



## John Blackburn Ray

July 1, 1949 - July 9, 2020

John Blackburn Ray, 71, of West Memphis Arkansas, passed away on July 9, 2020. He was born in Blytheville AR, on July 1, 1949.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the US Army.

He was a man of adventure, who loved being on his Harley or in his jeep paving his own trails. He also loved being on the water with a fishing pole in his hand. These were his happy places.

John is survived by two daughters; Brandi Ray Smedley and Shannon Ray Bailey, granddaughters; Brittany Ray, Amber Smedley, Brianna Smedley and Saylor Bailey, three sisters Sharon Ray Wilbanks, Kim Ray Riggs, Becky Ray Coker and brother James Ray.

John is preceded in death by his Mother Naomi Carson Ray and father John L Ray, sister, Brenda Ray Capps and brother Brad Ray.

Funeral services will be held privately for the family.

The family of John Ray wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the entire staff

at The Springs of Broadway, West Memphis Ar. They cared deeply for him and became his extended family over the past 4 years.

# Tribute Wall

GC

“ So sorry to hear of Johnnys passing. Much love to your family and Prayers.

Gail Cagle - July 24, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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Sharon - July 24, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JH

“ He was a part of my life as kids and as adults. My mother, Louise Ray Hughes, was the only girl, with 5 brothers and she was such a tomboy. Little Johnny's daddy and she were very close, so we spent a lot of time with Uncle Johnny, Aunt Tom and the kids. Such wonderful memories! Little Johnny could be tough but he could also be a big teddy bear!  
He always treated me with such love and kindness! He was so much fun! My love to all of the family!  
Juanita Hughes Hannon

Juanita Hannon - July 21, 2020 at 07:50 PM

KR

“ I love you forever my big brother! I have so many memories of you that i will carry in my heart forever!!! RIP

Kim Riggs - July 21, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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Kim Riggs - July 21, 2020 at 05:47 PM

RO

“ Rosie lit a candle in memory of John Blackburn Ray



Rosie - July 21, 2020 at 03:29 PM

BR

“ My handsome daddy! So many amazing memories. My favorites are the times spent bouncing around in the back of the Jeep with my little sister... exploring and making our own roads. No fear, (well maybe a little) no boundaries, no rules. He definitely gave me my sense of adventure.

And boy did he love his grand babies. All girls. They brought him true happiness. This big macho man would turn immediately into a teddy bear in their presence. 💙

Brandi - July 21, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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**Brandi** - July 21, 2020 at 02:01 PM

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**Shannon ray bailey** - July 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM