



## Mr. Jonathan Ray

November 26, 1962 - November 5, 2023

In the quiet hours of an autumn morning, we bade farewell to Jonathan Ray, a man whose spirit was as untamed as the wind. Born to the late John R. and Nina R. Ray on November 26, 1962, Jonathan entered the world with eyes wide open, a harbinger of the relentless zest for life he would carry with him through the years. From the moment he took his first breath, it was evident that Jonathan "BooBoo" Ray was born with an irrepressible spirit. His nickname, given in those early years when his mischievous grin foretold the playful trouble of a boy too full of life, stayed with him as a badge of honor. Like a comet streaking across the sky, BooBoo blazed a trail of warmth and light. His approach to life was one of immediacy and fervor, a do-first-ask-later mannerism that propelled him through an existence marked by spontaneous adventure and heartfelt connections. A proud Falcon from the 71st High School class of 1981, Jonathan took to the football field with as much passion as he did to every endeavor. His commitment continued into his years of service

with the US Army, where he spent a tour in South Korea and two years dedicating himself to his country. Jonathan was also a skilled carpenter, his hands as adept with the tools of his trade as he was in mastering the many facets of life, indeed a jack of all trades. Jonathan passed away on November 05, 2023, at 11:11 PM. He was preceded in death by his parents, John R. and Nina R. Ray; his brother, Tony Ray; and his son, Jereme "Bud" Handon. His departure has left a void in the fabric of our lives, but he leaves behind a legacy of unbridled passion and the courage to seize every moment. His life was a vivid tapestry of impromptu decisions, each thread woven with the bold colors of someone who lived without regret. He is survived by his life companion Miranda McCall; his children LaTasha Handon, Khadijah Ray, Janarian Ray, Jacobe Ray, and Somaya Ray; his siblings, Lois (Archie) Alexander, Columbus, GA; Yvonne (Jesse) Monroe, Columbia, SC; John (Myrna) Ray, Columbus, OH; Mara (Johnny Lytch) Ray, Gardner, NC; and Kelvin (Anita) Ray, Newport News, VA, and host of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Jonathan was a constellation of family and friends who were both the anchors and the sails of his tempestuous journey. He was a brother, friend, mentor, a force of nature, and a free spirit who never lost his capacity to surprise and inspire us. "Farewell, Boo-boo. You were a maverick, a trailblazer, and a treasure to those fortunate enough

to know you. Your story, written in the ink of pure, unabashed life, will be told  
and retold,  
igniting fires in the souls of rebellious dreamers

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - November 10, 2023 at 10:18 AM

CM

*Sorry for your loss He will be miss.*

Carolyn Melvin McEachern - November 10, 2023 at 12:33 PM

EM

*Elizabeth McNeill lit a candle for Jonathan Ray*

Elizabeth McNeill - November 10, 2023 at 06:27 PM

JF

*Memories are our Blessings to always hold our loved ones close in our hearts. To me you will always be the one I took to kindergarten and I can hear you yell; "I want to go with you", Always BooBoo~Always Family!*

*"You" are missed.*

Jeanette Monroe Foust - November 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM

JM

*Condolences to the Ray Family Jonathan will be missed 🙏*

Janet McNeill - November 11, 2023 at 09:56 AM

PE

*Condolence to the family sorry for the loss prayers for strength*

peggy - November 11, 2023 at 03:23 PM

MF

“ *Nina, just hearing of your brother's passing. Your friends and classmates from Anne Chesnutt sends our sincere condolences.*



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**Mary Fennell-Williamson** - November 15, 2023 at 02:00 AM

LH

“ *Didn't know I would miss you so much. I'm on this trip but you know that. I never would have thought that in August would be the last time I would be able to bring you something back. I have you in my heart this go round. But you will be with me next time. Love you. Your oldest daughter. Tell my brother to make sure yall keep an eye on us. We definitely miss yall.*

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**LaTasha Handon** - November 14, 2023 at 10:19 PM

JF

“ *Jeanette Monroe Foust lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



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**Jeanette Monroe Foust** - November 11, 2023 at 08:41 AM

VM

“ *My condolences to the family. Boo-boo you will be truely missed.*

*Val*



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**Valerie Morrison** - November 11, 2023 at 06:54 AM

GL

“ *Glendler Locke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



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**Glendler Locke** - November 10, 2023 at 12:22 PM

AR

“ *Sincerest condolences from the Nelson family*



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**Ariel** - November 09, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Jonathan Ray.*



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November 09, 2023 at 08:44 PM

TB

“ *Tonya Burney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



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**Tonya Burney** - November 09, 2023 at 01:50 PM

EM

“ Good night Cousin Jonathan.

Eugene Manuel - November 09, 2023 at 10:06 AM

TB

“ Condolences and prayers to the family. I am sorry for your loss. Thelma Bishop



Thelma Bishop - November 09, 2023 at 10:04 AM

EM

“ We send our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Ray family. May God comfort you all and keep you all in his care.....The Monroe Family



Elsie Monroe - November 09, 2023 at 12:22 AM

AR

“ To members of the Ray Family, sorry to hear of your loss. To Mara , this Alonzo Rollins(Rollo). Your brother and I graduated class of 81 , played football together

Alonzo Rollins - November 08, 2023 at 09:51 PM

KR

Thanks Rollo! Yes I remember you. This is his younger brother

KRay - November 12, 2023 at 08:10 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Jackson Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



Teresa Jackson Smith - November 08, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ *Cynthia Mclauchlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



Cynthia Mclauchlin - November 08, 2023 at 08:18 PM

BM

“ *Benita McEachern lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



Benita McEachern - November 08, 2023 at 06:20 PM

HM

“ *Hilary McEachern lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



Hilary McEachern - November 08, 2023 at 06:19 PM

RM

“ *Ronald Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



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**Ronald Monroe** - November 08, 2023 at 04:42 PM

MR

“ *Mara Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan Ray*



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**Mara Ray** - November 08, 2023 at 03:26 PM