



Wilburn Eugene Ray

July 17, 1933 - August 1, 2015

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Gene Ray passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015, at the Elizabeth Scott Community. He was born in Knoxville, TN, on July 17, 1933. His parents were Beulah M. and Milas Randolph Ray. His family moved to Toledo in 1951, where he attended Woodward High School and enjoyed playing football. He graduated in 1953 and was drafted into the army. He served honorably for 2 years in Okinawa during the Korean War. After being discharged he attended the University of Tennessee.

Gene worked at Dempster Bros., in Knoxville and different jobs Toledo, but his real passion was in music. He was an accomplished musician with the guitar and appeared professionally in different clubs in Toledo and Michigan. He enjoyed most music but his favorite was the country music that he grew up with. He also enjoyed reading and had a large collection of books on many different subjects.

Gene was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Ray and step-grandson, Nicholas Vernon. He married Bobbie (Hunter) Ray in 1958, and is survived by her and their son, Philip E. (Cathy) Ray; granddaughter, Cassie S. Ray; grandson, Corey L. (Claire) Ray; great-grandsons, Silas and Liam Ray; step-

grandsons, Danial and Terry Urban and step-great-grandson, Austen Urban. He also leaves behind special nieces and nephews. He was very much loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Family and friends are invited to visit at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 West Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, OH, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home, on Thursday, at 11 a.m. Entombment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park, Chapel of the Chimes Mausoleum, 6382 Monroe Street, Sylvania, OH, where the Lambertville VFW will conduct military services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.ansberg-west .com](http://www.ansberg-west.com)

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“ Gene was such a special person! He was always smiling & in a good mood. I enjoyed the many Christmas' we shared at Cathy & Phil's house. Gene, you will be greatly missed! I look forward to seeing you in heaven; where there will be no more memory problems, no more pain & no more sorrow!! look forward to dancing with Jesus as I'm sure you are doing now! Our thoughts & prayers are with you Bobbie, Phil, Cathy & your entire family.

Shannon & Michael Albright

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