



## Bobby Ray

October 18, 2014

Bobby Ray (David Basil “Bobby” Ray) of West Haven, Utah (formerly of Tyrone, Georgia) went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 18, 2014 in Ogden, Utah. Bobby was a true Southern Gentleman, born in Stonewall, Georgia on October 16, 1941 to Dave and Eunice Ray. Bobby was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Nina Holmes Ray. He is survived by his son David Keith Ray, Bobby’s only son, his lovely wife, daughter in law, Sharon Ray, and his two pride and joys, his handsome grandsons, Matthew Ray and Christopher Ray of West Haven, Utah (formerly of Temple, Georgia). Bobby is also survived by two loving sisters Jackie Harmon, her husband Bobby and Marcia Evans and her husband Jerry. Pickin’, grinnin’ and singing were Bobby’s passion. He had a great love of country music. Bobby was a musician (guitar player), singer with a wonderful unique seasoned voice that everyone loved. Bobby Ray and Jimmy Williams’ voices, along with some of the metro Atlanta area’s best musicians, blended to make some of the best country music south of Atlanta. Before moving to Utah, Bobby was a Tuesday night regular at the Cedar Grove Community Center/Music Hall and a semi-regular on the Saturday night show at the Hollonville Opry House. Bobby had a large following of music lovers that would follow him most anywhere to hear him sing. Bobby had started touching the hearts of musicians and singers in the Ogden, Utah area with Thursday night jam sessions in the barn at Bobby’s place. Bobby’s last performance was October 3, 2014, in Ogden, Utah for the 1st Friday Art Stroll (monthly event) on Historic 25th Street. In the 1960s and

70s he worked as an Engineering Draftsman and Fabricator for several companies fabricating and designing aluminum products, store layouts, architectural designs . By the late 70s he changed profession and became an Independent Owner-Operator Truck Driver until he retired; 1995. Bobby enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Tri-Glide. Bobby Ray was one of South Fulton County's best pool players and enjoyed his Thursday afternoons shooting pool with his buddies Wayne, Wiley, James, and Bill. With Bobby's dry witted humor, you never knew what he was going to say next. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Funeral service will be held Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 1:00 PM in the chapel of Parrott Funeral Home. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m at Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory, Fairburn. 770-964-4800.

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Just found out about Nina today when I was searching Fairburn records looking for her address, and then saw that Bobby has also passed away. I am so sorry, I worked with Nina at Fairburn Bank for several years and loved both of them dearly. I am so sorry for your loss. Pearl Creviston

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**Pearl Creviston** - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ we will miss bobby and the fun we had at the cedar grove and hollinsville opra house. we always looked forward to hearing him. love marsha and calvin shaw ( paulettee's mom and dad )

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**marsha shaw** - October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Jackie and Family, I was sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. I really did not know him, but loved Ms Nina. May the great memories hold back the sadness for awhile, my thoughts are with you at this time.

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**Carole Morris Gammons** - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Keith, we met you when your mother passed. We had met your father first at our ALS Support Meetings and then we met your dear mother. We feel blessed that our paths in life crossed and draw strength from one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

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**Cecil and Alice Harrison** - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *you will truly be missed*

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**Tressa Davis** - October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *To Keith and family. Our hearts and prayers to you. You have lost a father and grandfather. We have lost a friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. Keeping you in our prayers. Phil and Marianne*

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**Phillip Lassiter** - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Met Bobby briefly and was the better for it. God bless*

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**Ralph Bell** - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Great singer, a kind man....*

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**Ray & Betty Brooks** - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *May the Lord Bless and keep you, may His face shine upon you and give you peace in this time of your sorrow. Bobby(77) leaves a wonderful legacy . God Bless each of you.*

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**Kaye & Harvey Fogg** - October 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Bobby Ray*

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**Rick Gowen** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Keith & Sharon sorry to hear this sad news.

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**Marianne Culver Carden** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ AS a very young girl I remember Bobby singing with my grandmother (Liz Griffin) in my pawpaws barn on the weekend....always remembered

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**Page Norton ( Griffin)** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bobby Ray was a gifted musician and will be missed by so many. The memories of his music will live on.

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**James & Maria Dorough** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Ray family. Bobby was such a sweet man and I had the great pleasure to hear his singing. Heaven definitely has added a wonderful member to the choir!

