



Ray Charles East

June 19, 1961 - March 9, 2021

Ray Charles East, 59, of Ravenna, TX, passed away at his home on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Ray was born June 19, 1961 in Dermott, AR to Elbert Warren East and Thelma I. Kelly. He worked as a signalman for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Ray is survived by his daughters, Katherine Tischler and husband Russell of Pilot Point, TX and Brandi Sullivan and husband Timothy of Hamburg, AR; four grandchildren, Timothy, Derrick, Marissa and Henry; two sisters, Theresa Villa of Tioga, TX and Karen Donaldson of AR.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Thelma; brother, Henry East; and, brother-in-law Ray Villa.

A visitation will be held 6:30PM-7:30PM, Friday, March 19, 2021 at Slay Memorial Chapel of Pilot Point. A graveside service will be held at 3:00PM, Monday, March 22, 2021 at Dermott Cemetery in Dermott, AR. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Cemetery Details

Dermott Cemetery

W Gaines St
Dermott, AR 71638

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Pilot Point
424 S. Washington Street
Pilot Point, TX 76258
info@slaymemorial.com
<https://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

Dermott Cemetery
W Gaines St
Dermott, AR 71638

Burial

MAR 22 (CT)

Dermott Cemetery
W Gaines St
Dermott, AR 71638

Tribute Wall

SO

“ Pleased to say Ray was my friend, and will be missed, sure sorry to see ya go so soon, Condolences to your family, Stephen and Eva Owens

Stephen Owens - March 21, 2021 at 11:08 PM

WJ

“ First of all thank you to his daughters for sharing Mr East with us he was is and will always be a gift . I recall sometimes I would pick him up from the am track station in popular bluff mo . So I told him I can bring you home I was passing through pilot point on my way home then we was co workers but over the course of him being my forman for 3 years he became my friend. My last memory of Mr east is quite fond we both was working in temple tx so I suggested that we go eat and catch up so we went to Texas Roadhouse. Got there st like 8 we didn't leave until like 11 we had a good time . You will be missed my brother rest in power!

Welton r Murray jr - March 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM

DR

“ Ray, you were the first person I saw on the railroad when I hired on in Malvern, AR. That was twenty eight years ago and the many years since that I worked on your gang has been good times and made good memories.

I've never seen one person able to communicate so many different things with just the word "Hmmm", haha. A lot of mannerisms and sayings that I use now come from you, my friend. You weren't supposed to go this early and the world will miss you dearly. We will all meet up again, I'm sure. Rest easy. Your worries are gone.

Your friend,
Dan Roulston

P.S. If someone were to tell you that you passed away the first thing you would say would be, "Daaannnggg, boy!" :)



Dan Roulston - March 18, 2021 at 09:00 PM

DR

"Bet that"

Donald Rogers - March 18, 2021 at 11:05 PM

EL

“ Thank you Mr. E for all the knowledge you passed on out here on the railroad, you will be missed R.I.P!!! Sending my prayers and condolences to the family.

Erik Lopez - March 18, 2021 at 06:00 PM

WJ

“ Finding out that Ray passed away, hit me hard, cause he was a good person and a good Signal man. I had the pleasure of working for him for about 2 years, and I learned a lot from him. He will be missed, Rest in Peace my signaling brother.

Willie M Perry Jr - March 17, 2021 at 11:50 PM

JR

“ Mr. E, may you Rest in Peace now. Working on your gang was a pleasure, you were a good man and will be missed. My prayers for your family with this loss.

John Rowland - March 17, 2021 at 10:37 PM

DR

“ RIP Mr. E, you were a pleasure to work with and will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family..

Donald Rogers - March 17, 2021 at 05:51 PM