



## Billie Joe (B.J.) Ray

October 29, 1932 - January 31, 2011

Billie Joe (B.J.) Ray, age 78, passed away Monday, January 31, 2011 at the home of her niece in Dandridge.

She was retired after 34 years from St. Mary's (Mercy) in Knoxville. She was a member of Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by her parents Robert and Grace Ray, brother Clarence J. Ray, 2 sisters Betty and Audree Ray.

She is survived by her sister Vivian Eslinger of Newport, brother Bob Ray of Bean Station, nieces and nephews Jean Harris and husband James of Nashville, Jackie Dockery and husband Neil of Dandridge, Kathy Sorrell and husband Gary of Newport, Ron Eslinger and wife Karen of Clinton, Patty Sharp and husband Park of Clinton, Vickie Beasley of Clinton, Mark Ray of Bean Station, Rob Ray and Lisa of Bean Station, Amy Taylor of Russellville also many great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Celebrate Life Center or Lincoln Avenue Baptist Building Fund.

Special thanks to Amedisys Home Health and Hospice.

Funeral services will be held 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 2, 2011 in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Craig Ward officiating. Burial will be 11:00 am Thursday, February 3, 2011 in Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Wednesday at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralh](http://www.manesfuneralh)

ome.com.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Billie Joe (B.J.) Ray*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I'm sorry I didn't make it to the funeral home to see you at this time. I know you loved your aunt B.J. dearly and will miss her greatly. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Eddie & Doris Stokely*

**Doris Stokely** - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will never forget the faith and encouragement BJ had for a young nurse starting a career in OR nursing. Thinking of the family and sorry for your loss Love and Prayers*

**Wilma J Gaynor** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.*

**Carol "Cooter" Kelley** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *B.J. was very special to so many of us. We worked hard but she taught us lessons that were applicable outside of the hospital as well. I will always cherish the happy memories with her. May your own memories support you during this time.*

**Donna Kennedy-Hatcher** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Billie Joe (B.J.) Ray*

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**fredia pruit** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

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**Robert and Martha Pack** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *Kathy , Jackie and families, we are so sorry for your loss. B.J. was a very special lady and will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Nanette Wilds & Jeanette Lankford** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Billy Joe was a Cocks County High School classmate of mine. I'm sorry about your loss and ours. We recently had a great time at our 60th High School Graduation Reunion which she attended. I am thankful that we had that time together. Mildred Nease*

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**Mildred & George Ray Nease** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *TOBJ'SFAMILY. OURLOSSISHEAVENSGAIN.  
LOVEANDPRAYERSTOALL. GARY AND LINDA PRICE.*

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**GARYANDLINDAPRICE** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Billie Joe (B.J.) Ray*

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**Earl and Kathy Williamson Woody** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Family, We met Jo when my Dad shared the room with Bob at Jefferson City. We felt like we had been friends forever and looked forward to seeing or talking to Jo. Jo's concern and care for Bob was wonderful to see. She also took time to visit and he

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**Benda Miller and Erma Lee Hill** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ BJ will be sadly missed. She always had a smile and something nice to say. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. John and Melanie Eslinger

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**Melanie Eslinger** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I so sorry for your loss.

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**Linnie Denton** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My deepest sympathies to each of you on your loss. B.J. was a very special person. She will be greatly missed.

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**Linda D Clark** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Billie Joe (B.J.) Ray

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**Angie** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM