



# Edward DeRay Phifer Jr.

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**E**dward DeRay Phifer, Jr.  
December 18, 1948- February 26, 2025.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.

Edward DeRay (Ray) Phifer, Jr., Age 76, a long-time resident of Oxford, Florida, passed away peacefully at UF Health hospital in Leesburg, Florida after a lengthy illness.

Ray was born on December 18, 1948, in Jacksonville, Florida to Edward D. Phifer Sr. and Mazie Phillips Phifer. Ray was a graduate of the Wildwood High School class of 1967. He was always proud to say that in 1964, he played with the Wildwood Wildcats High School football team that won the class 'A' State Championship.

Ray proudly served with the Florida National Guard Unit in Leesburg, Florida. He was employed at the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, and the United States Postal Service until his retirement. He is a member of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Oxford, Florida. He was a former member of the Wildwood Coffee House Social Club.

Ray was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed running his beagle dogs and chasing rabbits. Some of his fondest memories was spending time at his weekend home in Steinhatchee, Florida.

In 1970, Ray married his high school sweetheart, Susan Hall, and they were married for 55 years. Survivors include his loving wife, Susan; daughter Erika (Jim) Mullins, son Randy Phifer, sister Rebecca Williams, Grandchildren Larra (Drew) Terry, Brett, Montgomery, Dalton Phifer and Emersyn Blasberg. One Great Grandchild Jack Terry, and many loving cousins and friends.



## Obituary

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A memorial service will be held at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Oxford, Florida on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 11:00AM.

In Honor of Ray, memorial donations may be made to the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist church, 91 W County Road 466, Oxford, Florida 34484, or the American Cancer Society.

On-line condolences and the most up-to-date obituary can be found by visiting [www.bankspagetheus.com](http://www.bankspagetheus.com). Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, 410 Webster St. Wildwood, FL.

### GONE HUNTING AND FISHING WITH THE MASTER

I've finished all life has for me,  
I've been invited to  
the great hunting and fishing grounds,  
Where every day is a  
wondrous day to hunt and fish,  
to fill your heart with every wish.

Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
For I'm hunting and fishing  
with the Master of the Hunt.  
We'll miss each other for some time,  
but in time you will come,  
and we'll be with each other again.

That won't be long you will see,  
'till we're together again, you and me.

For all those that think of me,  
know that I am on a great hunt and fish  
and happy as can be.

Of those that wonder my missing  
Tell them I'm gone hunting and fishing.



## Events

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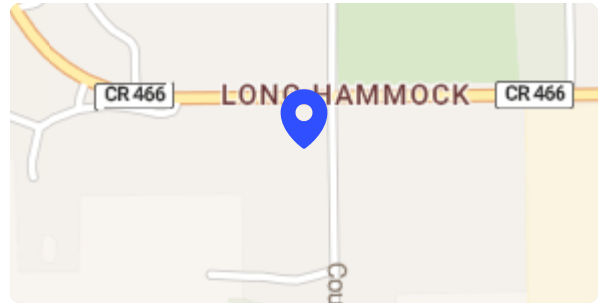
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### Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, March 29, 2025

 11:00 AM ET

 **Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church**  
11712 Co Rd 239, Oxford FL 34484





# Tribute Wall

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**William Wilson** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Would like to say to Susan and family how much Ray meant to me and how much I enjoyed being with him on our fishing trips with the boys and really enjoyed all the times we went mullet fishing. I will always remember the good times we had. He always had a good story to tell and was always making us laugh. He will always be remembered and a very good friend. God Bless Jeffy Wilson

March 10 at 2:56 PM



**Jewel Elosge** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Very sorry for your loss, Ray was a great guy to work with at the P.O.

March 7 at 3:27 PM



**John Coniglio** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Susan, May the Peace of the LORD be with you. I know and feel your pain. C. John

March 4 at 9:06 PM



**Charlotte Guimond** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

We hear of the Happy Hunting Ground, Ray is now there., he will be missed by many but memories will keep him with you.

March 4 at 10:43 AM



**Cherilynne Mccarthy** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Cherilynne Mccarthy lit a candle in memory of Edward Phifer

March 3 at 8:38 PM



**Jackie Hall** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Jackie Hall lit a candle in memory of Edward Phifer

March 3 at 6:24 PM





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**Betty Mendenhall** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Betty Mendenhall lit a candle in memory of Edward Phifer

March 3 at 1:55 PM



**Peggy Murphy** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

Peggy Murphy lit a candle in memory of Edward Phifer

March 3 at 11:29 AM



**Peggy Murphy** lit a candle in honor of Edward.

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March 3 at 11:19 AM



**Peggy Murphy** posted:

May you RIP. He will be missed by all who knew him!

March 3 at 11:18 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Edward by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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