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**Sandy Wallis** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ My deepest sympathies are with your family during these difficult days to come.

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**Terri Deaton Leverett** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Bobby was one of the first friends I had in Union City when I moved there in 1948. I will never forget Bobby and Nina as life long friends. When we grew up in Union City everyone knew Bobby as a really great guy. He was a great fighter as I can attest. I never won a scuffle with Bobby in all or years growing up. RIP in Bobby you were so loved by so many. To all the family if I can ever help you please contact me.

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**Don Gammill** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers are with the family

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**Evelyn K Ray** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We loved listening to Bobby Ray sing at Cedar Grove. He had a fantastic voice. He is missed. Peace of the Lord be with you, Robin & Mark

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**Robin & Mark Fornwalt** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ He will be missed our deepest sympathy form evryone at Advocacy.

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**Victor Wilkerson** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Keith & Sharon I'm saddened to hear the news about Bobby. He was my Brother-in-Law. However, we treated each other as just "Brothers".  
He was a good guy and will be missed!  
Now he will be with the Lord & his angel NINA!!

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**Marvin Holmes** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ BOBBY WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON. MY LIFE HAS BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM. EVERY PERSON THAT HAS EVER MET HIM CAN SAY THAT HE TOUCHED THEIR LIFE IN SOME WAY.THE ANGELS ARE ENJOYING HIS SINGING AS MUCH AS WE DID HERE

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**JEANETTE MCLENDON** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Our family is so deeply saddened by Bobbys passing. He was a very dear, life long friend and will always hold a very special place in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.  
Wendell, Sarah, Rhonda

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**The Singletons & Davis'** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ since i have known bobby he has touched my life in so many ways.it was such a blessing to have him in my life and will cherish those memories forever!!lot of prayers for the family.

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**Patsy Sullivan** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Keith, we are so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. We loved both Nina and Bobby and treasured their friendship. We regret that due to prior commitments, we will not be in town to spend time with you and your family Friday evening or attend the service on Saturday. Our prayers are with you during this time.

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**Doug & Lucy Fields** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Keith I always loved your mama and daddy very much....they always had a big smile on their faces.....they are together now and God has another choir member...I pray for you to have peace in your heart sweetie...

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**Pat Johnson Lipham** - October 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ my heart is broken, I will miss you Bobby and I thank you for the friendship

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**JAMES ROLLINS** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ I have so many great memories picking music with Bobby. He had an amazing voice! He will be truly missed.

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**Gillian Appleton** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I'm sorry to hear about Bobby's passing. I have a lot of fond memories going to school with Bobby and going on Saturday nights to hear him sing. May God be with each one of you during this difficult time.

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**Bobby Crawford** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ My sincere condolences to your family, praying for all of you.

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**Nancy Austin** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Holding the family up in prayer and am filled with the certainty that His arms will provide strength.

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**Lisa Stewart** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ KEITH I AM SO SORRY TO LEARN OF BOBBYS PASSING. I HAVE SOME FOND MEMORIES OF US PLAYING AND SINGING TOGETHER.  
BUT HE LEFT YOU WITH A WONDERFUL GIFT AND THAT IS MUSIC. SO PLAY IT SON. :)  
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING CALL ME

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**ADAM GOSDIN** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Keith and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Bobby's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Sharon and the boys. I'm glad he was with you in Utah and ya'll were able to spend some quality time together and make the memories that you will always remember. I'm sure he will be playing and singing with the Angels in heaven as Aunt Nina sits and listens with her wonderful smile. They both will be missed but what a blessing that they are once again reunited in Heavenly Peace.  
Love you always, Cuz

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**Connie Pevehouse** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Keith and family, We were saddened to hear the news about your Dad. He was always a friendly and kind man. We will keep you in our prayers.

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**David & Jane Storey** - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers during this trying time.

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**Fran Adkinson** - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Keith, I really don't know what to say, I don't know what to do, but there is one thing for sure, I can pray and you, Sharon and the boys are certainly in my prayers and will continue to be for strength, comfort, peace and a safe trip to Georgia and back home again. You know that Bobby was very much loved by his Cedar Grove Music Friends and has been missed since he moved to Utah and will continue to be missed. There is a hole in our hearts that no one else can fill. If there is anything that any of us can do for you, please let us know.

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**Ruth D. West** - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM