



Howard Ray Suttles

November 28, 1938 - April 5, 2025

Howard "Ray" Suttles, age 86, of Newport, TN, born November 28, 1938, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Ray proudly served his country as a US Army Captain in Vietnam, where he earned a Purple Heart. After retiring from the military as a 100% disabled veteran, he continued his service to the community with careers at the United States Post Office and later as a 911 dispatcher in his hometown of Newport, TN.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Ray was known for his love of University of Tennessee sports, fishing, and golf. His dedication to family and community was evident throughout his life. Ray was actively involved in the Newport community over the years, notable helping to secure grants for the construction of the Newport Community Center, leaving a lasting impact on the town he called home.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Barney and Kima Suttles; brother, Eugene Suttles; and daughter, Carla (Albert) Sprouse.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 55 years, Janie Suttles, who was the love of his life as he was hers. Together, they shared countless joyful moments, adventures, and a deep commitment to helping anyone I need. Also surviving are his sons, Walter Ray Suttles and Jeffrey (Sarann) Suttles; grandchildren, Tiffany Suttles, Ryan Suttles Chelsea Sprouse, Grant Suttles, and Sidney Suttles; two great-grandchildren; also many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and dear friends who will cherish his memory.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Friends and family may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Ray will be missed by many!!! His humor and knowledge I will always be in the back of our minds. I loved talking to him.. rest in Peace my friend.

Jeff Kyker - April 11, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ Jeff Kyker lit a candle in memory of Howard Suttles



Jeff Kyker - April 11, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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“ May God's loving presence comfort you, His perfect peace restore you, and His promise of eternal life sustain you during this time of loss.

*With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis*

Tammy Francis - April 10, 2025 at 03:24 PM

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“ We send deepest sympathies to all the family.
Bill & Charlotte Leibrock

Charlotte Leibrock - April 10, 2025 at 01:40 PM

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I am so sorry for your loss, Ray was one of a kind, he will be missed!

Betty McMillan - April 10, 2025 at 05:47 PM



Robert and I send our deepest sympathy to all the family!

evelynrhodes@icloud.com - April 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM