



Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty

January 24, 1931 - December 20, 2013

Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty, 82, of Peoria, IL passed away at 9:55 am on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Cornerstone Rehab & Health Center in Peoria Heights, IL.

Ray, as he was affectionately known, was born January 24, 1931 in Scott, MS to C.A. & Mattie (Petty) Phillips. He married Mary Elizabeth Johnson on April 5, 1953 in Chicago and to that union three children were born, Michael, Rhonda and Valeria. Mary Elizabeth Petty preceded her husband in death after 58 years of marriage on August 9, 2011.

Ray was a Manual High School graduate and an outstanding athlete who played for their undefeated Baseball and Football teams of 1950 and 1951. He played professional baseball with the St. Louis Browns for the Negro League. Ray was inducted into the Peoria Athletic Hall of Fame. Ray graduated from Eureka College; he then went on to serve his country in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. After the military, he worked at Caterpillar, Inc. as an electrician, retiring in 1977. He fulfilled his lifelong dream to open his own business and started E. Petty Electric.

Ray leaves his family to cherish his precious memories of his life; Michael (Joyce) Petty of Peoria, Rhonda (Keith) Smith of Portland, OR and Valeria (Bobby Haynes) Petty of Peoria; six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends who adored him. He is also preceded in death by his mother, Mattie Reaves.

A funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Friday, December 27, 2013 at

Simons Mortuary with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 11 am. Pastor Cedric Shumate will officiate. Ray will be laid to rest at Springdale Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to simonsmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-2638
info@simonsmortuary.com
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Funeral Service

DEC 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty*



Simons Mortuary - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *May The good Lord give you all strength and peace, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your old neighbor from 4th street. You're in our prayers.*

Catherine Watson - December 28, 2013 at 02:34 AM

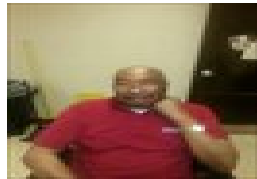


“ *"GOD BLESSD PEORIA , IL." WITH RAY PETTY, Blessing,s to the Family. THE BLUMENSHINE,S JERRY & FAMILY BLOOMINGTON,IL.*

JERRY BLUMENSHINE - December 26, 2013 at 01:44 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty



Simons Mortuary - December 26, 2013 at 11:43 AM

KD

“ Val, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I will be praying for peace for you and your family during this difficult time.

Kathy DeTrempe

Kathy DeTrempe - December 26, 2013 at 11:00 AM

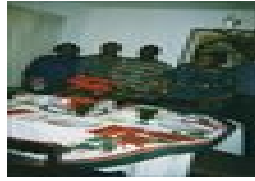
KM

“ ..a strong family pillar and a mentor for me,,you are gone but your lessons are not forgotten. RIP

K.L. McClain - December 25, 2013 at 11:34 AM



“ 17 files added to the album Mr. Elmon "Ray" Petty



Simons Mortuary - December 24, 2013 at 02:51 PM