



Joseph Ray Love

November 29, 1931 - May 23, 2015

Local businessman Joseph Ray Love passed from earthly life at 12:02am on Saturday, May 23, 2015. Ray was a lifelong resident of Louisiana. Together with his son Curt, Ray owned and operated Love and Sons Hauling and Excavating.

Ray was born in Ashburn, Missouri, on November 29, 1931, a son of Lilburn Harvey Love and Bertha Valirea (Cox) Love. He was one of nine children; two brothers survive him, Chester Love of Fulton, Missouri and Averon Love (Mary Lou) of Louisiana, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Mary Copher, Laura Catherine Hart, and Maxine Weber and three brothers, Clarence Love, Orin Love and Charles M. Love.

Ray is survived by his wife of over 59 years, Sharon (Muff) Love and four children: Debra Love Clark (H. Robert) of Mahomet, Illinois, Vicki Everding (Ray) of Columbia, Illinois, Bryce Love (Doris Jo) of Louisiana, Missouri and Curtis Love of Bowling Green, Missouri. One daughter, Valirea Love (Shriver), predeceased him. Ray is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ray attended Louisiana schools and enlisted and served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of sergeant while serving in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged and upon his return to Louisiana, Ray and his father, Harvey, started Love and Son Hauling.

Ray was member of Elmwood Presbyterian Church. He was also a member of VFW Post #370 and was a lifetime member of American Legion Post #5553,

serving both of those organizations in a variety of positions. For over 50 years he was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Elks Lodge #791.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held at noon on June 13, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana, Missouri. The family will greet friends for an hour preceding the services, from 11 am to noon. There will be a special time of fellowship and remembrance of Ray's life at the American Legion immediately after the services. Military honors will be accorded at the church. Private interment will be held at a later date at Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elmwood Presbyterian Church, Louisiana, Missouri, the USO or the Alumni Scholarship Fund at Louisiana High School or an organization of the donor's choosing.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
121 S. 8th Street
Louisiana, MO

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Ray Love*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Joseph Ray Love*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Susie Henry lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ray Love*



Susie Henry - May 30, 2015 at 04:12 PM



Prayers to all- Susan Henry-Reichard

Susie Henry - May 30, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ *Roni Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Ray Love*



Roni Bryant - May 27, 2015 at 06:32 AM

AL

“ *Im so sorry for your loss. My condolences to the Love family.
1Peter 5:7*

Alexander's - May 26, 2015 at 06:36 PM

DC

“ *Ray Love and his family have had a major business in our area for many years. They knew what to do when called upon for the work they do. We will miss Ray and we extend our sympathy to the family because they have been through so much this year. D. Randall Cone*

D.Randall Cone - May 26, 2015 at 04:58 PM

BB

“ *Bank Of Louisiana ~ West Branch lit a candle
in memory of Joseph Ray Love*



Bank of Louisiana ~ West Branch - May 26, 2015 at 09:55 AM

DH

Ray you were such a wonderful man, a great family man and husband, a wonderful family, great business person and dedicated to everyone. Pancake day for the Lions will never be the same without you coming though the door. You always supported your community. Your family has always meant the world to us.....I will definitely catch up with you and Valirea when we get to heaven.....God Bless this wonderful family of yours!

don and marilyn hamilton - June 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM