



Howard "Suitcase" Ray

April 12, 1946 - December 30, 2018

Howard "Suitcase" Ray, age 72, passed away Sunday, December 30, 2018 at Grand Strand Medical Center with his wife by his side.

Howard was born in Loris, SC a son of the late David James Ray and Myrtis Stevens. He was predeceased by one sister, Pearl Tyler. Suitcase was a barber for over 50 years.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Patsy of Conway; sisters Carolyn Shelley of Mullins and Faye Alford (Paul) of Aynor; his dog Oscar.

A private graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

SL

“ I just as in a paralyzed coma with a crushed pelvis in Grand Strand when Howard passed. He cut my hair many times!

Shane Lewis - October 04, 2019 at 12:11 AM

SL

I was in: not just as!

Shane Lewis - October 04, 2019 at 12:11 AM

JP

“ I was so sorry to hear about Howard. Every time Winston came home, he wanted Howard to cut his hair and more importantly, just to visit with him. I will never forget Howard telling me that he was sure his Aunt Sallie brought the right baby home from the hospital with me. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Jan Hardee Palmer - January 29, 2019 at 11:13 AM

CS

“ Patsy, Just heard about Howard's passing. So sorry for your loss. You two were always so much fun to be around. He will be missed. Carol and Frank Stillely

carol stillely - January 13, 2019 at 02:57 PM

WR

“ Patsy, so sorry to hear about Howard. You are in our prayers. Tommy and Wanda Rhodes



wanda rhodes - January 05, 2019 at 08:59 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He cut my hair for years up until he became ill. A finer man never lived. Our heart goes out to Patsy and the rest of the family.

Roy & Shashi Brock - January 04, 2019 at 11:23 AM

LG

“ Larry Graham lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Larry Graham - January 04, 2019 at 01:18 AM

BM

“ Betty Ann Barr Messer lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Betty Ann Barr Messer - January 04, 2019 at 01:17 AM

GO

“ George Oliver lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



George Oliver - January 03, 2019 at 09:00 AM

NC

“ Nan Cartrette lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Nan Cartrette - January 02, 2019 at 10:02 AM

GJ

“ Howard was my barber for a number of years. I admired him because he enjoyed what he was doing. While he was cutting my hair I would stop and listen to him hum a favorite song while he was cutting my hair. Howard could crank the hair cuts out .He could cut 6to 8 heads in an hour. Howard is the last of the old school barbers. It was nice to know you Howard

Guerry Jordan - January 01, 2019 at 09:53 PM

RB

“ Roger Benton lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Roger Benton - January 01, 2019 at 09:36 PM

ST

“ Shirley G. ThompsonS lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Shirley G. ThompsonS - January 01, 2019 at 08:33 PM

BL

“ Brenda Blanton Little & Eula Mae Blanton
He cut my daddy's (Little John Blanton) hair for many, many years! When Daddy had heart surgery, he even came to the house to cut his hair. May their friendship be shared again in heaven!!!!



Brenda Blanton Little - January 01, 2019 at 03:46 PM

JS

“ Jackie Shaw lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Jackie Shaw - January 01, 2019 at 02:58 PM

EH

“ Ernest Hucks lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Ernest Hucks - January 01, 2019 at 01:01 PM

GJ

“ Howard started cutting my hair when I was a small child in a barber shop at Cool Springs. He was a family friend that always shared a laugh. He will be missed.

Gregory Johnson - January 01, 2019 at 10:24 AM

RB

“ Rhonda S Butler lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray



Rhonda S Butler - January 01, 2019 at 08:01 AM

WD

“ Enjoyed the many times that Ray would cut my hair and we would ‘solve’ the worlds problems. Best conversations we had was the day told me that Jesus was his Savior and Lord! RIP Sir 🇺🇸

Williams Dennis - January 01, 2019 at 07:34 AM

GJ

Amen amen

Guerry Jordan - January 04, 2019 at 02:18 PM

ET

Patsy sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Many good memories over the years. Thoughts and prayers to your family. He will be missed. RIP Howard!

Eddie Tarte

Eddie Tarte - January 09, 2019 at 07:23 PM

IP

“ *Irene Patrick lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray*



Irene Patrick - December 31, 2018 at 09:46 PM

BJ

“ *My condolences to the family! Howard was a great friend to me and my family, we valued his friendship. He will be dearly missed.*

Brittie Johnson - December 31, 2018 at 06:28 PM

BJ

“ *Brittie Cartrette Johnson lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray*



Brittie Cartrette Johnson - December 31, 2018 at 06:17 PM

BE

“ *Betty lit a candle in memory of Howard "Suitcase" Ray*



betty - December 31, 2018 at 06:08 PM

GE

We are so very sorry to hear of Howard's passing. We will miss having him for a neighbor. Graham and Rhonda Gore Etherden, Jasmine Woods

Graham K Etherden - December 31, 2018 at 06:56 PM

MK

Patsy, I was so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. I am so glad y'all were able to go camping at Thanksgiving. I am praying for you

Mona King - December 31, 2018 at 10:51 PM

EH

Howard and I were friends for over 50 years. In fact before life sent us in different direction we were the best of friends. Patsy my loss of a friend is nothing compared to your loss of a husband and a life partner. I am so sorry. May God Bless and Keep you. Linda and I will be praying for you.

Ernest Hucks

Ernest Hucks - January 01, 2019 at 12:58 PM

SS

Patsy, I am so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. Prayers are being sent to you and family. Saandra Strickland

Sandra Strickland - January 01, 2019 at 06:15 PM

KG

*Patsy, so sad to hear the news about your Howard.
Love Hugs Prayers.
Kay and Dennis Graham*

Kay Graham - January 01, 2019 at 06:54 PM

EJ

*My Brother Donnie & I Knew Howard's Grand Father, his Dad and Grew up knowing Howard. He Cut both of our's hair, mine in November. We always caught up on Family news. Wonder who will teach the kids how to solve puzzle's now. RIP!
Eldred Johnson*

Eldred Johnson - January 15, 2019 at 09:31 AM

EH

Rest high on that mountain my friend. I think often of the special times we shared. I miss those times and I miss just the plain sit down conversations we had. Save a seat way up high for me my friend.

Ernest Hucks - April 06, 2019 at 08:50 AM