



James "Ray" Todd

September 12, 1944 - March 30, 2025

James Ralph "Ray" Todd of Surfside Beach.

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(one year post C4 spinal cord injury)

On March 30, 2025 James Ralph "Ray" Todd, 80, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family. Ray was born September 12, 1944 in Georgetown, South Carolina, to the late James Everett Todd and Eula Faye Baker Todd.

After graduating in the Class of 1962 from Winyah High School in Georgetown, SC, Ray married his high school sweetheart, Linda Garrett Ferguson in 1963. They had two daughters, Susan Mathis Todd and Julie Lynn Todd. Ray and Linda later agreed to an amicable divorce. In 1983, Ray found love again; he married Roberta "Bobbie" Boykin Murdock. He became a step-father to both Tracy Murdock Freedman & Carl Matthew "Matt" Murdock.

At International Paper in the maintenance department on the roll grinders since 1962, Ray retired in 2012. In his element, fishing for flounder on the waters around Pawleys Island and North Inlet, Ray also loved to travel and to sail on Royal Caribbean cruises. He could often be found fishing with friends, or teaching his kids and grandkids to fish. Ray and Bobbie especially enjoyed listening to and singing along with his "son" Bill Krauss. Ray's hobbies

included cheering on his South Carolina Gamecocks, cooking the world's best chicken bog, teaching Tracy to carry on his chicken bog tradition, maintaining his vehicles, gardening, and woodworking.

A loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ray is survived by: his wife of 42 years, Bobbie; his daughters Susan Todd Crawford and Julie Todd Myers, both of Lexington, SC; Tracy Murdock Freedman (Matt) of Surfside Beach, SC; and step-son Carl Matthew "Matt" Murdock (Lisa). Also surviving are his eight grandchildren: Jessica Gutierrez Sienkiewicz, Jeffrey Todd Myers (Paisley), Zackery James Crawford, Hannah Grace Crawford Reed (Takoda), Carlee Marie Johnson (Ethan), Joseph "Joey" Edward O'Brien, Clayton "Clay" Murdock, and Lauren Murdock Bates (Jason). Ray also leaves behind seven great grandchildren: Olivia Sienkiewicz, Amelia Sienkiewicz, Austin Myers, and Carter Myers; Jackson Carter, Cami Carter, and Ryleigh Bates.

Ray was a "southern gentleman" who never met a stranger and made all feel like family. He will be missed by family, many friends, and his church family, First Baptist Church Surfside's Berean Sunday School class.

Ray is predeceased by his father and his mother, his son-in-law Vanderveer Reed Crawford and his first wife Linda Garrett Ferguson Todd.

A memorial service will be held 4:00 PM, Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet. Visitation will be from 3pm to 4pm prior to the service at the funeral home.

If you wish to do so, the family asks you honor Ray by making a donation to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital at the following link: <https://www.stjude.org/donate>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

APR 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Bobbie and all family. I am Gail Lilly Todd, the widow of Ronald Paul Todd and the great-Neice of Pearlina and Jesse Murdock. My mother was Leatha Jordan Lilly, the daughter of Henley Murdock Jordan who was the sister of Uncle Jesse Murdock.

Gail Lilly Todd - April 17, 2025 at 12:33 AM

HJ

“ Harry, Suzanne & Ethan Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Ray" Todd.



Harry, Suzanne & Ethan Johnson - April 14, 2025 at 12:20 PM

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“ Harry, Suzanne & Ethan Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Ray" Todd.

Harry, Suzanne & Ethan Johnson - April 14, 2025 at 12:20 PM

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“ My wife Suzanne and I met Ray and Bobbie in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina for the wedding of their granddaughter and our son. Ethan made introductions, and being the constant comic, I said, “Hi, my name is Alice!” From there on out, Ray and Bobbie called me Alice and we would have a good laugh about how it came to be! Ray is missed, but we are grateful to have such a wonderful story about how friendships were made that day in North Carolina. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bobbie, and all members of the family.

- Harry and Suzanne Johnson

Harry and Suzanne Johnson - April 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM

AD

“ I met Ray on September 15, 1962. My Birthday, we both took an aptitude test at IP in Georgetown. Out of fifty we were the only two hired. He was clock number 1252 and I was 1253. Never forgot it. Worked with IP until 1970 and started my own business (EXXON Dealer). Would still see Ray occasionally. Always considered him a good friend. Went to work for IBM in 1979 and thought I had seen the last of Ray. Come 1983 and I got married and bought the house next door to his in Country Club Estates. Left there in 1987 and have never seen Ray again. My heart goes out to his family. Will be praying for each and every one of you. He was a good man. Amos Douglas, Florence, SC

Amos Douglas - April 01, 2025 at 04:00 PM