



Elizabeth Ray

July 24, 1931 - January 29, 2021

Mrs. Frances (Elizabeth) Jackson Ray, age 89, of Rushville, passed away the morning of, January 29, 2021, at her home surrounded by her husband and four daughters: Linda (Roger) King of Palm Bay, FL, Cynthia (Phil) Myers of Dana, IN, Denise (Phil) Connolly, and Ruthanne (Robert) Weatherly, both of Rushville.

She was born July 24, 1931, in Jackson Township, Rush County. Elizabeth was the youngest child of the late William and Margaret Mills Jackson. She was a 1949 Rushville High graduate. Elizabeth married Charles M. Ray on May 18, 1952, he survives.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by five brothers, Leroy, Chester, Milton, Francis, and Marion; five sisters, Mabel Sterrett, Mildreth Smith, Wilma Baker, Laverne Brown, and Marie Jeffries.

Elizabeth lived most of her life in Rush County. She worked for the General Telephone Company for many years following graduation. After she and Charles married, they briefly lived in Anchorage, Alaska where Charles was stationed in the United States Air Force and their daughter, Linda, was born. They soon returned home to Rushville. In 1964, Elizabeth started an in-home daycare where she cared for many children over 35 years. Countless Rush County children knew her as "Liz" their "second mom" and all brought many

years of joy to Elizabeth's life even after retirement. She was able to attend most of their graduations, weddings and hold their children.

Being a mom and grandma was what gave Elizabeth joy and happiness. She was wonderfully devoted to her children and family. Christmas was her favorite time of the year, and their Christmas Eve parties with friends and family are some of their fondest memories. Her nurturing personality always shined through, even in the end days, giving everyone her sly smile, letting them know she was okay.

Elizabeth's love for family and community was admirable. You could always catch her and Charlie at Memorial Gymnasium cheering on the Rushville Lions – especially girls' basketball. She loved sitting in the gym, seeing many familiar faces and prior daycare children growing up on the courts. It was always a great opportunity for her to keep a close watch on those she loved and cared for.

Elizabeth was also a 70-year member of First Presbyterian Church, Rushville, where she served as Deacon, Elder and various other committees. She was a 35-year member of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, where she served as President, Secretary and Historian.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Brandon and Blaine Ballard, Phillip Myers, Andrea Swinford, Lance and Blake Connolly, Bryson Weatherly; five great-grandchildren, Madason Engelking, Ava, Ruben and Raylan Swinford, and Scarlett Ballard; and one great-great granddaughter Mersadies Engelking. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4pm to 8pm at Moster Mortuary in Rushville on Monday, February 1.

Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, February 2 at 11 am at Moster Mortuary, with the burial immediately following at East Hill Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff of Hospice of South Central Indiana for their loving care in these final days.

Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church, the Rush County Community Foundation, and Hospice of South Central Indiana.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
info@mostermortuary.com
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Moster Mortuary - February 02, 2021 at 09:36 AM

MS

Midge Stewart

Midge Stewart - February 02, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MO

That was a beautiful service. Lance told his grandma that he loved her.

Mary Catherine Overpeck - February 02, 2021 at 11:43 AM

C(

Beautiful service, just like Elizabeth!♥

Christine Paddock (Jeffries) - February 02, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ *Elizabeth Ray*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

KM

“ *Karen Macy lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Karen Macy - February 02, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MS

“ *Midge Stewart lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Midge Stewart - February 02, 2021 at 10:18 AM

CS

“ *Cindy Vandeventer Sever lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Cindy Vandeventer Sever - February 01, 2021 at 03:04 PM

DW

“ *Debi Lushell Ware lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Debi Lushell Ware - February 01, 2021 at 10:54 AM

HS

“ My deepest condolences on the passing of your Mother. A childhood story our family still tells is about the time my Mother was dropping me off to Liz's so she could watch me after nursery school. We pulled up in front of the house, and Mom got out of the car to come around to the other side to get me out. I locked the doors so she couldn't get me out of the car. She says to me from outside...."Heather, Liz is having macaroni and cheese today!" I unlocked that door so fast, and got out so Mom could take me inside. (I don't know if she really knew that Liz was making macaroni and cheese that day, but she obviously knew I loved it! I know how much you will all miss her. She will be remembered by our family, fondly. May she rest in peace.

Heather Sheehan - February 01, 2021 at 08:33 AM

TM

Yes, my deepest condolences to you all! I remember the time I sat on the tire that was the sandbox. I got stung on my bum! Liz tried and tried to get the stinger out! She decided it was best to wait for Charlie to get home!! There I was with both Liz and Charlie looking at my bumper, when Charlie says Liz...It had to be a wasp and they don't leave a stinger!! 🤔🤔 we ALL would have known if we paid attention to Mr. Roger's and the electric company!!! Sure thought alot of your mom.

Tammy Meek - February 01, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ Greg Raike lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray



Greg Raike - February 01, 2021 at 06:56 AM

JS

“ John & Carol Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray



John & Carol Stumpf - January 31, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JO

Charlie & Girls: Our condolences on the passing of a wife, friend, Mother, Grandmother, et al, and great Christian woman. Our families have history of many years and she always acknowledged me and my wife as well as our children. She will be missed but oh what a treasure!! She will be remembered!! God Bless to all your families and God Bless Liz.

John - January 31, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ray.



January 31, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ray.



January 31, 2021 at 09:37 AM

DS

“ *Darlene Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Darlene Sullivan - January 31, 2021 at 01:25 AM

DS

“ *Ruth Ann, Denise, Cynthia-Liz was such a nurturer, caring for my 2 nieces & nephew, Mindy, Kim, Doug Westra for years. They loved Liz. She always had a kind word & would help most anyone. What a grand lady she was! May God comfort you at this difficult time. Hugs full of love, Darlene (Supinger) Sullivan*

Darlene Sullivan - January 31, 2021 at 01:24 AM

PC

“ *Patricia Coons lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Patricia Coons - January 30, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ray.*



January 30, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TS

“ *Tom Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Tom Stumpf - January 30, 2021 at 11:01 AM

BN

“ *So sorry for all the family and friends. My heart is with you. Always loved Liz. I will remember her fondly.*

Barbara Newman - January 30, 2021 at 05:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ray.*



January 30, 2021 at 12:09 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Hill lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Kathy Hill - January 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM

KH

“ Brenna and I are heartbroken to hear this sad news. She was more than a child care provider. She was “mother”, a care taker and a nurturer to so many. We have so many wonderful stories and memories. On top of that Liz and Brenna shared a birthday. I always gave Liz a lot of the credit when people would compliment me on Brenna’s behavior. She was a wonderful person. We will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Hill - January 29, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ray.



January 29, 2021 at 05:24 PM

KM

“ Kel & Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray



Kel & Susie McClure - January 29, 2021 at 04:48 PM

BA

“ Bill Alsman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray



Bill Alsman - January 29, 2021 at 04:35 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Burkett lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



Debbie Burkett - January 29, 2021 at 03:25 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you Denise and your family. You all have been in our thoughts and prayers! Your dear mom was a babysitter for Doug and I for a few years. I also remember her being so busy at First Presbyterian Church taking care of her church family. You have sure been blessed with a wonderful, loving mom, and I know you will cherish all of your memories. Our hearts are with you at this sad time. We send our love, Kip and Debbie*❤️🌹

Debbie Burkett - January 29, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JD

“ *Jacqueline Duke lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Ray*



jacqueline Duke - January 29, 2021 at 02:47 PM