabernacle Children's Home located at 3931 White Horse Road Greenville, SC 29611, or by calling them at 864-269-2760.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com).

The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest is honored to serve the Ray family.  
(864) 834-8051.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

## Burial

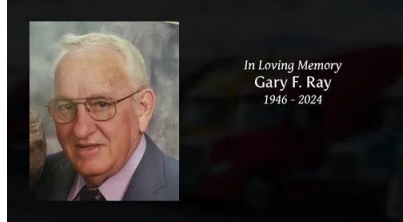
OCT 7. 11:45 AM (ET)

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens  
7 Duncan Rd.  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary F. Ray*



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**The Howze Mortuary** - October 07, 2024 at 10:05 AM