



## Johnny Lendall Ray

February 25, 1945 - June 19, 2020

JOHNNY LENDALL RAY, 75, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2020, in Roswell, New Mexico. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Johnny's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, June 26, 2020, at 10:00 AM, at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery in Roswell, NM.

On February 25, 1945, Johnny was born to Jack and Jonnie Ray in Roswell, New Mexico. Upon graduating from Donelson High School, he joined the U.S. Navy. Johnny served for six years and did two tours in Vietnam and was awarded with a Purple Heart. He took pride in serving his country. Johnny was the beloved husband of Helen Ray, whom he married on May 28, 2004, in Dexter, New Mexico. Johnny worked as a manager for Town Plaza Apartments for twenty years, then he retired. He enjoyed cooking and listening to music with his wife and dogs. Johnny will be greatly missed, and the memories he shared with his family and friends will forever remain in their hearts.

**SURVIVORS:** Those left to cherish memories of Johnny are his loving wife, Helen Ray; children: Cissy Ray and husband David Chavez, Tosha Ray and husband Troy Jones, Michelle Acosta, Jonathon Acosta, Alonzo Acosta Jr. and wife Wendy Taylor, Albert Grajeda and wife Amanda, Yvonne Acosta;

seventeen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; mother-in-law, Julie Nicholson; brother-in-law, Albert Nicholson and Jennifer; brother-in-law, Burnie Nicholson Jr.; nieces and nephews: Burnie Nicholson III, Brittny Nicholson, Jesse Nicholson, Jr., Sara Nicholson, David Nicholson, Jarrett Nicholson; as well as six precious dogs.

Johnny adored his grandchildren and dogs.

PRECEDED: Johnny is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Jonnie Ray; and father-in-law, Burnie Nicholson, Sr.; and brother-in-law, Jesse Nicholson Sr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS: Chosen as Honorary Pallbearers are Joshua Acosta and wife Katie, Alonzo Acosta III, Allen Acosta, Jose Grajeda, Anthony Grajeda, Abbigail Grajeda, Drew Grajeda, Hunter Turpin, Kristopher Lee, Kaylah Lee, Natalea "Sue" Banuelas, Jaedrian "Jae Bo" Garcia, Sahnayah "Curly Girl" Garcia, Arianna "Scooter" Acosta, Erik Mendiola, and Avani Taylor.

The family would like to "Thank" Jacob Hicks of Lincare and Dr. Jewell for their excellent care and compassionate service.

# Cemetery Details

## **General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery**

Between S Main St and SE Main St (US 285)  
on E Jaffe St, in Roswell, at the north end of  
South Park  
Roswell, NM 88203

# Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Lendall Ray*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Condolences for the entire Ray family, especially his brother Rodney. I remember John being Town Plaza handyman and boy could he fix anything!! R.i.p*

jane deret - July 02, 2020 at 01:09 AM



“ *John miss you already bother. I am going to miss our times on Friday. You are good man who loves his family and dogs. I say this in present form because your spirit is still alive. Praying for your family as they go through the grieving and celebrating your life stage. Miss you my friend.*

Jacob Hicks - June 27, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *I'm so thankful to have met you John, you will be missed....❤️*

Jennifer - June 26, 2020 at 03:38 AM



“ *You will be missed very much brother. I love you and hope to see you in paradise.*

Albert - June 25, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Lendall Ray.*



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June 24, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ *Your tour here is over soldier. Salute. You were one of the most solid men I've ever met. I'm gonna miss sneaking away to the living room to chat with you. Looking forward to sitting on your fence in heaven! Ps. I didn't break it!* 🕯️



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**Jesse Nicholson** - June 24, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *We will miss you dearly, John. Rest well, and say hi to my dad and Grampo for all of us. We love you* ♡



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**Jarrett** - June 24, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *Rosa E Rivera-Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Johnny Lendall Ray*



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**Rosa E Rivera-Aguilar** - June 24, 2020 at 07:56 PM

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“ Well John I'm going to miss our talks brother..... Me working on your car or around the house and you talking about everything under the sun..... Until we meet again you dad and Jess keep the family in your prayers..... Love ya man

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**Burnie Nicholson** - June 24, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ I love you daddy. I know you're in Heaven and I will see you again  
❤️ Give our family that preceded you a huge hug from us ❤️❤️ 🤗  
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**Cissy Ray** - June 22, 2020 at 07:51 PM