



## Mary Jane Ray

October 14, 1936 - November 8, 2021

Mary Jane Ray, age 85 of Estill Springs, went to be with her heavenly father Monday, November 8, 2021. She was born October 14, 1936 in Park Rapids, Minnesota to the late Milo Brown and Kathleen Tum Suden. Besides her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband, Richard Ray ;son, David Ray; siblings, Jim and Rick Tum Suden and Doug Brown; grandson, Mason Ray; stepfather, Wayne Tum Suden “Smokey”, and son-in-law, Terry Priest. Mary Jane was a strong and faithful servant of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with whom she did missionary visits. She loved the Lord and fellowship of her church. Mary Jane was an Executive Secretary at Aero, AEDC/Calspan for 35 years. Mary Jane Loved her children and grandchildren/great grandchildren and especially enjoyed sharing holiday traditions with them. In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling the country, especially her home state of Alaska, listening to music, her pets and reading books.

The family will receive friends from 5 – 8 p.m. Thursday, November 11th at Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, November 12th in the Chapel of Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville, TN.

Mary Jane is survived by her children, Mike Ray (Patsy), Patrick Ray (Rita Faye) and Gayle Priest; sister, Kathy McGrady (Bruce); brother-in-law, Philip

Ray; sister-in-law, Patricia Shelton; grandchildren, Steven Priest, Jennifer Priest, Michael Ray (Jessica), Dakota Ray and step- grandson, Joshua Baker; and great grandchildren, Avery Ray and Trinity Ray.

# Cemetery Details

## Willow Mount Cemetery

Shelbyville, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home  
401 N Jackson Street  
Tullahoma, TN 37388  
(931) 455-3481

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jane Ray*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Sorry to hear that Janie has passed away. I knew her when we worked in the same department at AEDC. She was a good person.*  
*Bill Cox*

**Bill Cox** - November 10, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *I had so many wonderful times with Janie when I lived in Tennessee. We visited Cumberland Island together and stayed at the Grayfield Inn. We went to shows and movies and I will always consider her as one of my closest friends. But, the trip that will always stand out in my mind and heart was our visit to Graceland. I dressed up as a "tacky tourist" - miss-matched clothes, shorts with knee-high nylons, make-up that you could see coming a mile away. Janie was my "wing-woman" and fielded the many comments from on-lookers who could not look me in the face. I can't tell you how much fun we had - but, the memories are always accompanied by a good belly laugh.*  
*Dick used to refer to me as the "blonde stranger" from a Jimmy Buffet song. They always had me over for holiday festivals. They made my life in middle Tennessee a real joy.*

*To Mike, Gayle and Patrick: God blessed you with an amazing mother. I know the pain is great, but so was her love for all of you.*

*Cheryl (Fischer) Van Zuylen  
San Jose, CA*

**Cheryl Van Zuylen** - November 10, 2021 at 09:39 AM

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*Thank you Cheryl. She thought so much of your friendship and missed you once you left. Mom talked about you often and the laughter you brought into her life. I remember that Jimmy Buffet concert - Dad talked about that for years. :)*

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**Gayle R Priest** - November 10, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane Ray.*



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November 09, 2021 at 07:34 PM