



James Ray Underwood

February 11, 1935 - August 11, 2024

James Ray Underwood, age 89, of Strawberry Plains, TN passed away on Sunday August 11, 2024. Ray was a lifelong Sevier County farmer, property investor as well as owner of Underwood and Petty Grocery. He served on the Sevier County Farm Bureau Executive Board for 18 Years, as well as Sevier County Planning Commission for 4 years. He was an avid NASCAR fan with many Sunday afternoons spent watching races. He was happiest on his tractor working in the field. His younger years were spent helping raise cantaloupes and watermelons with his dad and older brother, Roy. He was a member of Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by wife, Evelyn Madgett Underwood; parents, Olin and Mae Underwood; sisters, Edith Thomas (Burl), Ethel Thomas (Roy); brother, Roy Underwood (Dorothy "Dottie").

He is survived by his nephews, Galen R. Underwood (Rose) of San Mateo, CA, Roger Underwood (Pam) of Knoxville, TN. Ray also has 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church with Pastor Ronnie White officiating. Friends will be received from 5 pm to 7 pm prior to the funeral.

Entombment will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, August 16, 2024, at Eastview Memorial Gardens 1320 Andrew Johnson Hwy in Strawberry Plains with Ronnie Mayes officiating. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Underwood family.

Cemetery Details

Eastview Memorial Gardens

1320 Andrew Johnson Hwy
Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

AUG 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Paw Paw Hollow Baptist Church
4470 Douglas Dam Road
Kodak, TN 37764

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Entombment

AUG 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GY

“ Geraldine Yarber lit a candle in memory of James Ray Underwood



Geraldine yarber - August 18, 2024 at 07:39 AM

SM

“ Ray was such a important person in our family. Ray and my Uncle Paul were best friends. We always invited him to all our family get togethers and yes he always came he was just like part of our family he will be so missed. He will never be forgotten. 😞
Chris, Sissie, Billie

Sylvia Mclain - August 12, 2024 at 08:13 PM

DA

Ray often talked about coming to those family get togethers. He truly cared a lot about Paul!

David - August 12, 2024 at 10:38 PM

KN

Ray underwood was like a father to me kenny nelson

Kenneth Nelson - August 13, 2024 at 11:26 AM

RM

Ray Underwood was a very good friend to me over the years...can't believe he is gone to be with the Lord. I will miss him, dearly.

Ron Mayes - August 14, 2024 at 05:41 PM

SR

Ray was a nice man I have lived in his park for 30 years and he never had anything but a kind word

Shirley S Reed - August 15, 2024 at 06:42 PM

GE

RAY was my best friend and I am going to miss him 😞 he was my cousin

Geraldine - October 27, 2024 at 02:06 PM

SM

“ *Sylvia Mclain lit a candle in memory of James Ray Underwood*



Sylvia Mclain - August 12, 2024 at 08:02 PM

GY

RAY I AM GOING TO MISS YOU 😞 I LOVE YOU I DONT KNOW WHAT I AM GOING TO DO WITH YOU NOT HERE LOVE YOU.

Geraldine yarber - August 17, 2024 at 12:35 AM